

NORWAY TOWNSHIP BOARD MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES: December 14, 2020

Board members present: Don Byczek, Supervisor; Joyce Giuliani, Clerk; Kristen LaValley, Treasurer; Dave Solda, Trustee; Mike Steeno, Trustee.

1. Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Supervisor Byczek. Pledge was recited.
2. Approve/amend agenda: Byczek asked to add, under new Business, Item b. Collection of school taxes. Motion made by Solda, second by Giuliani, to approve the agenda with the above item included. All ayes. Passed 5-0.
3. Citizens' Time: None
4. Approve minutes of November 9th meeting: Motion by Steeno, second by LaValley, to approve minutes as presented. All ayes. Passed 5-0.
5. Financial report: report for November was reviewed.
6. Bills for approval: list of bills to be paid was discussed. Motion by LaValley, second by Steeno, to pay bills as presented. All ayes. Passed 5-0.
7. OLD BUSINESS:
  - a. Swear in new board: all board members were sworn in.
  - b. Appoint new Board of Review members: Byczek stated that Lynda Zanon, Sue Giesen and Jane Solda have agreed to remain on the Board of Review for the period from January 2021 through December 2022. Motion made by Giuliani, second by LaValley to appoint Lynda Zanon, Sue Giesen and Jane Solda to the Board of Review for the period from January 2021 through December 2022. All ayes. Passed 5-0.
  - c. Committee appointments:
    - Motion made by Byczek, second by Giuliani to appoint Mike Steeno as the township board representative to the Norway Township Planning Commission. All ayes. Passed 5-0.
    - Motion made by Giuliani, second by Solda, to appoint Don Byczek as the township representative to the Dickinson County Road Commission. All ayes. Passed 5-0.
    - Motion made by Steeno, second by LaValley, to appoint Dave Solda as the township representative to the Central Landfill Authority. All ayes. Passed 5-0.
    - Motion made by Solda, second by LaValley, to appoint Joyce Giuliani as the township representative to the Hamilton Lakes Association Board. All ayes. Passed 5-0.
    - Motion made by Giuliani, second by Solda, to appoint Don Byczek as the township representative to the Carney Lake Association Board. All ayes. Passed 5-0.
    - Motion made by LaValley, second by Giuliani, to appoint Dave Solda as the township representative to the North Alert Ambulance Authority. All ayes. Passed 5-0.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Pay for Planning Commission and ZBA members: the first meeting of the Norway Township Planning Commission will be in January. Board members discussed whether the members of the planning commission and the Norway Township Zoning Board of Appeals should be paid the standard meeting rate. Motion was made by Giuliani, second by LaValley, to pay members of the Norway Township Planning Commission and Norway Township Zoning Board of Appeals the standard meeting rate of \$50.00 per meeting. All ayes. Passed 5-0.
- b. Collection of school taxes: Motion was made by Giuliani, second by Steeno, to continue to collect school taxes at the amount of \$1.50 per parcel for Norway-Vulcan Area Schools and \$.50 per parcel for the Dickinson-Iron Intermediate School District. All ayes. Passed. 5-0.

9. Citizens Time None

10. Committee reports - none.

11. Board member comments - **Steen** - discussed membership of the planning commission. **LaValley** - tax collections going well. She will be off for ankle surgery for the next couple of weeks. The deputy treasurer will be filling in. **Giuliani** - talked about the values of the scrap tire grant. Reported that we had 939 voters in the November election which is about a 75% turnout. Our financial audit from last year is not done yet. She is working with the auditor to get this completed. **Byczek** - 1. Circle Power, who is the solar array contractor, is still trying to find buyers for the electricity they will produce. 2. Still working on blight cases. Things are improving at one place since we got the court order against them. May have to get court orders on the other cases. 3. Trying to get a contractor to cut the trees at the cemetery. All of the tree contractors are very busy. 4. Met with John Degenauer, County Commissioner regarding township issues. 5. If anyone has any ideas for projects for next fiscal year please be ready to present them at the next meeting as budget planning is ready to begin.

12. Facility Manager Comments: will get pricing on a columbarium which is an above ground structure that is used for cremains burials for the cemetery.

13. Adjournment: Being no further business, motion was made by Giuliani, second by Steeno, to adjourn. All ayes. Passed 5-0. Meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m. Next meeting will be January 11, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

Joyce Giuliani