

NORWAY TOWNSHIP BOARD MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES: February 8, 2021

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: motion by Steeno, second by LaValley, to accept the agenda as presented. All ayes. Passed 5-0.
3. Citizens' Time: None
4. Approve minutes of January 11th meeting: Motion by Solda, second by LaValley, to approve minutes as presented. All ayes. Passed 5-0.
5. Financial report: report for January 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. Review items for next year's budget: estimates were reviewed for roadwork on District 5 Road and replacing the copier. The Budget Hearing will be held on March 8, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. before the regular board meeting. . If you have any other ideas for projects or equipment please let Byczek know as soon as possible. An estimate for paving cemetery roads will be obtained. Raises for employees were discussed. It was suggested that the clerk and treasurer receive 3% raises, the Zoning Administrator a 50% raise due to the amount of work required with that position, the Facilities Manager a 4% raise and a raise to his annual bonus, and to raise the rate for hourly workers to \$12.50 per hour. Final decisions will be made at the Budget Hearing.
 - b. School tax collection fees: LaValley presented her findings on what the other jurisdictions are paying for the collecting of school taxes. She found that other places are charging more than we are. Our rates have not been changed for many years. Motion was made by Byczek, second by Steeno, to increase the amount that is charged for collection of school taxes from \$1.50 per parcel to \$2.00 per parcel for Norway-Vulcan Area Schools and from \$.50 per parcel to \$.75 per parcel for the Dickinson-Iron Intermediate School District. All ayes. Passed 5-0.
8. NEW BUSINESS:
 - a. Road commission estimate: this was discussed in item a. Under Old Business.
 - b. Nickels Logging: Nickels Logging has requested another extension on their contract to log trees on township property due to low timber prices. Motion was made by Steeno, second by Giuliani, to approve the extension of the contract with Nickels Logging to December 1, 2021. All ayes. Passed 5-0.
 - c. Street Light Request - a request was received from Rodd & Patricia Cerasoli to install a streetlight directly across from their home due to the increased crime in their neighborhood. When we measured, the nearest streetlight was approximately 140 ft from their home. Streetlights in the township are installed to provide traffic assistance

and are placed at intersections, curves, or hills. Motion by Byczek, second by Solda, to deny the Cerasoli's request for a streetlight as the township is not responsible for providing security lighting to residences. All ayes, passed 5-0.

- d. Extend due date for taxes to March 1st: LaValley noted that the last date to pay property taxes without a penalty is March 1st due to February 28th being on Sunday. She will be in the office all day on February 16th and March 1st for tax collection in addition to the usual 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday nights.
9. Citizens Time None
 10. Committee reports - **Steen** - organizational meeting of the Planning Commission went well.
 11. Board member comments - None
 12. Facility Manager Comments: will be placing ads for summer help soon.
 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 6:25 p.m. Next meeting will be March 8, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. Budget Hearing at 5:00 p.m. on March 8th.

Joyce Giuliani