

NORWAY TOWNSHIP BOARD MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES: June 14, 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 Solda, second by Giuliani, to accept the agenda as presented. All ayes. Passed 5-0.
3. Citizens' Time: None
4. Approve minutes of May 10th meeting: Motion by Steeno, second by LaValley, to approve minutes as presented. All ayes. Passed 5-0.
5. Financial report: reports for May were reviewed.
6. Bills for approval: list of bills to be paid was discussed. Motion by Solda, second by Steeno, to pay bills as presented. All ayes. Passed 5-0.
7. OLD BUSINESS:
 - a. Cemetery projects update: cutting of trees is done and area is leveled out and reseeded. Filling sunken graves and repairing of headstones will start soon. Still trying to find a contractor to paint the cross. Road paving project at cemetery final decision will be tabled until July.
 - b. Agreement for Law Enforcement services from U.P.S.E.T.: tabled until next meeting until all paperwork is reviewed.
 - c. Blight Updates: 2 of the cases are in court now and one the Zoning & Blight Officer is working closely with another homeowner to get issues resolved at this time. The home on River Road is looking much better. At the Industrial Park, there are some businesses that need to cut the grass on their property. We are currently working with EGLE on the United Abrasive case.
8. NEW BUSINESS:
 - a. Roadwork at Carney Lake: since this is a state-owned road, Byczek will call the DNR to ask them to grade the road.
 - b. Camping at Fairgrounds: True North Outpost was granted permission by the County Fairboard to use the fairgrounds for camping. The fairboard is charging them full price for the campsites. The owner of True North Outpost has asked the township to assist them in requesting a lower, long-term rate. Byczek will call the fair board chairman.
 - c. Removal of trees at soccer field: Steeno has been getting questions from residents about why the trees at the soccer field were cut down. This is city-owned property and does not involve the township. All questions should be referred to the Norway City Hall.
 - d. Piers Gorge Road: Byczek has contacted Ed McBroom's office regarding the state paving the Piers Gorge Rd as they stated they would when they turned the Piers Gorge

area into a state recreation area. Beau LaFave's office is also involved. In the meantime, the county is doing dust control work on the road to try to keep the dust down in the area where the homes are located.

9. Citizens Time None

10. Committee reports: North Alert Ambulance's new ambulance was delivered 2 weeks ago. The old chassis was sold.

11. Board member comments: **Byczek** - solar array project is still on hold until the mineral rights issue can be resolved. This project will not begin any time soon. District 5 road is in the process of being repaved. The surface is all gravel at this time. It needs more work before paving can begin. County Rd 573 and 577 bridges will be resurfaced this summer. Still waiting to see how the distribution and use of the American Rescue Plan money will work out. **LaValley** - working on the summer tax bills which will go out at the end of the month. **Giuliani** - the carpet in the hall will be cleaned on June 24th. Still working on the cemetery records project, probably about ½ way done. The spring clean-up went well.

12. Facility Manager Comments: None

13. Adjournment: Being no further business, motion was made by Steeno, second by LaValley, to adjourn. All ayes. Passed 5-0. Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m. Next meeting will be July 12, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

Joyce Giuliani