

NORWAY TOWNSHIP BOARD MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES: April 11, 2022

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

1. Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Byczek. Pledge was recited.
2. Approve/amend agenda: Byczek requested to add under New Business, Item a. Pay Increase for General Laborer. Motion was made Steeno, second by LaValley, to amend the agenda by adding under New Business, Item a. Pay Increase for General Laborer. All ayes. Passed 5-0.
3. Citizens' Time:
 - a) Norway-Vulcan Senior Citizens: requested that millage renewal proposal be added to the August 2nd ballot.
 - b) Circle Power – solar array project update
4. Approve minutes for last month's meeting: Motion was made by Solda, second by LaValley, to approve the minutes from the March board meeting and Public Budget Hearing meeting as presented. All ayes. Motion passed.
5. Financial reports for last month: Reports were unavailable.
6. Bills for approval: Bills were reviewed. Motion was made by LaValley, second by Steeno, to pay the bills as presented. All ayes. Passed 5-0.
7. OLD BUSINESS:
 - a) River Meadows Paving Project: the low bid received was \$171,778.50 which was \$6,779 more than was budgeted. Funds are available to cover the increase in the cost. Motion was made by Steeno, second by LaValley, to accept the low bid of \$171,778.50. All ayes. Passed 5-0. Budget will be amended to reflect the increase in price.
 - b) Blight Update: cleaning up of the garbage at the Peterson residence has begun. All costs will be added to the summer tax bill. The residents that have junk vehicles blocking a private driveway on Central Blvd will be sent a reminder letter that the cars must be removed by May 1.
 - c) Cemetery cost sharing letter: the final draft of the cost sharing letter was reviewed and will be sent out this week.
 - d) Handrails at the post office: the handrails are not a safety hazard and will not be replaced.
 - e) Spring Clean Up: spring clean up will be held on May 10, 11, 12, and the morning of the 13th if dumpsters are available. Alternate date is May 17, 18, 19 and the morning of the 20th. Dumpsters will be located at the corner of Main St. and Cedar St. at the vacant township lot. Giuliani will contact arrange for the dumpsters.

- f) ARPA premium pay for employees: still have not received guidance on how to determine the pay rate. Also waiting for more information on the State of Michigan funds that can be used for premium pay. Pay may be taken from those funds.
8. NEW BUSINESS:
- a) Pay Increase for General Laborer: Simon Davey, General Laborer, has requested a raise to \$15.00 per hour. Tabled until next meeting.
 - b) Amendments to Zoning Ordinance: tabled until more changes need to be made to the zoning ordinance.
 - c) ARPA funds from the county: Byczek will take to the county comptroller to see if these funds will be available for this summer's paving project.
 - d) Capitol projects fund: discussed the feasibility of starting a Capitol Projects fund to set aside money for large projects in the township such as a new town hall or remodeling the existing one.
 - e) Senior Citizen Center Proposal: representatives of the Norway-Vulcan Senior Citizens Center, Inc. have requested authorization from the township to put a request for millage on the August 2nd primary election ballot. Motion was made by Giuliani, second by Steeno, to allow the Norway-Vulcan Senior Citizens Center Inc. to put their request on the August 2nd Primary Election Ballot. All ayes. Passed 5-0. Giuliani will notify the County Clerk of the decision.
9. Citizens' Time: Jim Harris – likes working with Norway Township.
10. Committee Reports: **Giuliani** – Hamilton Lakes Board – will be treating Lake Louise and Hamilton Lake this year.
11. Board member comments: **Byczek** - talked about statewide swampland taxes.
12. Facilities Manager comments: Chartier asked if the people who died in the winter that were not able to be buried at that time should be buried at the old rate or new rate. Consensus opinion of the board members was that if the funeral home quoted burial at the old price that it should be honored.
13. Adjournment: Being no further business, motion was made by Steeno, second by Giuliani, to adjourn. All ayes. Passed 5-0. Next meeting is on May 9 at 5:30 p.m.

Joyce Giuliani