

NORWAY TOWNSHIP BOARD MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES: December 11, 2023

Board members present: Don Byczek, Supervisor; Joyce Giuliani, Clerk; Jeff Edwards, 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 made by Steeno, seconded by Solda, to approve the agenda as presented. All ayes. Passed 5-0.
3. Citizens' Time:
 - Teresa Charlevoix – condition of Cty. Rd. 573
 - Mike Rossato – condition of Cty. Rd. 573
 - Bob Mastie – condition of Cty. Rd. 573, bike trail on shoulder area of Cty Rd. 573
 - Diane Stanchina – condition of Cty. Rd 573
 - Gary Williams – requests sign addressing littering on Cty. Rd. 573
 - Nate Ruble – condition of Cty. Rd. 573
 - Doug Lindsley – condition of Cty. Rd. 573
 - Joyce Giuliani -condition of Cty. Rd. 573
 - John Zanon condition of Cty. Rd. 573
 - Larry Janssen – condition of Cty. Rd. 573
 - Sheila Haas – condition of Cty. Rd. 573
4. Approve minutes for last month's meeting: Motion was made by Edwards, second by Steeno, to approve the minutes from the November 13th meeting. All ayes. Passed 5-0.
5. Guest: Dickinson County Road Commission: discussed funding for road projects for 2024 and addressed the concerns of the citizens regarding the condition of Cty. Rd. 573. DCRC will hold its annual project planning meeting in February to finalize plans for next year's road work. Date will be announced.
6. Financial reports for last month: financial reports were reviewed and discussed.
7. Bills for approval: Bills were reviewed. Motion was made by Edwards, second by Solda, to pay the bills as presented. All ayes. Passed 5-0.
8. OLD BUSINESS:
 - Blight issues: 2 cases were heard in court on December 7th. Bray case was settled with the defendant ordered to pay \$350 for fines assessed by the township. Long case was delayed and moved to a new date following introduction of new information.
 - Laptop bids: 3 bids were received with Don Byczek submitting the winning bid of \$200.00. Other bids were \$50.00 and \$33.50.
 - Budget discussion – cost of living raises and road budget: a 5% COLA has been suggested for the Clerk, Treasurer, and Zoning Administrator positions. Hourly rates suggested to increase by \$0.75/hr. Supervisor and Trustee positions to remain the same as last year.

Road budget will be determined after discussion with the road commission on proposed work for next year.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

- Decommissioning and property tax guarantee agreements for Groveland Mine solar project: final draft of the agreements has been received. Board members will review. Both agreements will be presented at the next board meeting for approval/disapproval.
- Land division for Colin Jacobetti, Jr.: paperwork was presented explaining the land division plan. Motion was made by Edwards, second by Steeno, to approve the land division as presented. All ayes. Passed 5-0.

10. Citizens' Time:

- Al Bilski – running sewer line(s) into the Industrial Park
- Jack Perosceschi - gravel for Benton's Lake Road

11. Committee Reports: Board of Review will be held on December 12th at 11:00 a.m.

12. Board member comments: **Steen**o – the Craft Shack has moved to downtown Norway. This is the business that was looking to purchase land in the Industrial Park.

13. Adjournment: Being no further business, motion was made by Steeno, second by Giuliani, to adjourn. All ayes. Passed 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m. Next regular board meeting meeting is on Monday, January 8th at 5:30 p.m,

Joyce Giuliani