

NORWAY TOWNSHIP BOARD MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES: November 13, 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 Giuliani, to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of Item 9 New Business, b) Sell old PC. All ayes. Passed 5-0.
3. Citizens' Time: None
4. Approve minutes for last month's meeting: Motion was made by Steeno, second by Edwards, to approve the minutes from the October 9th meeting. All ayes. Passed 5-0.
5. Assessor Time: 5 year audit of assessors by the state in 2024. Brent and Bob will work with the board to ensure that everything is up to date. Taxes will be going up by 5% in 2024 starting with the summer taxes.
6. Financial reports for last month: financial reports were reviewed and discussed.
7. Bills for approval: Bills were reviewed. Motion was made by Solda, second by Edwards, to pay the bills as presented. All ayes. Passed 5-0.
8. OLD BUSINESS:
 - a) Blight issues: Court date on the Bray and Long blight issues is Dec. 7th. Letters are being sent to 3 more property owners regarding blight issues.
 - b) Open Board Seats: three people applied for 2 open seats on the Planning Commission. They were Peter Kivisaari, incumbent; Brian Pellegrini, incumbent; and Laura Skrumbellos. Byczek recommend to the board that he would like to choose Kivisaari and Pellegrini. Motioned was made by Steeno, second by Solda, to appoint Kivisaari and Pellegrini to fill the seats for the 3 year term from January 2024 through December 2026. Ayes – Steeno, Solda, Byczek, and Giuliani. Nay – Edwards, stating that he would like to see new people on the committee. Motion passed 4-1.
9. NEW BUSINESS:
 - a) Resolution to move polling location: due to the lack of space at the town hall, Clerk Giuliani recommended that the polling place for Precinct 1, Norway Township be relocated to the basement of St. Barbara's Church at W5058 Main St. in Vulcan. Cost for use of the facilities will be \$100/per day. The resolution to relocate the polling place for Precinct 1, Norway Township, was offered by Edwards, supported by Steeno. Roll call vote: Ayes – Steeno, Solda, Byczek, Giuliani, Edwards. Nays – None. Resolution was adopted 5-0.

b) Sell of PC: Treasurer Edwards has received his new laptop. Board consensus was that the old laptop be offered on bids. Bids will be reviewed at the December meeting.

10. Citizens' Time: None

11. Committee Reports: None

12. Board member comments: **Edwards** – ready for winter tax bills, working with the county on the delinquent bills. **Giuliani** – still getting info on how to do early voting, even though it will be in Kingsford, at least for the Feb. 27th election. Still need to pick up the trail cam for the ballot drop box. **Steen** – cemetery looks good. **Byczek** – Road commissioners will be at our December meeting regarding next year's projects and County Road 573. Starting to work on next year's budget. Please share any ideas for spending you have so they can be discussed and/or included.

13. Adjournment: Being no further business, motion was made by Steeno, second by Giuliani, to adjourn. All ayes. Passed 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m. Next regular board meeting meeting is on Monday, December 11th at 5:30 p.m,

Joyce Giuliani