NORWAY TOWNSHIP BOARD MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES: January 12, 2026

Board members present: Don Byczek, Supervisor; Joyce Giuliani, Clerk; Jeff Edwards, Treasurer; Dave Solda, Trustee; Brian Pellegrini, Trustee.

1. Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. Pledge was recited.

2. Approve/amend agenda: Byczek requested to amend the agenda to include, under New Business: a) Trees at Cemetery; b) Rates at Cemetery; c) Auditor for bi-annual audit; and d) Township fire numbers and ambulance service. Motion was made by Pellegrini, second by Solda, to approve the agenda with the requested amendments. All ayes. Passed 5-0.

3. Citizens' Time: None

4. Approve minutes for last month's meeting: Motion was made by Edwards, second by Pellegrini, to approve the minutes from the December 8th meeting as presented. All ayes. Passed 5-0.

5. Assessor's Time: None

6. Financial reports: reports were reviewed and discussed.

7. Bills for approval: bills were reviewed. Motion was made by Solda, second by Pellegrini, to approve the bills as presented. All ayes. Passed 5-0.

8. Guest Time: Jim Harris, Dickinson County Road Commission. Discussed how changes in the state budget will affect road funding in the future. No extra funds are expected until last quarter of 2026 or early 2027.

9. OLD BUSINESS:

   a) Road projects for next year: proposed road projects are Boundary Line Rd between Pearney Lane/District 5 Rd and Valley View Road; Palmcook's Rocky Top Road; and Ball Road from CR577 to just past the creek at Jacklovitz's farm. Several options were discussed and will be decided upon at the February meeting.

   b) FY26/27 budget: 5% raises were proposed for the Clerk, Treasurer; Facilities Manager and Zoning and Blight Officer. $0.50 per hour increase was proposed for all hourly employees. Discussed the bonus for the summer laborers' It was recommended that it be reduced from $500 to a lower amount since the workers now get sick leave and get a lump sum payout of S/L when they leave. Amount will be determined next month. All other wages remain the same. Handicap ramp will not be replaced next year but will be repaired as needed.

   c) Cell tower conditional use permit: requester has withdrawn their application at this time.

   d) Gravel pit conditional use permit: Planning Commission meeting will be on January 26, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. Public hearing for the gravel pit will follow at 6:00 p.m.

10. NEW BUSINESS:

a) Trees at cemetery: motion was made by Byczek to order 10 more trees to be planted at the cemetery next year, second by Pellegrini. Vote passed 4-1, with Giuliani opposed due to feeling that the cemetery is beginning to look “cluttered”.

b) Rates at cemetery: a resolution was passed several years ago to raise cemetery rates for the cost of living. Rates will be raised beginning April 1, 2026 by 2.7%.

c) Auditor for bi-annual audit: Quote was received from Johnson & Rennie LLC to perform the audit at a cost ot $8,000. Consensus opinion of the board was to award them the contract.

d) Township fire numbers and ambulance service: complaints have been received from residents on CR577 that the ambulance is having trouble find their homes due to the old style fire numbers they have on their properties. Township employees will make a list of the residences having old style numbers and will order and install new signs at no cost to the residents. NorthAlert Ambulance Authority will also be notified of the problem.

11. Citizens’ Time: Dan Girardi – fire numbers on CR577

12. Committee reports: None.

13. Board Member comments: **Giuliani –** there will not be a May election for recall of some of the County Board members. It will occur in August during the primary. **Byczek –** would like to compliment the road commission for working with us to keep the roads in Norway Township in good shape. The annual road rally will be held on August 21 & 22 this year. Still working on the Carlson blight case and the Hillside Apartments blight case.

14. Adjournment: being no further business, motion was made by Pellegrini, second by Giuliani, to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m. Next regular meeting will be Monday, February 9. 2026 at 5:30 p.m.

Joyce Giuliani