

**NORWOOD TOWNSHIP BOARD**  
Meeting Minutes -November 21, 2016  
Norwood Township Hall

**Call to Order** – 7:00 PM

**Pledge of allegiance** -

**Roll Call** – Spilis, Smolenyak, Hamilton, Pajtas, Warner – all present

**Approval of Minutes** – September 18, 2016;

**Motion by Warner, 2<sup>nd</sup> Pajtas to approve as published; All ayes - MC**

**Public Comment on Agenda Items** – None

**Approval of Agenda** – No additions/corrections.

**Supervisor's Report** – Summarized status of Lakeshore Rd. proposal from NDG; still awaiting contact from Jim Vanek, CCRC.

<b>Treasurer's Report</b> – (As of 10/31/16)	Fund balances:	General	\$ 152,500.71
		Surplus	45,000.00
		Road	176,981.02
		Emergency	17,345.58
		Tax account	14,472.62
		Phragmites	7,753.19

Attended an MTA meeting & have forwarded a summarized the number of topics presented to Board members. Clerk recommended that for time being the monies currently named "Surplus" be identified as "Township Improvement".

Treasurer will have office hours on December 30, 2016 from 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM.

<b>Clerk's Report</b> –	Preapproved	\$ 367.10
	Unapproved	4,870.62
	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 5,237.72</b>

**MM by Warner to issue payment for Township bills in amount of \$ 5,237.72; 2<sup>nd</sup> Smolenyak – All ayes, MC.**

Election was held 11/8/16 & all went very well, thanks to all the great work done by those who were part of the team. Turnout figure was 463 voters which was an 83% of our township.

**Trustees' Reports** – Spilis: Time & effort was spent on cell tower ordinance concerns/revisions

Warner: Continue trying to make changes on cell tower wording that provides a more comprehensive/workable ordinance.

**Zoning Administrator Report** – Available on-line.

**Old Business** – Budget Amendment – Roads. Amendment is to move \$ 230.00 from General Fund to Road Maintenance fund to cover dust control cost on S. Lakeshore Dr.

**MM by Warner to approve transfer of funds from General Fund to Road Fund for unexpected maintenance on S. Lakeshore Dr. for dust control; 2<sup>nd</sup> Pajtas; Roll call vote: Spilis – yes; Smolenyak – yes; Hamilton – yes; Pajtas – yes; Warner – yes; – MC.**

**New Business** – Resolution in support of Traverse City to Charlevoix trail.

This Resolution is in affirmation of supporting TC to Charlevoix trail work & allows funding solicitation to that end.

**MM by Pajtas to pass this Resolution in support of the TC to Charlevoix trail connecting tart trail in Acme Township to lake trail in the city of Charlevoix; 2<sup>nd</sup> Spilis; all ayes – MC.**

Appointments to BOR: Current incumbents on Board of Review expressed their desire to continue their positions as members for another two-year term, January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2018. Supervisor Hamilton suggested the reappointments of Bill Lovet, Carolyn Navarre, & Mike Castiglione as BOR members

**MM by Warner to approve reappointments of Bill Lovet, Carolyn Navarre, & Mike Castiglione as BOR members for another two-year term; 2<sup>nd</sup> Smolenyak; All ayes – MC.**

Hamilton also suggested the appointment of Tim Fore as Planning Commission member to fill recent vacancy due to resignation of Robert Harig.

**MM by Warner to approve appointment of Tim Fore as new Planning Commission member; 2<sup>nd</sup> Pajtas; All ayes – MC.**

Snow removal: Clerk stated that Boss Landscaping has been satisfactorily performing the township's grounds-keeping over the past years & recommends that snow removal again be contracted to Boss.

**MM by Warner to approve Boss Landscaping contract for snow removal during 2017 season; 2<sup>nd</sup> Smolenyak; All ayes – MC.**

COLI Lease Agreement: Township attorney Wendling suggests the Board authorize Supervisor Hamilton to be able to negotiate with COLI to determine acceptable lease terms for the ROW location at Swanson property in order to finalize dispute as to pole siting by COLI.

**MM by Warner to authorize Supervisor to negotiate lease with COLI with terms being a simple lease of \$150,00/per year, auto-renewal; 2<sup>nd</sup> Pajtas; All ayes – MC.**

Cell tower Ordinance: Opened for discussion. There is no compatibility between MCL, Federal laws & current local zoning & to further complicate our zoning ordinances, the over-riding laws are in a constant state of flux. Further clarity is sorely needed in order for citizens as well as prospective commerce to function more readily.

**MM by Warner to authorize Peter Wendling & Leslie Meyer to review Federal & state laws in comparison with Norwood Township's ordinances to determine compatibility for clarity covering wireless communication towers; 2<sup>nd</sup> Pajtas; All ayes – MC.**

**Correspondence/Announcements** – Usual – Clerk also asserted that the insurance package figure was modified to reflect a change involving coverage on park building pad.

**Public Comment** – None

**Adjournment** – 7:58 PM

Respectfully Submitted by:  
Sadie Bartosik, Recording Secretary