

Norwood Township Board  
Meeting Minutes  
March 17, 2014  
Norwood Township Hall

**Call to Order** – 7:00 PM

**Pledge of Allegiance** – by all present

**Roll Call** – Warner, Hamilton, Pajtas, Smolenyak – Present; Spilis – Excused absence

**Approval of Minutes** –February 17, 2014 Meeting minutes

**MM by Pajtas to approve 2/17/2014 minutes as published; 2<sup>nd</sup> Warner- All ayes: MC**

**Public Comment on Agenda Items** – None

**Approval of Agenda** – MM by Warner to approve agenda as published; 2<sup>nd</sup> Smolenyak - All ayes: MC

**Supervisor’s Report** – Board of Review was held last week; three property owners made appearances & there were five appeals filed. A few people stopped in to ask general questions which were answered to their satisfaction. Attended an annual meeting of appointed & elected officials in Boyne City along with Treasurer Smolenyak & PC Vice chair Vermeesch. Resulting from that meeting, we will be meeting with a representative from Cherryland Wireless on April 1 to discuss options for high-speed wireless in our area.

**Treasurers Report – (as of 2/28/14)**

General Fund:	\$ 176,072.16
Road Fund:	\$ 76,537.58
Emerg./Fire	\$ 28,767.01

Tax collection has been completed & monies have been settled with the county. We have ended with approximately \$82,000.00 in delinquent taxes, mostly summer.

**Clerk’s Report** –

Preapproved:	\$ 423.33
Unapproved:	\$ 23,587.40
Total:	\$ 24,010.73

An election commission meeting must be held between 3/27/2013 & 4/16/2014; it is most convenient to schedule it to be held on 4/14/14 @ 6:30 PM, just prior to the next scheduled PC meeting. The election commission is comprised of Supervisor, Clerk, & Treasurer with said meeting being quite brief & Clerk provides info of personnel scheduled for duties at up-coming School millage election.

**MM by Warner to accept Clerk’s Report and pay bills in amount \$24,010.73, 2<sup>nd</sup> Smolenyak – All ayes: MC**

**Trustee’s Report** – None due to cancellation of past two monthly PC meetings because of lack of quorum.

**PC Report** – No monthly meeting due to lack of quorum.

**Zoning Administrator Report** –On-line for viewing.

**Old Business** – Clerk presented Budget Amendments of 2013-2014 for moving monies from Contingency Fund to Expense, accounts 101-209 in amount of \$150.00 & 101-706 in amount of \$91.67. These changes result from Assessor wages & services being underfunded due to salary increase after Budget adoption.

**MM by Warner to accept proposed Budget Amendments as stated, 2<sup>nd</sup> Smolenyak – All ayes: MC**

Resolution to establish Poverty Guidelines in application to Poverty Exemption read in detail by Clerk.

**MM by Warner to accept resolution as stated, 2<sup>nd</sup> Smolenyak – All ayes: MC**

**New Business** – Acceptance of resignation of John Laney on Planning Commission due to business travel was stated. Supervisor Hamilton suggested that resident Marty Swanson be considered as a new PC member.

**MM by Warner to approve the nomination of Marty Swanson as Planning Commission member for balance of term to have been served by John Laney, 2<sup>nd</sup> Smolenyak – All ayes: MC**

Supervisor Hamilton & Clerk Pajtas propose moving Township fiscal year from April 1 to end on June 30<sup>th</sup> because of availability of financial data being more in line with other sources.

**MM by Warner to move fiscal year to end on June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> Smolenyak – All ayes: MC**

Public hearing opened at 7:20 PM on proposed 3-month budget to coincide with newly adopted fiscal year.

Clerk explained the method used to arrive at figures detailed in proposed 3-month budget.

Public hearing closed at 7:23 PM as there was no further discussion.

**MM by Pajtas to accept proposed 3-month budget as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> Warner – All ayes: MC**

Dust Control services for next year was discussed & it was stated that over the past number of years the lack of responses to the bidding process has not resulted in justifying advertising costs involved.

**MM by Warner to bypass bidding process for Township dust control for this year, 2<sup>nd</sup> Pajtas – All ayes: MC**

**Public Comment** – None.

**Correspondence/Announcements** – Routine mail receipts for month.

Clerk announced School Millage election will be held Tuesday, May 6, 2014 for 1-mill request by Charlevoix ISD.

This election will be held at Norwood Township hall as ISD funding is separated from regular school elections.

Ed Engstrom, judicial candidate for Charlevoix County, presented his qualifications & goals for his running. He requested everyone's vote in the August primary election & offered to answer any questions from the Board or as individuals, providing everyone with his card.

Bill Gnodtke commented on Norwood Township road millage on upcoming election. He offered suggestions for Board to consider as to how to best provide more timely & useable funding to complete a greater numbers of road repairs/upgrades.

**Meeting Adjourned @ 7:53 PM**

Respectably submitted by:

Sadie Bartosik, Recording Secretary