

Norwood Township Board
Meeting Minutes
April 21, 2014
Norwood Township Hall

Call to Order – 7:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance – by all present

Roll Call – Spilis, Smolenyak, Hamilton, Warner, Pajtas, – All present

Approval of Minutes – March 17, 2014 meeting minutes

MM by Warner to approve 3/17/2014 minutes as published; 2nd Pajtas- All ayes: MC

Public Comment on Agenda Items – None

Approval of Agenda – Smolenyak corrected date for reported figures to read “as of 3-31-2014”

MM by Warner to approve agenda as corrected; 2nd Smolenyak - All ayes: MC

Supervisor’s Report – Will cover items later in meeting.

Treasurers Report – (as of 3/31/14)	General Fund:	\$ 165,245.43
	Road Fund:	\$ 79,833.31
	Emerg./Fire	\$ 31,114.58
	Phragmites	\$ 8,126.95
	Balance in tax acct.	\$ 1,118.56

Clerk’s Report –

Preapproved:	\$	287.64
Unapproved:	\$	2,983.68
Total:	\$	3,271.32

Trustee Spillis questioned \$100.00/hourly rate charged for IT services.

Clerk requests notice of ISD school election scheduled on Tuesday May 6, 2014 to be listed on township website.

Her new computer has been installed & is working well; the old laptop has been modified to provide Supervisor with ability to use as tax roll assessments program.

Clerk requests Board input for rehiring Paul Vermeesch as Park custodian for this summer from end of May through September.

MM by Warner to rehire Paul Vermeesch as park custodian for 2014 summer season; 2nd Smolenyak – All ayes: MC

MM by Warner to accept Clerk’s Report and pay bills in amount \$3,271.32, 2nd Smolenyak – All ayes: MC

Trustee’s Report – Spillis has been contacted by resident regarding Michigan House Bill #636 which deals with landline telephones becoming obsolete in 2017. This bill allows telecommunication industry the ability to eliminate landlines. There is concern that there is a risk for the older population unfamiliar with wireless services & for areas out of cellphone service range. Supervisor Hamilton requested that Spillis serve as the contact person on this subject & keep Board informed on status of progress.

Trustee Warner updated Board on PC actions regarding recent survey & upcoming public hearings.

Zoning Administrator Report – None

Old Business – Wording for Road Millage renewal was read by Pajtas at request of Treasurer. Smolenyak stated that having the word increase in the proposed wording may be misleading to some voters.

MM by Warner to accept proposed wording to include “renew the levy up to one mill” as stated, 2nd Pajtas

Roll call: Hamilton – yes; Smolenyak – yes; Spillis – yes; Warner – yes; Pajtas – yes - Proposal approved

New Business – Budget resolution: Same wording as previous Budget Resolutions except for the time frame reads from April 1 to June 30.

MM by Warner to accept proposed 3-month budget as presented, 2nd Spillis

Roll call: Hamilton – yes; Smolenyak – yes; Spillis – yes; Warner – yes; Pajtas – yes - Budget Resolution approved

DNR land purchase – Five acre piece of property under private ownership has been negotiated for purchase with DNR & DNR would like to have Norwood Twp Board aware of pending sale & to voice any objection to same.

MM by Spillis to approve transaction between DNR & property owner for 5-acre sale; 2nd Smolenyak; All ayes – MC

Cemetery improvements – A benefactor has offered to provide funding for wrought iron or anodized aluminum fencing at front of our cemetery. Preliminary details are still being organized as to costs & possible matching funds.

Correspondence/Announcements – Routine mail receipts for month.

Public Comment – None.

Meeting Adjourned @ 7:36 PM

Respectably submitted by:

Sadie Bartosik, Recording Secretary