

Norwood Township Board  
Meeting Minutes  
May 19, 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 –**April 21, 2014 meeting minutes

**MM by Warner to approve 4/21/2014 minutes as published; 2<sup>nd</sup> Pajtas- All ayes: MC**

**Public Comment on Agenda Items –** Bill Gnodtke requested the Executive Session be moved to take place at the conclusion of tonight’s Board meeting so attendees can return home rather than wait until closed portion of meeting is over.

**Approval of Agenda –**

**MM by Warner to approve agenda as amended; 2<sup>nd</sup> Smolenyak - All ayes: MC**

**Supervisor’s Report –** Commented on outcome of court hearing held Monday 5/12/2014 on Northwest Stone Products’ suit on their SUP request.

Wednesday morning Supervisors of Charlevoix, Marion, Evaline, Hayes, Norwood townships and City of Charlevoix met again regarding rates for Fire & Emergency Services. The bill received for their requested payment is in excess of 1-mill while we are only collecting 0.65-mill to cover these services. This situation may necessitate requesting an increase from the voters at the general election this coming fall.

Residents affected by road repairs which required the use of Afton stone met recently to question the reduced quality of the product than has been experienced in the past. They have discussed hiring an independent expert to analyze if indeed there has been an inferior product used in recent road work.

**Treasurers Report – (as of 3/31/14)**

General Fund:	\$ 164,400.83
Road Fund:	\$ 82,471.05
Emerg./Fire	\$ 32,825.54
Phragmites	\$ 8,026.95
Balance in tax acct.	\$ 878.52

**Clerk’s Report –**

Preapproved:	\$ 1,124.84
Unapproved:	\$ 4,296.71
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 5,421.55</b>

**MM by Warner to accept Clerk’s Report and pay bills in amount \$5,421.55, 2<sup>nd</sup> Smolenyak – All ayes: MC**

Paul Vermeesch has accepted responsibility in performing maintenance at the Township Park through August 15, 2014 when he returns to college.

Clerk continues to research a means of solving problems of visitors’ unwanted waste, both humans as well as animals. We have received notification from our attorneys that it is necessary for them to increase their hourly rate to \$155/hr across the board with all their municipal clients effective immediately.

It is required by law to set up a meeting of the election committee in preparation for the primary election in August 2014. In order to meet the necessary time line, the election committee meeting will be held June 30, 2014 @ 5:30 PM @ the Norwood Twp. hall.

**Trustee's Report** – Spillis reported on Michigan House Bill #636 which deals with landline telephones becoming obsolete in 2017. This bill allows telecommunication industry the ability to eliminate landlines. Gave report on insurance coverages on Twp. park equipment/property.

Trustee Warner updated Board on newly elected officers of PC members; actions taken by PC regarding setback criteria in Norwood twp.

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

**Old Business** – None

**New Business** – PC appointments - Members Harig & Swanson recently sworn in to serve remaining terms of John Laney & Anne Doyle are named to continue serving as PC members now under their own full terms.

**MM by Warner to reappoint Robert Harig & Marty Swanson to serve full two year terms, 2<sup>nd</sup> Pajtas, All ayes - MC**

Supervisor Hamilton offered name of Gretchen Rice to serve on ZBA as new member to fill John Holsworth's position who's term expires.

**MM by Warner to appoint Gretchen Rice to serve as ZBA member; 2<sup>nd</sup> LS; all ayes, MC.**

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

**Public Comment** – Bill Gnodtke commented that broken limbs at park need to be disposed of. He also requested that details of Memorial Day annual recognition of local veterans celebrated @ Norwood cemetery be posted on our website. Gnodtke stated that anyone with information of burials of veterans since last year contact him.

**Meeting suspended @ 7:48 PM to proceed In closed session.**

Meeting reconvened in public session @ 8:23 PM

**MM by Warner for Township to proceed for appeal of decision by Judge Power at Monday, 5/12/2014, hearing**

**Roll call: Hamilton – yes; Smolenyak – yes; Spillis – yes; Warner – yes; Pajtas – yes - MC**

**MM by Smolenyak to instruct PC to pursue in legal format to eliminate industrial & commercial uses in Ag District of Norwood Township.**

**Meeting adjourned @ 8:31 PM**

Respectably submitted by:

Sadie Bartosik, Recording Secretary