

NORWOOD TOWNSHIP BOARD
Meeting Minutes - December 21, 2015
Norwood Township Hall

Call to Order – 7:00 PM

Pledge of allegiance – By all in attendance

Roll Call – Smolenyak – present, Hamilton – present, Warner – present; Pajtas, Spilis – Excused absence.

Approval of Minutes –

MM by Warner to approve Bd Mtg minutes of November 16, 2015 as published; 2nd Smolenyak – All ayes, MC

Public Comment on Agenda Items – None

Approval of Agenda –

MM by Smolenyak to accept agenda as submitted, 2nd Warner – All ayes, MC

Supervisor’s Report – Propane tanks have been moved; discussion at November board meeting had included the possibility of moving only one tank, but schedule from Ellsworth Co-Op listed moving both small tanks. Supervisor had estimated the need for only 30’ of copper tubing for the repositioning, but final work order showed the need for 60’. Clerk had advised Supervisor that moving charges could be deducted from prepaid fuel payment.

There will be the 1st of bi-annual meetings with St. Mary’s Cement on 1/8/2016, new Operations Manager Randy Pryor has invited Townships & local officials to attend annual progress report on their Master Plan. Elected state officials Schmidt & Cole will be at the meeting so Bill Gnodtke suggested to the Supervisor that the Township invite the officials to meet with the Supervisor & himself before the meeting to present Norwood Township’s input in order to review its correlation with State’s presentation. As a result, Cole & Schmidt will meet with them a brief time before the formal meeting mainly to check on status of plans of proposed non-motorized trail route pertaining to Norwood township.

<u>Treasurer’s Report</u> –	Fund balances: General	\$166,528.20
	Road	129,326.06
	Emergency	4,235.77
	Tax balance	5,600.29

Winter tax bills have all been mailed out.

Treasurer will have office hours on 12/30/15 from 9 AM until 5 PM – please call for appointment, (231)547-5616.

<u>Clerk’s Report</u> –	Preapproved:	\$ 311.81	
	Unapproved:	11,607.68	(Entails final quarter payroll; misc. bills)
	Total	\$ 11,919.49	

Received payment of \$622.50 from school board for election held November 3, 2015.

Refund check in amount of \$150.00 received from MSU CIT Planner (Scholarship).

MM by Warner to approve payment of bills in amount of \$ 11,919.49; 2nd Smolenyak. All ayes – MC.

Trustees’ Reports – Warner as PC Secretary presented the following summary, Stan Moore, Ag Agent in Antrim County, presented information on micro-breweries which proved to be very helpful. The request for micro-brewery permit includes work on a boiler which resulted in questions from twp. planner & others so Trustee Warner offered to have interested parties view the established setup on his dairy farm so they could actually see what was necessary. Many other state & federal commitments still have to be resolved before public hearing can be held.

Public hearing on Recreation Plan input was held which resulted in a number of suggestions from residents on twp park additions, one was to have a children's swing set installed & liability issues were questioned.

Zoning Administrator Report – Available on line.

Old Business – None.

New Business – Clerk asked to have board members think about canceling February board meeting due to minimal twp business concerns.

Correspondence/Announcements – Routine correspondence & no announcements.

Public Comment – Shari Jones had some comments on Park issues raised at public hearing & also offered to help with any need arising from park additions.

Adjournment – 7:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted by:
Sadie Bartosik, Recording Secretary