

NORWOOD TOWNSHIP BOARD

Meeting Minutes -May 18, 2015

Norwood Township Hall

Call to Order – 7:00 PM

Pledge of allegiance –By all in attendance

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

Approval of Minutes – MM by Warner to approve meeting minutes of BOT April 20, 2015 as presented; 2nd by Smilenyak. All ayes - MC

Public Comment on Agenda Items – None

Approval of Agenda – Clerk advised that presentation for gas franchise would not be given tonight due to Mr. Rawlings not present. Supervisor requested that discussion of a request of another park bench to be installed in memory of Karen Holdsworth’s brother; for child safety sake, installation/discussion of slow speed sign(s) be added under new business.

Treasurer’s Report – (As of 04-30-15)	Fund Balances:	General	\$176,916.40
		Road	129,174.51
		Emergency	37,409.66
		Tax Balance	3,806.87

Clerk’s Report –	Preapproved:	\$ 612.88
	Unapproved:	4,281.52
	Totals	\$ 4,894.40

MM by Warner to pay month’s bills in amount of \$ 4,894.40; 2nd Pajtas; all ayes - MC

Cadillac Insurance Services has been purchased by Peterson McGregor & Associates from Traverse City who assures us that there will not be any current changes in their services.

Park Restroom Ranger position previously performed by Paul Vermeesch will have to be filled for 2015 because he will longer be available because of his schooling schedule.

Kim Simpson & her neighbor have a concern that they may miss out being serviced by American Waste for their trash pickup like the last pickup due to their location on the intersect of two township lines. The matter has been turned over to the American Waste route manager.

Trustees’ Reports – Warner advises that Leslie is working on the Rec program for the PC to be done by Oct. – Nov. The sign ordinance is also being scheduled for updating.

Zoning Administrator Report – On line on Twp. website.

Old Business – None

New Business – Appointment of 2 PC members: Supervisor recommends re-appointment of David Vermeesch & Dave Kolka for three-year (3) terms 2015 through 2018.

MM by Pajtas to reappoint David Vermeesch & Dave Kolka to serve on the PC through 2018; 2nd Warner; All ayes – MC

Supervisor recommends reappointment of Carol Apol, Chuck Cleland, & Ryan McConnel to continue serving as members of Zoning Board Appeals.

MM by Warner to reappoint Carol Apol, Ryan McConnel, & Chuck Cleland to serve on the ZBA; 2nd Smolenyak; All ayes – MC

Road Commission Report given by Bill Gnodtke. Met with CCRC to discuss & evaluate twp. roads in most dire need of attention. Specific methods of upgrading/stabilizing were requested, plus requests for timelines were rationalized. Board has been asked for permission to seek type of financial means to make a concentrated effort that could be the most practical approach to getting more roads worked on at lesser cost.

MM by Pajtas to authorize Twp Road Committee members to present the plan to borrow monies from the County as discussed herein order as to proceed with financial planning at most feasible cost to Twp; 2nd Warner; All ayes - MC

Resolution to approve future Master Plans – Supervisor believes it more administratively correct for elected officials to have final responsibility for approving or rejecting any future Master Plan(s) or amendments, he emphasizes that this in no way is a reflection on PC work.

MM by Warner to adopt the resolution for giving the Board of Trustees final approval/rejection on future Master Plan(s) or amendments, ; 2nd Smolenyak; All ayes – MC

Renewal of Assessor Contract – Discussion of contract contents/wording ensued & there is little choice than to accept contract as presented at this point in time.

MM by Warner to accept contract as offered; 2nd Smolenyak; all ayes - MC

Budget Discussion for 2015 – 2016 Budget: Details of numbers presented were offered.

Signs for Reducing Speed because of children at play. In order to preclude setting of a president, it was decided that cost for any reduced speed sign could be shared 50% with Twp.

MM by Warner to advise reduced speed sign requestor that the Twp would be willing to share 50% of installation cost; 2nd Smolenyak; All ayes – MC

Correspondence/Announcements – Routine communications.

Public Comment – Carol Apol questioned whether Twp residents could use their American Waste containers rather than filling smaller boxes/containers for use on trash pickup day 6/6/2015. Also, she continued to work on the ramifications of PA179 of 1991 & offered a summary on same.

Mr. Harig posed question of procuring public address system for use in the Twp Hall to make speeches/presentations easier for everyone to hear.

Adjournment – 8:20 PM

Respectfully Submitted by:
Sadie Bartosik, Recording Secretary