

NORWOOD TOWNSHIP BOARD

Meeting Minutes -April 18, 2016

Norwood Township Hall

Call to Order – 7:00 PM

Pledge of allegiance -

Roll Call – Warner- Here; Pajtas – Here; Hamilton – Here; Spilis – Here: Smolenyak – Excused absence.

Approval of Minutes – March 21, 2016 Board of Trustees meeting.

MM by Warner to approve 3/21/16 Board meeting minutes as published; 2nd Spilis; all ayes – MC.

Public Comment on Agenda Items – None.

Approval of Agenda – Hamilton requested the addition of Discussion of Cherry Capital Connection’s application fee on Site #1 for Tower Installation under New Business.

MM by Warner made motion to approve Agenda as amended; 2nd Pajtas; all ayes – MC

Supervisor’s Report –

Bd members have been given letter received from our Twp attorney regarding pole which recently appeared in road-right-of-way on Norwood Rd next to our cemetery & contains an antenna on top. COLI advises it is considered to be a utility pole which they have also established in another twp. Being considered a communication tower because of the attached antenna, & further because they advised their intention was to bury fiber optics material from the pole to the residence at siting of pole. This action is a violation of our Zoning Ordinance & will be handled accordingly.

Treasurer’s Report –

(As of 3/31/16)

Fund balances: General	\$ 204,262.85
Road	174,346.20
Emergency	49,172.44
Tax balance	4,074.85

Clerk’s Report –

Preapproved: \$ 314.20

Unapproved: 2,656.54

Totals: 2,970.74

MM by Warner to approve payment of twp bills in amount of \$ 2,970.74; 2nd Pajtas; All ayes – MC

Appointment of Deputy Clerk at March Bd meeting did not prove feasible, as a result Julia Drost has been appointed/accepted the position of Deputy Clerk . Sadie will be handling the AV ballots while Dana is on vacation from April 22 through May 1, 2016.

Trustees’ Reports – Spilis reported that HB-5490 dealing with civil fines involving commercial vehicles in violation of twp code will adjust payments of these fines & dispersing of such monies.

As a point of interest, a ~~summer part-time~~ resident in ~~Clipperview Island View~~ subdivision of Norwood Twp has qualified ~~to participate as a contestant in the US~~ in the 2016 Summer Olympics.

Warner provided on update on the new brewery application. Tower location applications & the effect on view corridors is also being evaluated.

Zoning Administrator Report – Can be viewed on line.

Old Business – None

New Business – Resolution to pay on line – Copies were sent to Bd members of Resolution wording which provides for Norwood residents to have the ability for payment of property taxes on line.

MM by Warner to approve the Resolution for implementing the ability to pay property taxes/zoning permits on line; 2nd Spilis; Roll call vote:

Spilis – yes; Hamilton – yes; Pajtas – yes; Warner – yes: All yes – Resolution adopted.

Dust Control Proposal – After years of requesting bids for dust control of our twp roads, the only company who has responded has contacted Norwood twp. to ask if their proposal would be accepted for 2016. Prices would be the same as last year's contract.

MM by Pajtas to accept the bid of Northern Dust Control for \$0.24/gal for brine; 2nd Warner; all ayes - MC

Mowing & Fall Clean Up Proposal – Boss Landscape has submitted proposal for cemetery mowing as needed & fall cleanup @ \$40.00/hr.

MM by Warner to accept Boss Landscaping bid @ \$40.00/hr; 2nd Pajtas; all ayes – MC

Treasurer Computer Quote – Treasurer would like to have this computer upgrade which will accommodate the ability to utilize the BS&A module & Point & Pay functionality for paying taxes/zoning permits on line.

MM by Warner to approve Treasurer's request for computer upgrade, which includes miscellaneous software & technical support for setup in amount of \$1.045.00; 2nd Pajtas; all ayes – Request approved.

Application Fee for Cherry Capital Connections –

MM by Pajtas to transfer Cherry Capital Connections application fee from tower site #1, Ciesielezyk property, to next proposed site by Cherry Capital Connections; 2nd Warner; all ayes - MC

Correspondence/Announcements – Usual mailings & newsletters which all Bd members have been forwarded. Hamilton relayed information that efforts of Bill Gnodtke & Sue Schlaybaugh, Lakeshore resident, has bolstered efforts of Lansing representatives to pass PA #77 of 2016 which permits Townships to borrow monies from counties. We have made one presentation already & are slated to make a second in order to secure monies fronted for Norwood twp to perform road repairs.

Public Comment – Harig inquired as to what the May 3, 2016 ballot covered?

Adjournment – 7:45 PM

Respectfully Submitted by:
Sadie Bartosik, Recording Secretary