

Norwood Township Board of Trustees Meeting
Meeting Minutes
December 18, 2017 Draft Minutes
Norwood Township Hall

Call to Order – Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance – by all present

Roll Call – Warner-present, Ridenour-present, Smolenyak-present, Spilis-present, Pajtas-present

Approval of November 20, 2017 Meeting Minutes – MM by Warner to approve the minutes, 2nd by Pajtas. Motion carried to approve Minutes 5-0

Approval of Agenda- Ridenour asked to add a discussion on the Roads to Old Business. **MM by Warner to accept the Agenda as amended, 2nd by Smolenyak. Motion carried to approve Agenda as amended 5-0**

Public Comment related to Agenda Items –

Bill Gnodtke asked the Board to consider borrowing funds from the Delinquent Tax Fund held by the County to help with the repairs on Parsons Road and Lakeshore Drive. Gnodtke stated he had done quite a bit of research and found that a Bill was passed by the Senate and the House that allows Counties to loan to Townships at a 0% interest rate. Gnodtke is suggesting that the Board borrow \$200,000.00 so funds do not have to be used from the General fund for the Road repairs.

Supervisor’s Report –

Ridenour and Bill Gnodtke met with State Representative Tristan Cole this morning, 12/18/17. He stated they discussed the DNR proposal for south entrance to Fisherman’s Island State Park through Norwood Park, options on funding to help build a new Township Hall and the immediate needs, land swap property between St. Mary’s Cement and Fisherman’s Island State Park, Norwood Historical district and Norwood Township Roads. In discussion Triston Cole brought up the Bike path through Norwood Township and that he may be able to work with the DNR and getting help in funding for Township Hall in conjunction with future plans for Bike Path.

Ridenour reported Bill Gnodtke met with the DNR in Lansing and informed him the State would not purchase any property in Norwood Township without approval from the Norwood Township Board.

Ridenour reported on the heated closet that Mr. Fricke and Mr. Martin are working on at the Township hall for the voting equipment.

There was a Board of Review organizational Meeting on December 12, 2017. There will be another organizational meeting on Tuesday March 6, 2018 and the Board of Review will have hours on March 12, 2018 from 9am-12pm and 6pm-9pm and on March 13, 2018 from 9am-12pm and 1pm-4pm at the Township Hall.

Ridenour reported the LP Tank had to be filled again due to the furnace being left on.

Ridenour thanked Lynn Smolenyak for getting the new emails set up and for all the work she put in to getting it set up.

Ridenour reported that Lynn received an email from a representative (Carole) of DTE Energy asking if the Township Hall was available for rental. Pajtas stated this has been requested before but the Insurance policy does not cover rentals so the hall is not available to rent.

Treasurer's Report –

Fund Balances: as of 11/30/2017	General:	\$168,858.40
	Improvements:	60,000.00
	Vanguard:	3,000.00
	Road:	224,365.09
	Emergency:	30,236.94
	Phragmites:	7,210.42
	Tax Fund:	11,748.63

Smolenyak reported the Vanguard paperwork has been completed and been accepted by Vanguard and the \$3,000 has been invested. Vanguard advised on how the funds will be set up.

Smolenyak stated the County Treasurer's Office will accept tax payments. The State requires that one day needs to be available for residence to pay taxes in person before year ending. Any Norwood resident needing to pay taxes before year ending can do so on that Friday December 29, 2017 at the Charlevoix County Treasurer's Office.

Smolenyak updated the Board on the new emails and the status of them.

Smolenyak stated she received a check from the State of Michigan and was not sure what it was for so she deposited it but after the fact she was advised it was sent incorrectly so she sent the funds back. There was a glitch in the State's system and they were correcting.

Clerk's Report –

Preapproved:	\$ 168.00
Unapproved:	\$15,640.28
Totals:	\$15,808.28

MM by Warner to approve Clerks' Report, 2nd by Smolenyak. Motion carried and approved 5-0.

Pajtas also reported that she ordered the Port-a-johns for the Board of Review in March. She also stated she received an invoice from MI Deal for discounts for the Township. Board discussed and decided not to pay this invoice.

Trustee's Report –

Warner reported that the PC is still working on Ordinances.

Spilis reported on State Bill 400 that is pending. This Bill will increase 911 funding for the Taxpayers. He also reported on House Bill 4905 which will allow Seniors to keep exemptions even if they are being cared for away from their primary home.

Zoning Administrator's Report –Report is available on the Township website.

Old Business –

Norwood Park and Recreation Plan has not received any opposition. **MM by Warner to accept the Norwood Township Parks and Recreation Plan as presented, 2nd by Smolenyak. Warner-yay, Pajtas-yay, Ridenour-yay, Smolenyak-yay, Spilis-yay. Motion carried and approved 5-0.**

Discussion on Roads and which road projects to fund. Discussion on how much should be borrowed and applied for. The Township Board decided to try to borrow \$200,000.00 from Delinquent Tax Fund to fund three projects; Lake Shore Dr., Parsons Rd and Beatty Rd.

MM by Warner to have Supervisor Ridenour appear before the Charlevoix County Commissioners on Wednesday December 20, 2017 to request the \$200,000.00 additional funding, 2nd by Pajtas. Motion carried and approved 5-0.

New Business –

Budget Amendment for additional funds for the new email addresses. **MM by Pajtas to add \$600.00 to Budget for the new email address set up, 2nd by Warner. Motion carried and approved 5-0.**

Announcements & Correspondence – Emailed to all Board Members.

Next Township Board Meeting will be January 15, 2018 at 7:00pm at the Norwood Township Hall

Public Comment – Bill Gnotke thanks the Board for the decision that was made on the roads and updated the Board on the status of many of the county roads.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Submitted by Shari M. Jones, Recording Secretary