

Norwood Township Board of Trustees Special Meeting  
June 3, 2021 Approved Minutes  
Meeting Held via Zoom

**Call to Order** – Meeting called to order at 5:01 P.M.

**Pledge of Allegiance** – by all present

**Roll Call** – Warner-present from residence, Spilis-present from residence, Brenda Freds-present from residence, Ben Freds-present from residence, Smolenyak-present via phone from Traverse City, Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary Jones-present from work office

**Approval of Agenda** – **MM by Warner to approve Agenda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Smolenyak.** Supervisor Freds asked to add discussion of New Township Hall and discussion on the delivered boulders to Township Park to New Business. **MM by Warner to approve amended agenda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Spilis. Motion carried to approval 5-0.**

**Old Business-**

**Township Personnel Wages** –

Board reviewed proposed 2021-2022 Budget and additional information provided showing the total increase in budget if there was a 10% increase to wages for Township Personnel.

Discussion included having to cut something out of budget to approve increased wages and one item discussed was General Fund item 101-265-706 Township Hall Contracted Services. This originally had \$500 in it, but it was increased to \$3,000 however, \$1,500 of this is to be used for Venetian. The Township did have a contract for this donation but 2020 was the last year, however, since there was no Venetian in 2020 it is expected that this amount probably moved forward to 2021. There was also discussion on whether to cut back on the Garbage Collection budget line item 101-265-955 but this appears to be an item that is in demand and cannot be cut back on because of its costs.

In conclusion it was decided that an increase for Township Personnel will need to be tabled until the 2022-2023 budget because there may be additional costs for the new township hall said Clerk Freds and trees need to be trimmed at the cemetery said Trustee Warner. Trustee Spilis stated that if circumstances change then this could be revisited. Supervisor Freds also stated that he was disturbed that there were no other candidates for the Supervisor position so this may be a sign that the wages would need to be revisited for the next budget year.

**New Business** –

**New Township Hall-**

Trustee Spilis stated he spoke with Bruce from Earthworks and he dropped the boulders at the Township Park. Spilis said he needed direction from the Board on the placement of the boulders. Discussion that three should be on north end border of beach, lower

level of beach and south end at the boat launch area. This would make it so people could not launch with a trailer but would give them enough room to carry kayaks to water. Bruce told Spilis that he would come back to place the boulders where the Board wanted them placed. Further discussion on where the boulder that will have the plaque on it for the Hamilton memorial will be placed and it was decided to place on north side of new Township Hall so when you are standing near it you would be able to see Lake Michigan and people visiting the park will be able to see it also.

Further discussion regarding the new Township Hall included the underground power was up to the building but not connected yet, however, Spilis stated there was an electrician there working on that. Once power is in building then the painting can be done, and the carpet will be the last thing to go in. Supervisor Freds stated he will get in touch with David Ridenour, the project manager, to discuss the timeline of what needed to be completed yet and see if he can come to June 21, 2021 meeting to give a report. Supervisor is also going to work on checklist of items that need to be completed for both the building and the move to the building.

**Public Comment-**

Deputy Clerk Jones stated that she received an email from the Michigan D.N.R.stating that the south end of Fisherman’s Island State Park is now open to camping and people wishing to visit the south end of the beach down near the island. Jones stated she was concerned that there would be issues with more traffic both vehicle and foot at the north end of Clipperview/Lake Shore Drive area now that this is open.

**Supervisor Freds asked that the Meeting be Adjourned at 5:41 p.m.**

Submitted by Shari M. Jones, Recording Secretary