

2017 Norwich Township Minutes Summary

1/11/17

- EMS millage-contract with Mecosta County EMS to be presented to Mecosta County Board on 1/19/17. If approved, start date will be as soon as Call Centers are contacted.
- Zoning Board of Appeals-1 new member and 1 new alternate member needed
- Year in Review Report- discussed; to be included with Assessment Notice sent out by the County and added to web site
- Budget-reviewed and several line items amended
- Board of Review Members-plan to attend class
- Great Lakes Energy grants-discussed as a possible source to help pay for fire well driveway

2/8/17

- EMS contract-discussed Mecosta County EMS contract
- Zoning Board of Appeals-1 new member appointed; 1 alternate member needed
- Great Lakes Energy grant-feedback from Clerk's phone call not positive for upgrading fire well driveway
- Newaygo County Museum would like to include northern Townships in the next exhibit and in *Newaygo County History & Biographies Volume 2*
- Newaygo County Road Commission notified township of monies to be spent on road dust control

3/8/17

- GPS address added to website
- EMS coverage will be provided by Mecosta County EMS for the next calendar year
- Zoning Board of Appeals- 1 new alternate pending
- 2016 budget-several line items were amended
- 2017 budget approved
- Items for Norwich Township exhibit at Newaygo County Museum were displayed
- Voting Tabulator Resolution-approved to apply for a grant for a new voting system funded by the State
- Medical marijuana issue and MTA article will be discussed with Planning Commission at next meeting

4/12/17

- Norwich Township historical exhibit (1880's to 1920's) on display at the Newaygo County Museum and Heritage Center in Newaygo
- Zoning Board of Appeals-alternate member appointed
- Road improvements for 2017 discussed; \$65,000 approved for either Elm or Pierce based on Road Commission's recommendation
- Master Plan revisions presented
- Discussed Assessor's contract
- Request to transfer \$991.74 from General Fund to Fire Fund to cover payment to City of Big Rapids
- Discussed need for procedure regarding contact of Township's Attorney for Township issues

5/10/17

- Master Plan: update recommended by Planning Commission was approved
- 2017 road improvements: Elm north of 8 Mile - wedge worst spots at north end @\$15,000; Pierce Road east of Cypress - wedge and overlay @\$62,250
- June newsletter presented and discussed
- Assessor's contract increased by 50 cents per parcel
- Service Contract with County tabled for further details
- Procedure for contacting/hiring Township's attorney: prior approval by 3 of 5 Township Board members required
- Zoning Board of Appeals needs another alternate member
- Special Use Permit approved for construction and operation of 50 site rustic campground contingent upon conditions set forth by the Planning Commission

6/14/17

- June newsletter to be included with summer tax bills; County has outsourced mailing to KCI of Grand Rapids
- Township website will continue to be maintained through GoDaddy
- Service contract with County pending
- ZBA - alternate needed
- Clean-up Day - 3 dumpsters were used by 30 township residents
- Brining of roads approved up to \$1725.00
- Clerk to attend 2-day conference in July

7/12/17

- Township's newsletter can be found on website under newsletter tab

- ZBA - alternate needed
- Review of ambulance contract tabled
- Discussion of sign for fire well
- Discussion of increased cost of mailing newsletter with tax bills through KCI, a new company the County has hired to send out tax bills

8/9/17

- Township website - updates to agenda may be made up until the day of the meeting
- ZBA - alternate needed
- Ambulance contract - response time reviewed; no need to change provider
- Cost of mailing newsletter was discussed
- Availability of fiber optic cable was discussed- information can be found on Draheim's FaceBook page
- Road repairs -Resident questioned the selection of roads that were repaired. Road Commission advised Township as to which roads were in greatest need of immediate repair
- Mohnke campground - Zoning Administrator will work with Mr Mohnke to complete necessary requirements
- Medical marijuana - Motion carried to have the Planning Commission remove this section from the Township's Zoning Ordinance
- Clear Vision Rule - Corner of 8 Mile and Cypress is in compliance. Any further questions should be directed to the Newaygo County Road Commission

9/13/17

- ZBA vacancy pending
- Sign for fire well approved for purchase
- Rear door replacement approved
- Due to cost, newsletters will be handled by FSU Copy Center; frequency dictated by news to report
- New voting machines to be used state-wide at next election

10/11/17

- ZBA vacancy pending
- Mohnke campground - Zoning Administrator approved; final requirement to be completed by 5/1/18
- FOIA policy discussed
- New voting machines for next school election on 11/7/17
- Master Plan updated and approved
- Zoning Ordinance - all sections pertaining to Medicinal Marijuana have been removed

11/8/17

- Township website: images on screen continue to overlap; GoDaddy not able to help, may need to find another company when contract runs out
- ZBA alternate member vacancy has been filled
- Sign for fire well recognizing TransCanada has been installed
- FOIA policy under review

12/13/17

- Township website: all sections referring to medical Marihuana have been deleted from the Ordinance online
- FOIA policy was discussed
- Joint meeting with the Planning Board was held on December 6
- EMS has been paid in full