

2015 Norwich Township Minutes Summary

1/14/15

- Plans for a new sign and stonework frame are underway
- Zoning Administrator presented report
- Stewart Sanders introduced himself as Newaygo County Register of Deeds

2/11/15

- Zoning Administrator presented report
- Culvert on Thebo Road will be replaced or dug out in the spring
- Discussed and approved amendments to 2014-15 budget
- 2015-16 Budget Hearing scheduled for March 11, 2015

3/11/15

- Ryan Coffey, Newaygo County, has agreed to assist in writing the grant for the water well (fire dept. usage)
- Ryan Coffey will meet with township board to discuss camping ordinance issue
- Zoning Administrator presented report
- Discussed frozen water pipes at town hall
- Discussed propane costs at town hall
- 2015-16 budget approved

4/8/15

- Coffey presented draft of TransCanada grant for 50% matching funds for water well for fire dept usage
- Coffey will consult with his associates regarding the camping ordinance issue
- Water pipes-plastic pipe is cracked and will need to be repaired when it thaws out
- Discussed purchase of new hall sign
- New Planning Board member--Jill Gregory will fill vacancy created by a resignation

5/13/15

- Coffey submitted grant for water well to TransCanada for review
- Additional repairs needed on frozen pipes
- Awaiting additional bids for new sign
- Clean Up Day set for June 13 from 8-noon for township residents

6/10/15

- Repairs on frozen pipes completed by Wells Well Drilling
- New sign will be ordered pending visit to Valley City Signs
- Discussed purchase of land adjoining township hall for future cemetery
- Wayne Bumstead spoke on behalf of son Jon
- Possible cell tower at Woodville Church
- Discussed possible need for additional insurance on workers
- D&B Brining has been contacted several times regarding brining of roads
- Zoning Board of Appeals needs two new members

7/8/15

- Big Rapids Library--PIONEER reported on 6/30/15 that city had forgiven townships' debts.
- New sign has been ordered; John Kirkbride has started the field stone base
- Discussed propane bids; tank is 2/3 full so will continue with Suburban Propane
- Discussed purchase of adjoining land for future cemetery; Supervisor will make offer

8/12/15

- Residents interested in position as election inspector or on one of appointed boards should contact Supervisor
- TransCanada unable to approve fire well grant due to lack of funds; may approve less money or wait until next round
- Ryan Coffey presented a sample camping ordinance for discussion/review
- Stonework for new sign is nearing completion
- Topics for newsletter were discussed
- Search for members for Zoning Board of Appeals continues

9/9/15

- November 3 election--MOISD Special Education and White Cloud Public Schools millage
- TransCanada has approved (at local level) grant for fire well for at least \$10,000; awaiting Corporate approval
- Discussion of camping ordinance continues, including recommendations by Ryan Coffey
- Joint meeting with Planning Board scheduled for October 7
- Topics for newsletter were discussed

10/14/15

- TransCanada \$10,000 grant for fire well pending approval of corporate office; Board approved matching funds up to \$15,000
- Camping ordinance draft #3 to be sent to Planning Board members
- Completion of sign by John Kirkbride who donated his time, design and stone mason skills; stones donated from within Township
- Zoning Board of Appeals needs two members
- Road past Turnbull Lake is open in both directions to the public; signs are posted for property not the road.

11/5/15

- Special Meeting--held interviews for Supervisor and Zoning Administrator due to death of Ken Knapp
- Tim Boerma will be sworn in as Supervisor at next Board Meeting
- Eric Morgan will be appointed as Zoning Administrator at next Board Meeting

11/11/15

- Tim Boerma sworn in as Supervisor
- Received \$10,000 grant from TransCanada for fire well. Wells' Well Drilling to handle application for site approval from Newaygo County Health Dept.
- Planning Commission to meet 12/2 to continue discussion of camping ordinance revision
- Cell tower at Woodville Church will NOT be placed in Norwich Township
- Closing date has been set for purchase of land adjoining Township for future cemetery
- Officer Chuck Meyers from Newaygo Co, Sheriff's Dept, introduced himself as responsible for our area
- Scott VanSingel announced his run for State Rep due to term limitation of Jon Bumstead
- Eric Morgan appointed and sworn in as Zoning Administrator
- Resignations of John Estes as Treasurer and Phyllis Carlson as Trustee effective midnight 11/30/15
- Appointment of Phyllis Carlson as Treasurer effective 12/1/15 to fill out remainder of term
- Appointment of John Estes as Trustee effective 12/1/15 to fill out remainder of term
- New positions for Board of Review, Planning Commission, and Board of Appeals pending

12/9/15

- Clerk met with Road Commission and Big Rapids Fire Department regarding site of fire well
- Planning Commission members had not been provided with latest camping ordinance draft so no action taken
- Purchase of additional land adjoining Township Hall will be combined in to one parcel
- New propane provider--Supervisor researched area companies and found Freeman in Big Rapids had best deal
- New members Planning Commission and Board of Review--Angela Barnes appointed to Planning Commission to fill vacancy made by Joel Schultz as he is appointed to Board of Review. Board of Appeals position pending
- Camping fee permits--extended Resolution to waive fees until 12-31-16
- Possible grant for township cleanup--Township will match grant request of \$5000.00 pending landowners' willingness to pay 1/4 of cost