

NORWICH TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
JULY 10, 2024
APPROVED MINUTES

The Norwich Township Board met at 7:00 PM on Wednesday July 10, 2024.

The following members were present: Clerk Stacie Langworthy, Treasurer Phyllis Carlson, Trustees Dan Wanink and Jennifer Kailing.

Supervisor Tim Boerma was absent.

Public present: Geof and Judy Davis, Adam Mercer, Kelly Pangburn, Nick Vawter, Stephanie Morgan, Chuck and Rachel Bonning and David Kailing.

Clerk Stacie Langworthy appointed Dan Wanink to lead the meeting and the Board approved by roll call vote: Phyllis Carlson and Jennifer Kailling all Ayes

Dan Wanink called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance .

Motion to approve June Draft Minutes made by Dan Wanink and Phyllis Carlson seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Bids on Town Hall were tabled to next month's meeting.

Tree bid update: Dan received a couple of different bids:

- One company BID \$ 2,000 for one tree
- Another Company BID \$1,800 and Township is responsible to remove brush and stumps.
- The last BID was \$2,000 and will take brush but not the stump.

There are more limbs and trees that need attention or will in the near future or the next few years. The Board agreed to table to next month's meeting so Dan can get more BIDs with the other tree work included.

Dan also mentioned that if we are taking these trees out, that at some point, we need to replace them.

Fixing headstones at cemetery: Dan spoke with Chad Lacross who advised that the family should take care of them. If there is no family, then the Board can make the decision on the care for the stones.

NEW BUSINESS

Guest speakers: Kelly Pangburn is running for Newaygo County Register of Deeds. She talked about the changes she would like to make if elected. One of the issues was to fix the gap in the Fraud Alert. There were other changes and upgrades that she spoke of and would like to implement if elected.

Adam Mercer- running for Newaygo County Sheriff. He talked about his past experience in law enforcement and the changes he would like to implement if elected sheriff.

CD matures- Phyllis stated that next month she will explain the investment to the Board.

New Sexton- The Board talked about finding someone to take over the Sexton position. The Board decided to put it on the Web page and word of mouth to see if anyone is interested in the position. David Kailing was there and spoke about the position and that he might be interested. The Board decided to table until next month.

ZONING ADMIN REPORT

See attached

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dan Wanink spoke about how he talked to Derek Wawsczyk, Manager for Newaygo County Road Commission about a washout on Cypress, south of the Town Hall. He said if anyone has an issue to report, call and talk to Derek

Dan also said that you can go to the Newaygo County Facebook page and you see the current spots that the Road Commission is working on. You cannot comment or leave a message; you can only see what they are currently doing.

September 4 - 2024 the Newaygo County Township Association Meeting will be hosted at our Town Hall.

Get out and vote

PLANNING BOARD REPORT

Jennifer gave an update on the last meeting. The Planning Board is recommending to the Board that they want to move ahead with the Special Use Permit at the July 17, 2024 meeting at 7:00 PM. This is for a small engine repair business who will be having a company come in and take out the used oil.

TREASURER'S REPORT

EMS \$ 50,830.68

FIRE \$ 27,465.40

ROADS \$ 72,678.18

GENERAL FUND \$ 286,553.48

TOTAL \$ 437,527.74

Stacie made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report and seconded by Jennifer. All Ayes . Motion carried.

A motion was made by Phyllis to transfer \$725.00 from the General Fund to the Cemetery's Professional Service budget to cover current mowing costs. It was done with a roll call vote. Phyllis, Stacie, Dan and Jennifer all Ayes. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF CHECKS

Treasurer Phyllis Carlson presented the following checks for approval:

7408 D & B Brine INC.	\$ 1,820.00 Brining roads
7409 Great Lakes Energy	\$ 147.97 Hall/Cemetery
7410 Pioneer	\$ 19.35 Planning Com
7411 Ferris Printing Services	\$ 114.40 Sum.Tax Bills/Maps
7412 United States Treasury	\$ 2,052.66 941 Quarterly
7413 VOID	VOID
7414 Jennifer Kailing	\$ 39.25 Planning Board Mtg.
7415 Jill Gregory	\$ 39.25 Planning Board Mtg.
7416 Phyllis Carlson	\$ 20.77 Mileage Reimb.
7417 Richelle Boerma	\$ 48.48 Planning Board Mtg.
7418 Ruth Scott	\$ 85.42 Planning Board Mtg.
7419 Angela Barnes	\$ 80.81 Plan. Brd./ Elect. Wkr.
7420 Stacie Langworthy	\$ 99.49 Postage/ Milage
7421 VOID	VOID
7422 James Dennis	\$ 945.00 Cem. mowing/hall
7423 Ezra Scott	\$ 39.25 Planning Board Mtg.

Stacie made a motion to approve the checks to pay the bills and Jennifer seconded. All Ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

NONE

Jennifer made a motion to adjourn meeting at 8:13 PM and Seconded by Phyllis.

Stacie Langworthy Stacie Langworthy Clerk

Date 8-14-24

Norwich Township

Zoning Administrator's Report June 2024

Nick Vawter

06/17/2024

I received a call from Mike Plotts on Hungerford lake. He was wanting a Zoning permit for an Electrical service. I composed him a note to the County stating the Township does not require this.

06/27/24

I received a call from a Jessica who was requesting zoning information on erecting a small 6' x 8' chicken coop. I told her no permit was required.

06/28/24

I received an email request from Samantha Kersman who was requesting zoning information on a property she wanted to purchase. After review it was not in Norwich Township.