

NORVELL TOWNSHIP
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Work Session/Special Meeting-March 2, 2022

Present:

William Sutherland, Supervisor, Norvell Township, Jackson County
Jeff Oswalt, Clerk, Norvell Township, Jackson County
Deserre Sauers, Treasurer, Norvell Township, Jackson County
Matt Dame, Trustee, Norvell Township, Jackson County
Andrew Haystead, Trustee, Norvell Township, Jackson County

The Special Meeting of the Norvell Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Bill Sutherland at 1:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion was made by Supervisor Sutherland, seconded by Trustee Haystead to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

OLD BUSINESS

Ahrens Park Rules

Supervisor Sutherland spoke, stating this issue had been discussed at the February Work session, and wording changes have been made. He said since these rules will be on a sign posted at the park, the wording needed to be kept clear and concise. He also suggested that the board needed to create a park shelter or park rules policy, and questioned whether to charge a rental fee for usage of the shelter. Discussion followed. This item will be on the agenda for the March 16, 2022 board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Put your Town on the Map

Supervisor Sutherland informed the board of the availability of a Consumers Energy Foundation grant of up to \$25,000 to “Put Your Town on the Map”. The Foundation is looking for innovative ideas that would improve and encourage a stronger sense of community. He suggested several projects that we could use, Ahrens Park improvements or 300 Mill Road improvements. Discussion followed with board members making suggestions. The application must be submitted by March 18, 2022, and concerns were expressed as to whether the board would have time to apply this year

Construction Committee Report

Treasurer Sauers had no report to present, and Trustee Dame stated that Jamie Stevens (Planning Commission) would serve on the Construction Committee.

2022/23 Budget-
Fire Fund

Supervisor Sutherland and Clerk Oswalt both spoke to the issue of a deficit in the Fire Fund and the need to correct it by increasing the millage to at least 1.1 mill, up from the .82890 currently assessed. A discussion followed regarding the amount of increase or whether to create a Public Safety SAD which would include both fire and police contracted costs.

Clean Up Day 2022

Supervisor Sutherland presented updated pricing and information from Modern Waste for the 2022 Clean Up day and information from Grass Lake Township on how they handle their cleanup day. He suggested we use a version of Grass Lake townships program. Discussion followed with board members citing the pros and cons of using a ticketing system. Supervisor Sutherland will put together a sample brochure and ticket for the Clean-up, and present it at the March 16, 2022 board meeting.

CIP Projects

Supervisor Sutherland suggested the board consider several items for inclusion/updating into the township's current CIP (Capital Improvement Plan). Among the items were Ahrens Park Improvements, Norvell Cemetery Shed, 300 Mill Building, Vineyard Lake Sewer Flow Meter, and Wamplers Lake Sewer issues. He also suggested the board look at the current CIP thresholds. Discussion followed.

Additional Information Discussed

Clerk Oswalt – mentioned the Hardcastle property's tax assessment has increased.
Supervisor Sutherland-reported he has received only one RFP for the township's lawn care. Discussion followed; this item will be on the agenda for the March 16, 2022 board meeting.
Supervisor Sutherland- budget discussions will continue.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Supervisor Sutherland, seconded by Trustee Dame to adjourn the meeting at 2:31 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Oswalt,
Norvell Township Clerk

Garnet Francis,
Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary