

**NORMAN TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES  
JULY 9, 2024**

Supervisor Mobley called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present: Supervisor Mobley, Treasurer Tighe, Clerk Montgomery and Trustee Skiera. Absent/Excused: Trustee Fraley and a maximum audience of Twenty-Six (26).

**ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA:** Skiera moved, Tighe seconded to approve the Consent Agenda: Board Meeting Minutes of June 11, 2024, Expense Vouchers of June/July 2024, Treasurers Report of June 2024 and adoption of the agenda. Yea: Mobley, Tighe and Skiera. Nay: Montgomery. Absent/Excused: Fraley. Motion Passed.

**REPORTS:**

1. Fire and Ambulance Departments: Nine Fire runs from Wednesday to Sunday last week; Open house was a huge success; 41 runs last month which is above last year's average; everything going great.
2. Assessors: Board of Review will meet July 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. for errors and omission and building permits are being evaluated.
3. Custodian: Replacement of the Community Center entrance door is underway and full installation is anticipated by July 10<sup>th</sup>; 4<sup>th</sup> of July went well with trash removal throughout the day; barge caught on fire the day after the event which burned a hole through the decking, wooden park bench at backwaters is broken and efforts will be made to repair it; recommendation for additional trash containers at Crystal Lake for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July next year.
4. Transfer Station: Magnetic sweeper replaced because someone stole the previous one, grill replaced at Crystal Lake and the Beach York rake is a great addition and works well.
5. Management Council: Rentals are slowing down; thermostat cover was broken and will be replaced and anticipation of Community Center flooring replacement in August or September.
6. Park and Recreation: 4<sup>th</sup> of July ran smoothly; bumpers are Robinson (backwaters) boat launch were ripped and will be fixed.
7. Planning: Master plan work continues.
8. Zoning: No Report.

**PUBLIC COMMENT/COMMUNICATION:** Resident asked about the cell tower application from a few months back. Supervisor Mobley indicated the company never followed up. Discussion about health advisory when bacteria levels are high at Crystal Lake. Supervisor Mobley said the Health Department does the postings. Mobley expressed his anger about people calling the media and recent inaccurate closure notice posted by EGLE indicating that it hurts tourism and impacts local businesses; "Benzie Manistee DirtBirds" requested a letter of support from the Board to pursue creating maps and signage for ORV routes. They are working with the Forestry Service, Manistee County communities, the DNR and Manistee County. The Board will review information presented and Supervisor Mobley will contact entities mentioned to gauge their interest in this project. Item postpones for further discussion until the next meeting in August.; Discussion by local electrical contractor on a stand-alone generator at a lesser cost

then a backup generator. Discussion on a generator for the Community Center was postponed until the next meeting in August so additional stand-alone generator quotes could be received.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Skiera moved; Tighe seconded to approve the purchase of two (2) square (green) picnic tables from Uline model H-2126 for a total amount of \$2440.00 plus shipping to be placed at Crystal Lake. Yeas: Mobley, Tighe, Montgomery, and Skiera. Absent/Excused: Fraley. Motion Passed. Two wooden tables will be moved from Crystal Lake to the Robinson (backwaters) boat launch to replace deteriorated tables identified by Consumers Energy.

Board members were in agreement to postpone further discussion on a Community Center generator until the August meeting so additional quotes could be obtained.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Tighe moved; Montgomery seconded to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. Yeas: Mobley, Montgomery, Tighe, and Skiera. Absent/Excused: Fraley. Motion passed