

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE
BARBERTON-NORTON MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT
JOINT BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S / APPRAISER'S AND
DISTRICT ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Public Conference 888-919-5324, No PIN is required

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June 5, 2025

The joint meeting of the Barberton-Norton Mosquito Abatement District (MAD) was held on Thursday, June 5, 2025 at Norton Council Chambers – 4060 Columbia Woods Drive – Norton, Ohio and called to order at 6:00 PM by Karen Miller, President.

Those answering roll call: Bill Braman, Steve Despot, Karen Miller, Matthew Swrydenko and Kimberly Trenary. Also in attendance: Harry Ciccolini (BOA), Beth Lester (BOA), Maureen Davis (BOA), Judith Lynn Lee (DAC), Brian Griffith, Treasurer / Fiscal, Andy Dobben, Operations Manager, Jill Easterling, Administrative Assistant.

Excused: Atty. Rebecca Sremack and Shannon McNulty (DAC)

Not in attendance: J. Hager (DAC)

MINUTES –

Steve Despot made the motion seconded by Bill Braman to approve the minutes of the 4-24-2025 regular meeting:

Roll Call: Yeas: Despot, Miller, Swrydenko, Trenary, Braman

Nays: None

Motion carried

COMMUNICATIONS: Nothing at this time

REPORTS –

A. **President (Miller)** - Nothing at this time

B. **Treasurer / Fiscal Officer (Griffith)** – on Agenda

C. **Operations Manager (Dobben)**

- Tire Drive was a success
 - 600 tires collected in 1 hr. 15 minutes
 - Everyone loved it – suggested to make this an annual event to coincide with Norton Clean-Up day
- Starting the season – spray Norton tonight if it doesn't rain, Barberton next week
- Conducted Safety meeting with crew
- Trapping counts high
- Calls for property treatments already

On a personal note:

Andy will be teaching at Barberton Middle School starting in the fall. Won't affect his job for MAD.

Andy will be getting married in July and will be on a 10 day honeymoon. Kim will cover for him while away.

Karen posed some questions to Bill regarding making the Tire Drive coincide with Norton Clean-Up day?

- What was the cost for this first tire drive - Andy replied -\$1,250 (estimated)
- Would it be better to hold Bi-Annually? Spring and Fall
 - Bill replied the City of Norton thought this was a great idea.
 - Have 2nd truck
 - Advertise specific times ex: 9am to 12pm. Then close off area. People were still pulling in and dropping off tires after it closed and we handled them
 - Andy suggested advertise 9am to 12pm or until truck is full
 - Bill recommend reaching out to both Barberton and Norton for \$\$ contributions
 - Norton Service Department picked-up 15 - 20 tires that were dropped off after the drive closed
 - Matt feels the cities would contribute. Have 2 trucks for next year to see if they are both filled – if not reduce back to 1 truck
 - Judith Lee asked if asking for contribution from Norton would this have to go to Council. Bill advised no for monetary donation
 - Andy suggested keeping the drive in the Spring – April
 - Steve asked how many residents showed up after closing – Bill stated at least 20

Motion made by Kimberly Trenary and seconded by Steve Despot:

“To approve holding the Tire Drive annually every spring / April at Norton to coincide with Norton Spring Clean-Up Day and have 2 trucks on site.”

Roll Call: Yeas: Braman, Despot, Miller, Swyrydenko, Trenary
Nays: None

Motion carried

OLD BUSINESS - By-Laws - TABLED until next meeting.

Board members were asked to review the proposed amendments suggested by Atty. Sremack and provide feedback at the next meeting

DRONE PRESENTATION – Sgt. Dennis McDonald / City of Norton conducted a 20 minute demonstration

General information:

- \$3,000 without thermal
- \$8,00 with thermal
- \$15,000 - \$18,000 drop capability
- \$40,000 – spray capability
- License required for operator / \$175 for test / 70% for passing
- Take class / Test @ Akron-Municipal Airport or SkyPark in Wadsworth
- Registration for Drone
- COA (Certificate of Authorization)
- Must know air space requirements (Plane / Helicopter)
- Every 2 years required to take refresher course through FAA
- 30 page application to be completed
- Pilot Institute - \$200 on line classes
- DJI – China owned – Government worried China is mapping everything in United States
- Wi-Fi jet pack – never hook up to City Wi-Fi

NEW BUSINESS -

A. Board of Appraiser's 2026 Assessment Recommendation

Harry Ciccolini reviewed report. Assessment will remain the same for the year 2026

Motion made by Steve Despot and seconded by Matthew Swrydenko:

"To accept the Board of Appraisers 2026 Assessment recommendation of .52 mils."

Roll Call: Yeas: Braman, Despot, Miller, Trenary, Swrydenko
Nays: None

Motion carried

B. Regulation #4-2025 (Maintenance Assessment)

Motion made by Bill Braman and seconded by Matthew Swrydenko:

"To approve Regulation #4-2025 Maintenance Assessment for year 2026."

Roll Call: Yeas: Despot, Miller, Swrydenko, Trenary, Braman,
Nays: None

Motion carried

C. Regulation #5-2025 (2026 Budget)

Motion made by Steve Despot and seconded by Bill Braman:

"To approve Regulation #5-2025 (2026 Budget)."

Roll Call: Yeas: Miller, Swrydenko, Trenary, Braman, Despot
Nays: None

Motion carried

D. Approve April 2025 Detailed Trial Balance

Motion made by Matthew Swrydenko and seconded by Bill Braman:

"To approve the April 2025 Detailed Trial Balance."

Roll Call: Yeas: Braman, Despot, Miller, Swrydenko, Trenary
Nays: None

Motion carried

E. Approve April 2025 Bank to Book Reconciliation

Motion made by Steve Despot and seconded by Matthew Swrydenko:

"To approve the April 2025 Bank to Book Reconciliation."

Roll Call: Yeas: Despot, Miller, Swrydenko, Trenary, Braman
Nays: None

Motion carried

F. Approve May 2025 Detailed Trial Balance

Motion made by Bill Braman and seconded by Steve Despot:

“To approve the May 2025 Detailed Trial Balance.”

Roll Call: Yeas: Despot, Miller, Swrydenko, Trenary, Braman
Nays: None

Motion carried

G. Approve May 2025 Bank to Book Reconciliation

Motion made by Steve Despot and seconded by Bill Braman:

“To approve the May 2025 Bank to Book Reconciliation.”

Roll Call: Yeas Trenary, Braman, Despot, Miller, Swrydenko
Nays: None

Motion carried

NEXT MEETING: *Next regular board meeting set for September 18th, 2025 @ 6:00 pm

COMMENTS:

BOA - Thank you for your faith in us and accepting the assessment for next year.

DAC - Nothing at this time Jill advised DAC meeting set for July 10th – deadline for Letters of Interest is June 18th

BOD -

*Great Drone presentation. Recommend Andy taking the drone class or crew member. Andy said that the larviciding portion would benefit us – willing to take class within the next year.

Kim thanked the board for the flowers sent to the funeral home on behalf of her Mom. They were beautiful!

Add to By-Laws - Compensation for coverage when Andy unavailable.

Citizens - No one in attendance

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn made by Steve Despot and seconded by Matthew Swrydenko there being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.

All in favor

Motion carried

Secretary

Karen Miller, President

Date approved: 9-18-2025

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