

Milton Township
Meeting Minutes
Special Meeting
October 12, 2009

Members present: Bargy, Cole, Ball, Pharo and Atkinson

Meeting called to order at 8:32 am.

Brian Howard presents the fire departments five-year plan and discussion on the increase of cost for department operations.

Further discussion on possible NFPA mandates for replacing turnout gear, inspections and repair of SCBA's. He explains that the NFPA 1500 gives definitions of what services a department should provide for the community/coverage area.

The board was presented with a cost sheet on rescue equipment for future growth in the department. There was extensive discussion on extrication and water rescue. Ball stated that she was in favor of seeing the department move in the direction of extrication and farm rescue training. She also stated that Elk Rapids, Torch Lake and Alden along with the sheriffs department have water rescue equipment and training. And for the amount of calls and actual rescues executed, she felt that extrication was more of a benefit for the community.

Atkinson stated that she wondered why the department didn't have water rescue. She thought with all the water we have in the township, the department should offer this service. Pharo talked about the comparison of other townships and what they had to spend verses Milton Township. He was of the opinion that we pay our department better than others and our budget is higher. Either we encourage the department to grow or cut back on the budget.

Continued discussion on the size of boat the department was researching and how versatile it would be to get into small access sights. Cole commented that he thought a small, easy to carry boat would be more of a benefit to a quick response.

Howard informed the board that 9952 was the next truck to be replaced. They were looking at designing a multi purpose truck to include extrication also.

Atkinson reported that we have CD's ready to mature. With the interest rate earned verses the rate on the note. It would make sense to pay off the note on 9950 and 51.

Motion to pay off 9950 and 51 by Pharo. Seconded by Ball.
Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 am.

These minutes are subject to approval at the November 9, 2009 Board Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Ball, Clerk.