

Milton Township
Meeting Minutes
January 13, 2014

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

Also present: Attorneys Derman, Weinzapfel, Stilson, Sheriff Bean, Karen Bargy, and 8 audience members

Bargy called the meeting to order at 7 pm and the Pledge was recited

Agenda:

Add Karen Bargy, County Commissioner report
Remove Assessor's Report
Move closed session to end of agenda

Motion to approve the agenda as changed by Bargy. Seconded by Pharo. Motion carried.

Approval of meeting minutes dated December 9, 2013

Motion to approve by Atkinson. Seconded by Cole. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

No one wished to speak

Commissioner Karen Bargy gave her annual report for the township. Highlights include: The COA budget issues. There is a new equalization director and housing director's job will not be replaced, but hired out. There is also a new associate planner, Janet Coke. The Meadowbrook construction continues. Everything is on track regarding the time line and budget. There is a road commission ad hoc committee being formed to discuss commission structure. The emergency radio services have been expanded. Complaints are being dealt with on a case-by-case basis. Also working on a large animal policy regarding what we can do better. There have been concerns regarding the quality of the water near the closed Antrim Kalkaska landfill. There have been no findings of contamination. The Health Department has hosted workshops for the healthcare initiative. The pavilion for the ER Day Park is moving along.

Jerry Mensing asked about getting money from the state regarding roads due to a surplus?

Regarding the 2015 budget, there is a possibility of the marine and snow patrol being eliminated. Budget request are over by 1.1 mil. The reality is that if the taxable value doesn't increase, services and personnel will have to be looked at.

Mr. Dell'Acqua for Mi-Spot Internet

He gave a presentation regarding the services they can provide to the residents of the township for broadband Internet.

Septic Inspection and Property Transfer Ordinance First Year Report As presented by Bob Kingon

The health department provided an in-depth report. 44 inspections were done, only a couple failures were found, but many recommendations were made to improve systems. They've also added a 'Required Actions' part of the inspection. Our ordinance doesn't cover systems that are near failure and the required actions will cover this area of concern. Those will require a permit to have that work done.

The health department feels that it went very well last year. There were some situations where they identified problems, but they were fixed before the report was made. If it was a failed system but corrected. It may not have been recorded as a failed system. Also, the way they test wells, it might not pass the first time, but after the well was treated, it passed. Only the pass was being recorded.

As a subcommittee, we looked at how effective we would be getting evaluations of all of the sales. There were seven exceptions requested and all seven were based on systems being less than 10 years old. When Chris and Amy cross-referenced their records, there was only one property that was missed. It will be caught before there is any occupation of the property. This went well due to educating the title companies and the real estate community about the ordinance.

We talked to Chuck Edwards, of Antrim County and he said there are four real estate agents he dealt with most often and we interviewed them. All agreed with what we are trying to accomplish. Everything went smoothly except when Chuck went on vacation. Unfortunately, we will have to work with that issue. They are also concerned that if other townships set up their own ordinance, it could get confusing. They hoped for a countywide ordinance if it came to that.

Of the 44 properties evaluated, there were 26 sales that actually closed. We created a survey for those 26 people. As of last week, we had 10 returned. Kingon discussed the results of the survey. We were unanimous at the Planning Commission level that this ordinance should continue. We would propose to make two changes. 1) Add a definition of "Required Actions. 2) In the definition of Failed system, to broaden it to those that have required actions requested. This will make us consistent with the health department and will reach the systems that are failed and those that are near failure.

Milton Township Park Plan Draft, 30 Day Public Review Request
Comments will be considered. Pharo and Bary have a few minor text corrections.

Motion to release the plan for 30 Day Public Review by Cole. Seconded by Pharo.
Motion carried.

Sheriff's Report

As presented by Sheriff Bean

December, 78 total events. 1484 for the year end 2013. In 2012, there was a total of 1512. So we are down over-all for the year. Mancelona has the highest number of complaints with over 3000. We were second with 1,484. Custer was third with 1,130. B&Es are down overall. Bean discussed new hires and the radio frequency updates.

Zoning Report

As presented by Weinzapfel
Reserved for Feb. Meeting

Ambulance Report

As presented by Weinzapfel
Reserved for Feb. Meeting

Planning Commission Report

As presented by Stilson
The Food Truck committee has met. This will be part of our discussion tomorrow. We are waiting on maps for the Master Plan. Ron Reffitt has requested a subcommittee. We requested an application. Tomorrow is election of officers, set dates for 2014; review Rec Plan, master plan update and food truck update.

Attorney's Report

As presented by Derman
Elk Rapids hydroelectric permit was received for renewal of license. Update on Elk Tip Landing additional fees forthcoming.

Supervisor's Report

As presented by Bargy
Nothing to report.

Resolution # 2014-01

Motion to approve Wednesday, March 12, 2014 as the starting date for the 2014 Milton Township Board of Review

Motion to approve by Atkinson. Seconded by Pharo

Roll Call

Cole: yea

Bargy: yea

Atkinson: yea

Ball: yea

Pharo: yea

Motion carried. 5-0

Approval for KCI quote on postage for assessment change notices. Motion by Cole. Seconded by S. Ball. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn and go into closed session to discuss a Parks and Rec., land purchase at 7:53 pm. Pharo. Seconded by Cole

Bargy: yea

Atkinson: yea

Pharo: yea

Ball: yea

Cole: yea.

Motion carried.

Bargy called the regular meeting back to order at 8:32

Motion by Pharo to proceed as discussed in closed session. Seconded by Cole. Motion carried.

Approval of Bills

Motion to approve the bills by S. Ball. Seconded by Atkinson. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

No one wished to speak

Meeting adjourned by order of the chair at 8:33 pm.

These minutes are subject to Board approval at the February 10, 2014 meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Ball

Milton Township Clerk