

Milton Township
Meeting Minutes
September 8, 2014

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

Also present: B. Derman, J. Stilson, D. Butler, and nine audience members.

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

Agenda approved by consent

Approval of meeting minutes from August 11, 2014

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

Public Comment:

Paulette Termaat said the light at US 31 and Quarterline is out. S. Ball will call Great Lakes tomorrow.

S. Ball discussed a demo she did recently regarding software for the cemetery. Right now the records are at the sexton's home so we need to get this organized and brought into the township office. This is the same company that does our election software and I've always been impressed regarding their service and support. Total cost is \$1950 with annual support at \$292.50 from Pontem Software.

Motion to approve the purchase of the cemetery software from Pontem Software by Atkinson. Seconded by Cole. Motion carried.

Cole asked if we should look at our cemetery cost and services and update those as well. Agreed that this was something that should be reviewed.

Sheriff's Report:

As presented by Bargy

197 events for August. 17 traffic stops. 42 marine calls.

Fire Department Report:

As presented by Dan Butler

16 runs for August, that makes 62 for the year. The department had an open house on Aug 24th. We collected \$1001.61 for the MDA at both township clean up days and this is greatly appreciated. We have installed the Knox Box system on 9920. We recommend to the board that they purchase a Knox Box for this building. The three fire chiefs are meeting quarterly to discuss how we can best utilize our resources. Update on vehicle service and personnel. Submitted Phil Lowe as a firefighter.

Motion to approve Phil Lowe as a firefighter by Pharo. Seconded by S. Ball. Motion carried.

Planning Commission Report:

As presented by Stilson

Update on final draft of the Master Plan. Update on subcommittee report for Boat House LLC., and Reffitt. Wolfington subcommittee discussion. Update on zoning ordinance to do list and agenda for Sept. 9th meeting.

Attorney's Report:

As presented by Derman

Regarding fireworks, Derman has provided a legislative update. Due to citizen complaints, there is a push to repeal the regulations put in place in 2011. Update on Antrim County Road Commission. Funding is still up in the air. Update on phragmites treatment. Update on DeFauw. Update on municipal sewer system funds. The House has approved the use of golf carts on local roads. It now goes to the senate.

Supervisor's Report:

As presented by Bargy

Clean up day went well. There was a considerable amount more, perhaps 30%. They spotted a bear crossing the park. It's gone through twice. DNR has been called. Pharo and Bargy met with Jeremy Ball and they discussed needs for the year. We agreed we should request to raise the millage to .85 which will cover the purchase of a new truck.

Motion to raise the fire department millage to .85 by Pharo. Seconded by Atkinson.
Motion carried.

Bargy discussed proposal from MMR for Ambulance Service for Milton and Elk Rapids. The bid came in at \$450K. Bill White told me that they agreed verbally that this would be a five year contract at that rate. They will staff two ALS units in Elk Rapids during the day and one at night during the busy season with North Flight as their back up. In winter they would run one rig 24 hours per day. S. Ball said compared to what we had, the coverage is a step back. We used to have two rigs available all the time.

Joan Russell asked regarding the type of unit? MMR is an Advanced Life Support provider.

Jim Stilson said we are experiencing more EMS type calls on the fire department. Is this going to be the norm now? If they think they need help, they will call for it.

Toby Way asked if the tri-township committee is no longer. Bargy stated, Elk Rapids wants to move on this. The thought is, Torch Lake is going to stay on their own.

Dan Butler asked what the township's share is for that \$450K. Bargy said it would be about half.

Jerry Mensing asked about the next steps. Tomorrow night they will ask to proceed to get a contract with MMR. MMR will lease the ER ambulances for \$1 but assume expenses of insurance and replacement/maintenance costs.

If you call 911 for an emergency, how will you get an ambulance? It will still go through Antrim dispatch.

Bargy said he would like to propose we support a contract with MMR. Motion by Bargy. Seconded by Pharo. All approved except for S. Ball who was opposed. Motion carried, 4-1.

S. Ball, I would like to wait and see what the Tri Township Committee comes back with. If it is affordable, I would like to see what an analysis report would recommend. See all the comparisons.

Public Comment:

Jim Stilson asked regarding fireworks like sky lanterns? These are a fire hazard. Derman said he is not sure.

Approval of Bills:

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

Motion by Bargy to go into closed session. Seconded by Pharo.

Roll call;

Cole: Yea

Pharo: Yea

Atkinson: Yea

Ball: Yea

Bargy: Yea

Vote 5-0

Motion approved.

Motion by Pharo, to re-open regular the meeting. Seconded by Cole. Motion carried.

Re-open regular meeting at 8:22 pm. No further business

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm.

These minutes are subject to board approval at the October 13, 2014 regular meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Ball

Milton Township Clerk

