Synopsis
Milton Township
Meeting Minutes
April 13, 2014

Members present: Bargy, Atkinson, Cole and Pharo

Members absent: S. Ball

Also present: Attorneys Derman, Weinzapfel, Chief Ball, Karen Bargy and 6 audience members

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

Agenda Approval
Add: Employer benefits resolution
Agenda approved by consent

Approval of meeting minutes dated March 9, 2015
Motion to approve the minutes Atkinson/Pharo. Motion carried.

Public Comment:
Terry Star ER Middle School Principal came to discuss the IB Program and the community service aspect of that program. On May 29th, the students will display their community projects at the school.

Karen Bargy, County Commissioner
Gave an update on personnel issues for the county. Update on Board of Heath regarding the sanitation code. Update on recycling. Commissioners are looking to eliminate county recycling program.

Jerry Mensing asked regarding other counties that were doing it themselves and are they making money at it? Bargy said she's not sure if they are making money.

Cole asked if the county were to go for a millage, could we opt out. Bargy said she doesn't know if that would be possible.

Derman asked for an update on the Shanty Creek Water System. The commissioners have hired new legal counsel and he will begin looking into the legality of the issue.

Tree Removal Proposals
Three bids were received. In review of the bids, Northern Tree Transplanting INC has the lowest bid. Motion by Pharo/Atkinson to accept the bid of $3150 submitted by Northern Tree Transplanting to do the work set forth in the Work Description of the bid. Motion carried.

N. West Torch Lake Dr., North of Indian - Access site:
Neighbors have proposed a plan to have the township pay 1/3 of the cost for trees that are on a tight lot. Bargy suggested that we agree to the plan. No motion at this time.

Resolution 2015-14: Employee Benefits
Motion to approve by Pharo. Seconded by Pharo
Roll Call Vote: Cole-yes; Atkinson-Yes; Pharo-Yes; Bargy-Yes; Motion carried 4-0
Excused-S. Ball

Sheriff's Report
95 total calls for the month of March

Fire Department Report
As presented by Chief Ball
Six calls for service in March. MDA Drive will collect again the Saturday of cleanup day. Received a grant from the Lion's Club. Update on grant monies received. Update on personnel issues. Update on Knox Box. Commercial rates are $185. Update on fire department website. Update on truck committee regarding clarification for the pumper truck. New truck vs. repair updates on the existing pumper?

Ball requested that the officers be allowed to use lights and sirens on personal vehicles. Attorneys and insurance companies said it's up to the township board. Equipment can be used at no cost to the township. Pharo said he's not in favor of it. I don't see a huge advantage. Bargy said he agrees with Pharo. Cole said he doesn't have any experience with it. Atkinson agreed with Cole.

Motion by Cole/Atkinson to get a Knox Box for both the Old Town Hall and Township office. Motion carried.

Motion by Atkinson/Cole to update the following members from probationary to firefighter status. Andrea Albert, Tony Hutchcraft, Matt Koeplin, and Justin Walkowiak (Congratulations on completing FF I&II)
Motion carried.

Motion by Pharo/Atkinson to appoint the following:
Jeremy Ball as Chief.
Dan Butler as Captain
Tim Tilley as Lieutenant
Kevin Ball as Lieutenant
Dan Doherty as Safety Officers
Secretary/Treasurer to be appointed later
Motion carried.

Zoning Report
As presented by Weinzapfel
ZBA met and appointed all previous officers. Update on septic meeting.

Ambulance Report
As presented by Holtcamp

Planning Commission Report
As presented by Weinzapfel
Public hearing will be called for on the Master Plan tomorrow night.

Attorney's Report
As presented by Derman
The acquisition grant was applied for with the DNR on the proposed township property. Update on Metro Act. It will be about 30 days late. Update on fireworks bill introduced in the House that will give townships more authority to regulate.

Supervisor's Report
As presented by Bargy
Spring Clean-up Day is April 25th.

Public Comment
Tom Vranich discussed the update on the township history book.
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Paulette Termaat asked if the Northern Tree bid was that the lowest bid. Yes.

Approval of Bills
Will approve the bills next week.

Meeting adjourned by order of the chair at 8:00 pm.

These minutes are subject to approval at the May 11, 2015 meeting.

Respectfully submitted

Sandra Ball, Clerk