

Milton Township
Meeting Minutes
March 9, 2015
Synopsis

Members present: Bargy, Ball, Atkinson, and Pharo

Members absent: Cole, excused

Also present: Attorneys Derman, Weinzapfel, Chief Ball, and 13 audience members

Bargy called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm and the Pledge was recited

Agenda Approval
Agenda approved by consent

Approval of meeting minutes dated Feb. 9, 2015

Motion by Atkinson/S. Ball - Motion carried.

Approval of special meeting minutes dated Feb. 24, 2015

Add Atkinson to Members Present

Jeremy Ball said regarding rate pay for support staff that should include probationary.

Let the minutes stand as corrected

Motion by Atkinson/S. Ball - Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Karen Bargy, county commissioner discussed a recent development at the county level. A motion has been made and approved to begin negotiating a contract for up to \$250,000.00 on a one time basis to assist Mancelona Area Water and Sewer Authority (MAWSA) for the implementation of improvements to the water system (as per Antrim County Board of Commissioners Minutes dated 2/12/15).

She continued to say there are too many legal and budgetary questions around this issue. I bring this to your attention because she would like people to come to the county board meeting this Thursday.

Students: Park Project

8th Grade Community Project

Elijah Wodehouse and Ethan Pike gave a presentation that they would like to build benches for the U-12 soccer fields. The estimate for the materials is about \$500. They are working on fundraising ideas. They were thinking about doing a hat day at school and getting people to donate. They also thought about getting the benches sponsored and then engraving names on there. For the lumber, we are going to ask several different companies if they would donate some of the materials and also if the township would consider making a donation?

Matt Holtcamp asked regarding how much are they looking for? \$500.

Atkinson asked when you would be doing this project. As soon as possible, when the snow melts. They would like to be done by the end of school. Karen Bargy said the board has not previously wanted donor names on things. The board agreed.

Dave Kopkau asked how we would donate money. You could donate to the school under the project name.

Matt Holtcamp said MMR will donate \$250 to the project.

Motion to approve the project by Pharo/S. Ball – Motion carried.

Burt Thompson of the Antrim County Road Commission gave a presentation on the May 5, 2015 Ballot Proposal 1. This is primarily about road funding in the state of Michigan. Thompson passed out a multi page packet and discussed the specifics of the financial implications.

Karen Bargy inquired about Antrim County Road Commission board recently passing a 4% increase in wages. Thompson stated the road commission negotiated a contract with their union.

Jerry Mensing said there have been rumors about them taking over the recycling? We looked at ways to save money on recycling. It looks like there could be some savings, but the county has to explore other options for saving before going forward.

Proposed Resolution #2015-09 MDNR Acquisition Application

Motion to approve by Atkinson/S. Ball

Roll Call Vote: Bargy – Yes; Atkinson – Yes; Pharo - Yes; S. Ball - Yes

Motion carried 4-0

Sheriff's Report:

As presented by Sheriff Bean

72 total events for the month of February. Bean discussed specific complaint numbers in relation to the same number last year. We will have a marine patrol this year.

Fire Department Report:

As presented by Chief Ball

4 calls for service for February. Ball provided updates on recent proposed legislation regarding firefighters and training. Update on personnel, training and recruitment. Ball discussed a recent opportunity with MMR which would be interested in donating an old rig that the FD would want as a multi use vehicle. We would like to use it as a rehab unit for firefighters or incident command or investigative command center. It could be used as a medical first response rig in the future. It could be used to carry equipment back to the station instead of firefighters using their own vehicles. We would set aside money each year for updates. It would be a project vehicle.

Matt Holtcamp with MMR added the following:

This is a 2008 Ford. It has 288K miles on it. Because it is an E350, it has a smaller box and we won't change out the chassis. Pharo said he likes the price, but he said how would we get it to the scene? Ball said he's talked to Ryan from Torch Lake, it could be used by the three departments. We could always send someone to get it.

Motion to accept the offer from MMR by Pharo/Atkinson

Motion carried

Holtcamp asked for a letter stating the agreement above from the board.

Ambulance Report:

As presented by Holtcamp

Holtcamp presented run times and number of runs. There were 22 runs for Milton Township since Dec. 7th. Update on personnel and training and vehicle maintenance.

Zoning Report

As presented by Weinzapfel

Update given on the planning commission. March 17th will be the expiration of the 63 day review of the master plan. Amy and Weinzapfel met with DeFauw's attorney and we sat down to discuss land division and zoning for their parcel prior to them going to mediation. He has some follow up on zoning violations.

Attorney's Report

As presented by Derman

Info has been requested for recycling for 2014. The info isn't available yet. Update on cell tower lease.

Supervisor's Report

As presented by Bargy

We have a request from the DNR regarding a letter of support for a new boat launch at the Torch River Bridge. Board agreed to submit a letter of support of the DNR boat launch.

Public Comment

Joyce Grammar asked regarding the last name of Matt? Holtcamp.

Karen Bargy asked regarding totals for recycling. The quarterly amount is available.

Derman said he is looking for the yearly total.

Approval of Bills

Motion to approve by Pharo/Atkinson.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned by order of the chair at 8:40 pm.

These minutes are subject to approval at the April 13, 2015 regular meeting

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Ball
Milton Township Clerk