

Synopsis

Milton Township
Meeting Minutes
October 12, 2015

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

Also present: Attorneys B. Derman, C. Weinzapfel, Chief Ball, M. Holtcamp, and 10 audience members

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

Agenda Approval
Agenda approved by consent

Approval of meeting minutes
Motion to approve the minutes by Atkinson/Cole. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Patty Niepoth, the Register of Deeds at Antrim County discussed a new program for recording/registering deeds. They are offering fraud alert. Whenever your name is indexed with the recording office, you will be notified. You must sign up with the Register of Deeds for this program.

Greg Payne

12456 SW Torch Lake Drive

Presented a request for rule modification. Department of Natural Resources: Law Enforcement Division special Local Watercraft Controls. The request before you would extend the slow, no wake zone to 900 feet from the entrance to the Torch River from Torch Lake. It is currently set at 300 feet. If both resolutions are approved by the two townships (Milton and Clearwater), then it will go to the DNR for review. Atkinson asked regarding the rules on Clam River? Payne wasn't sure. Pharo asked how they came up with that number. Payne said this is what he and several others who live along that shoreline, have observed. It is really where the river starts to "bottle neck." It comes down to a safety issue. Also, shoreline erosion. He believes this would be the minimum for what would be necessary. This number will more than likely be adjusted by the DNR.

Motion by Atkinson/S. Ball to move forward toward a resolution which extends the no wake zone at the mouth of Torch River on the south end of Torch Lake from 300 feet to 900 feet. Motion carried 4-1.

Sheriff's Report

Fire Department Report

As presented by Chief Ball

10 runs for September. 83 calls year to date. 69% of the calls occurred during the day. We are planning a retirement open house for Jim Stilson. He's had a total of 51 years of fire service between Milton and Elk Rapids Townships. The open house will be on November 7th Milton Twp. Old Town Hall from 6-11 pm. Open house on Halloween night at Station 1. Update on maintenance for equipment. Update on training. Dave Kopkau has resigned from the department after 10 years on the department. We thank him for his service.

Zoning/Planning Report

As presented by Weinzapfel

The planning commission will be dealing with a rezone of property request from R1 to Manufacturing. Then, we will be addressing the outdoor storage situation at North Shore Dock. Subcommittees are also reviewing other various items. Nothing on DeFaw or the Tribe. Attorney and I will be finalizing the Campbell Road end access. Cottage Cove Escrow account is \$9344.55. We are addressing the issues regarding the difference of what is required in the account to handle any failure of the system.

Mor-Len Acres

Request for a ten foot split off of lot #5 and #6 of Lewandowski's to Ardema lot #4. With the condition that lots #5 and #6 remain as one parcel. As this is a platted subdivision, this requires approval of the township board.

Motion by Pharo/Cole to approve the Lewandowski/Ardema split of a platted lot in Mor-Laen Acres. With the stipulation that Lots #5 and #6 will remain one parcel. Motion carried.

The DNR sign off of East Elk Lake Dr. is missing. The DNR was going investigate, and get back to me.

Ambulance Report

As presented by Holtcamp

Since starting in December, 337 calls in the ER/Milton. Response times are running about 12 minutes and this is within the allowable percentage. From August, we ran 66 calls and they were at about 92 percent on run times. Looking at statistics, the busiest days in Milton are Sunday and Wednesday. Interestingly, these are the slowest days in Elk Rapids. Update on Williamsburg/Whitewater Township contract. They are voting tomorrow. Holtcamp feels confident that it will pass.

Attorney's Report

As presented by Derman

137 events for September from the Sheriff's Department. Update on appraisals on Maplehurst. There is an approved bid on the property. We will not do appraisals until we hear the outcome of that bid. Update on Metro Act.

Supervisor's Report

As presented by Bargy

Bargy gave an update on the county recycling proposal. They are proposing a per parcel fee. Next month our commissioner will give a report on the proposal. We decided not to spray for Phragmites in the Township. There were only 7 small locations and 4 were in an area that we do not spray.

Public Comment

Sam and Virginia Vance stopped in to say thank you for the paving work on Chippewa Trail.

Juniper Shores Resident asked about who has the responsibility to remove a sick racoon. They have called several county entities, with no results. Recommended to call a pest control service.

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Approval of Bills

Add Bill Russell Construction bill \$120

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

Meeting adjourned by order of the chair at 7:55 pm.

These minutes are subject to approval at the regular meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Ball, Clerk