

Milton Township
Meeting Minutes Synopsis
September 14, 2015

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

Also present: Attorneys Derman, Weinzapfel, Chief Ball, Sheriff Bean and 8 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

Approval of meeting minutes dated August 10, 2015

Pg. 1: From the DNR is 75% rather than 25%

Pg. 1: Carol Barnes, change to Carol Bigelow

Motion to approve the minutes with above corrections by S. Ball/Atkinson. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

No one wished to speak.

Sheriff's Report

As presented by Sheriff Bean

208 total events for the month of August. 65 in Marine Stop, traffic stops, and trees down made up the majority. Update on new road officer. We are hoping to get to full staff on road patrol. Steve Bratchi is retiring on Oct. 9th. We appreciate all of his years of service and he will be greatly missed.

Fire Department Report

As presented by Chief Ball

Update on Paddle Antrim. There are two checkpoints in our township. We will have personnel available if needed. 28 calls in August. Most were from the storm on August 2. We had 393 man hours from Aug 2-5. Update on Harbor Days. We are working currently on quotes for work on our support vehicle. MD collection brought \$598.35 during August clean-up Days. \$1270.35 for the year. The most ever! Thank you to the community. Over \$14,000 since we've been collecting for MD. Went down and surveyed Morgan Shores for fire access for the zoning administrator. Update on training and equipment testing. Working with MMR regarding Medical First Responder class. It doesn't look like it will happen this fall. Annual fit test for air packs went well. Phil Lowe has completed his probationary period. I would like to recommend that he be promoted to regular status.

Motion to approve Phil Lowe to regular status by Pharo/Atkinson. Motion carried.

Applicant Jeff Dawson has applied to be support staff with us. Chief Bigelow in Torch Lake doesn't mind as he currently works as support staff there. Our department is in favor of his participation.

Motion by Pharo/Cole to approve Jeff Dawson as support staff for fire department.
Motion carried.

Zoning/Planning Report

As presented by Weinzapfel

Nothing new on DeFauw. Working with the Health Department on upgrading multi-user septic system requirements. The planning commission will be working on North Shore Docks for a possible rezone of property from Residential to Manufacturing. Weinzapfel will address the outdoor storage. Currently what is there, is not allowed. Boathouse Storage: The Planning Commission turned down the request to rezone the property to Manufacturing. Reviewing the Campbell Road access and what direction we will take on the encroachment. There will be an upgrade to the antenna on the Sutter Road Tower. Update on the land division off of Chippewa Trail.

Ambulance Report

No report given.

Attorney's Report

As presented by Derman

Update on the Conservancy and the Bigelow property. We have partnered with the GTRLC to work together on the DNR land acquisition grant.

No update on recycling. Nothing showing that it's been put on the ballot yet.

Update on Phragmites. Bargy stated that there is a map marking the remaining stands. We are looking at applying for a permit to spray this year. We are also waiting for a bid from a company out of Charlevoix to compare costs. Depending on the permit. We may wait until next year to spray.

Update on Fireworks.

Maplehurst appraisals: The GTRLC is working on getting two appraisers.

Supervisor's Report

As presented by Bargy

Farmland Preservation Tour: We toured some farms in Acme and got a presentation on how it's working there. It seems to be working well.

Atkinson discussed the tour of Timber's Recreation Area to see what that park looked like. We talked to the Supervisor there and how they acquired the property. It was a worthwhile trip and is encouraging to have some positive thoughts about going forward with Maplehurst.

Public Comment

Joyce Grammar of Elk Tip Drive asked regarding the price of Maplehurst. It's 2.8 Million. Why do we want this property? Atkinson replied; it's to preserve it for future generations. It's prime property for a big development. It's in our master plan that we want to preserve land for public use. Grammar wanted to know how much this would cost the township. Atkinson said that Long Lake got their property with nothing from their general fund. The money had been raised in various ways. Grammar feels that roads are more important.

Approval of Bills

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

Meeting adjourned by order of the chair at 7:45 pm.

These minutes are subject to approval at the October 12, 2015 meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra Ball, Clerk