

Synopsis
Milton Township
Meeting Minutes
September 10, 2018

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

Also present: Attorney B. Derman, C. Weinzapfel, J. Ball, B. Hefferan, Sheriff Dan Bean and 26 audience members

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

Agenda Approval by consent

Approval of meeting minutes of August 13, 2018
Motion to approve by Atkinson/Ball. Motion carried.

Approval of Special meeting minutes of August 28, 2018
Motion to approve by Atkinson/Pharo. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Jeff Abbas 13990 Torch River Road. Would like to know if the Township intends to hire another attorney to go to court on the pending matters at the Torch River Rd residence. He also wanted to know what has been done to correct these issues. Bargy stated that the Township has been to court on the violations issued and that we cannot discuss pending legal matters. We are due to go back to court on October 3rd.

Abbas wanted to know why we are going to court to have zoning violations enforced. Pharo answered that there is a process that we need to follow.

Dennis Fitzpatrick asked about the process for voting security. S. Ball said our process is governed by the State of Michigan. The ballots that are issued to each precinct are audited and accounted for. All the voting information is reported and reviewed by the Board of Canvassers. Voter history is uploaded to the State of Michigan

Jerry Sorgi asked about Maplehurst and if hunting will be allowed there? It's still in the conservancy's hands but it should be transferred by the end of the year. They are reviewing the options for hunting.

Rob Constantine of Ridge Road asked about the proposed sewer line. He heard that residents on Elk Tip might be interested in the sewer line. If for some reason it would bypass them, could it come to us? Bargy explained that we would need 51% of the people to petition us to go forward with future plans. Derman discussed how that would work.

Sheriff's Report: Sheriff Dan Bean

188 calls of service for August. This is up from 171 last year. Update on personnel.

Fire Department Report: Chief J. Ball

23 calls for service in August. 16 calls came during the storms dealing with alarms and lines down. Thank you for donations \$379 for MD at the clean-up day. Update on programs (smoke alarms, reflective signs, Knox box and personnel). We are researching a portable generator at Station 1. Discussion of retention plan benefit policy.

Zoning Report: C. Weinzapfel

Regarding unauthorized shed on N. West Torch Lake Drive, it has been removed, and we are preparing a dismissal on all three civil citations.

I have issued the first notice of violation dealing with a shipping container that was placed at the water's edge on S. West Torch Rd.

Planning Report: B. Hefferan

Tomorrow we have three public hearings regarding the definitions of structure and accessory structure. We are also rezoning some property on SW Torch Lake Drive from Ag to R1. We are looking at deleting a section of the ordinance about requiring a Special Use Permit for an accessory building larger than the primary. Sub Committee report on outdoor lighting.

Ambulance Report

Report provided

Attorney's Report: B. Derman

Awaiting final paperwork on the BRL Development. Corrective actions are in process for relocating accessory building on Torch River Rd., to meet the 50 front yard setback. Regarding the livery operations, we are scheduled for Oct. 3 in Antrim County Court. There was a FOIA request to townships regarding a request for completed ballots from the November 2016 Presidential. Milton did not receive a written request. An email was sent to confirm their intent.

Supervisor's Report: L. Bargy

No reported Phragmites in Milton Twp. We received a thank you letter from Rex Terrace for their road paving.

Public Comment

No one wished to speak.

Approval of Bills

Motion to approve the bills by Atkinson/Pharo. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned by order of the chair at 7:50 pm.

These minutes are subject to approval at the Oct. 8th. 2018 meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Ball, Clerk