

Milton Township
Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2015
Synopsis

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

Members absent: Atkinson, excused.

Also present: Attorneys Derman, Stilson, Ball, Holtcamp and 6 audience members

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

Agenda Approval

Add: Road Commission Resolution regarding Road End Accesses

Add: Renewal of Metro Act

Agenda approved by consent

Approval of meeting minutes

Motion to approve the minutes by Cole/S. Ball. Motion carried.

Approval of Special Meeting Minutes 1/13/15

Motion to approve by S. Ball/ Cole. Motion carried

Public Comment:

Karen Bargy, Antrim County Commissioner

The Meadowbrook expansion is now complete. Please stop in and take a tour. The county website has been revamped www.antrimcounty.org. It is more user friendly. We are making a big effort to get meeting minutes and dates/times up for your review. The budget info is also on the website. Regarding budget, it looks like we are in good position for what we budgeted for. There were three new commissioners beginning the New Year. Bernie Blackmore stepped down and the board appointed, rather than elected Chuck Johnson due to the timing of elections. We have also consolidated some of our committees and reorganized our meetings. The information can also be found on the website

Lon Bargy asked regarding the idea that the road commission wants to take over recycling. **K. Bargy** It is being looked into. We are looking at a million dollar deficit. The service is well used, but we have to look at the cost. Our contract is for three years at \$350K, and that is coming up for renewal. We are looking at the actual invoicing now, to see what the sites use. We are exploring all our options. One option would be where the Road Commission would do hauling and transportation of the bins. It's not been fully studied yet.

Tom Vranich reported on the scanning day for the Milton Anniversary book. We scanned about 150 photos. We have sold about 131 books. We will be concentrating on family stories now. The next scanning day will most likely be in early April.

Todd Vigland, Grand Traverse Land Conservancy: I have been working with Milton Township representatives on securing Elk Lake property. We are working on an option with the Water's Edge Resort. We have gotten two appraisals, both have come in under the asking price. The Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund could be a way to secure additional funds. If we write a grant to the DNR for \$650K subject to DNR appraisal. Michigan Natural Trust Fund money may be available to bridge the gap between the appraised price and the purchase price. If the appraisal is approved, that would make the project doable. I'm here to see if the township would like to apply for the grant and if you would like the conservancy to help? **Bargy** asked what the Conservancy thought of the project. **Vigland** They made the recommendation that the township move ahead on the grant portion of the project. **Cole** Is there a downside to applying for the grant and not using it? Will this hurt our chance on future applications? **Vigland** It can be withdrawn in December with no consequences. **Vigland** I he commend the township for raising the local match from 25% to 50%. This is a good time to tackle this project for the conservancy. **Derman** The trust fund just issued a report on the Trust Fund's projects and the money that was awarded.

Bargy I feel it is worth proceeding. **Cole** I agree. **Pharo** it's a lot of money, but it's worth investigating. **S. Ball** I agree, it is a lot of money. There is no harm in applying for the grant.

Motion to allow Vigland to continue with the grant process by Cole/Pharo
Motion carried.

Board of Review Appointment
Motion to appoint Sara Bogard to Board of Review by S. Ball/ Bargy.
Motion carried.

Milton Township Fire Department Grant Resolution #2015-3
Motion by S. Ball/ Pharo
Roll Call Vote: Cole-Yea; S Ball-Yes; Pharo-Yes; Bargy-Yes; Motion Carried 4-0
Absent-Atkinson

Milton Township Board of Review Resolution #2015-4
Motion by S. Ball/Cole
Roll Call Vote: S. Ball-Yes; Bargy-Yes; Cole-Yes; Pharo-Yes; Motion carried 4-0
Absent-Atkinson

Salary Resolution Budget Year 2015-16 (Resolution #2015-05)
Supervisor \$23,809 2%COLI

Motion by S.Ball/Pharo

Roll Call Vote: Bargy-Yes; S. Ball-Yes; Cole-Yes; Pharo-Yes; Motion carried 4-0
Absent-Atkinson

Salary Resolution Budget Year 2015-16 (Resolution #2015-6)

Clerk \$25,148 2% COLI

Motion by Cole/Pharo

Roll Call Vote: Pharo-Yes; S. Ball-Yes; Cole-Yes; Bargy-Yes; Motion carried 4-0
Absent-Atkinson

Salary Resolution Budget Year 2015-16 (Resolution #2015-07)

Treasurer \$28,451 2%COLI

Motion by Cole/S. Ball

Roll Call Vote: Cole-Yes; Pharo-Yes; Bargy-Yes; S. Ball-Yes; Motion carried 4-0
Absent-Atkinson

The Milton Township Budget Hearing is scheduled for March 23rd: 6 pm with the Annual meeting to follow.

Resolution #2015-08 regarding road end accesses from Antrim County Road

Commission relinquishing jurisdiction of road ends to Milton Township

Motion to approve by Cole/ Bargy

Roll Call Vote: Bargy-Yes; Pharo-Yes; S. Ball-Yes; Cole-Yes; Motion carried 4-0
Absent Atkinson

**Motion to renew the contract for the Metro Act with AT&T for five years by Cole/
Pharo. Motion carried 4-0**

Absent Atkinson

Sheriff's Report

As presented by Bargy

103 calls, and 8 follow ups. 9 traffic stops and 9 suspicious situations.

Fire Department Report

As presented by Ball

Four calls for service in January. Awards dinner was last weekend and Service pins were given out. Truck Committee update: drew up a generic spec sheet and it will be sent to the engineer. We are working on new policies and procedures. I would like to say thank you to Matt at MMR for participating in two trainings with us. Four students are currently enrolled in classes and will be being certified in March.

Ambulance Report

As presented by Holtcamp

In front of you is a packet with data regarding an aggregate of 50 calls. 46 calls were in 12:59 minutes or less. Explanation of the information given. On the last page, it shows

the Antrim County response times. Total calls in Elk Rapids Township and Village. Total of 13 calls to Milton since Dec. 7th.

Attorney's Report

As presented by Derman
Nothing new to report

Supervisor's Report

As presented by Bargy
Bargy received a letter from two young ladies from the Elk Rapids School. They would like to do a community activity. They have asked if they can remove the graffiti from the Milton Skate Park and paint a mural. **Cole** Are we going to see an example of the mural first. **Bargy** Yes, I'm sure they would present the project to us first. Approved by consent.

Public Comment

Question if the master plan is still out for review? Yes. It should be back by March.

Approval of Bills

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

Meeting adjourned by order of the chair at 8:23 pm.

These minutes are subject to approval at the March 9, 2015 meeting immediately following the Public Hearing scheduled at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Ball
Milton Township Clerk