

Milton Township
Meeting Minutes
July 13, 2015

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

Members absent: Cole, excused.

Also present: Attorneys Derman, Weinzapfel, Chief Ball, Holtcamp, Sheriff Bean and 7 audience members

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

Agenda Approval:
Add Tom Vranich to Public Comment
Agenda approved by consent

Approval of meeting minutes dated June 8, 2015
Motion to approve by Atkinson/Ball. **Motion carried.**

Approval of special meeting minutes dated June 29, 2015
Motion to approve by S. Ball/Atkinson. **Motion carried.**

Public Comment:

Tom Vranich gave an update on the history book's progress. They expect to be finished later this summer and books delivered this fall. The board approved the extended time line.

Sheriff's Report

As presented by Sheriff Bean

Sheriff Bean presented the annual report for Milton Township. The Torch Lake sandbar this year was the busiest we've seen. We had a total of 17 Medical calls over a three day period. There were six people that nearly drown in the water, due to over intoxication. Marine patrols were very busy keeping people safe. Kalkaska County had 22 drunk drivers in that area. We had 4 or 5. Kalkaska County counted approximately 800 vehicles parked on the Kalkaska side of the bridge. Advertising on social media is not helping with the amount of people showing up for the event. It's making it very difficult for law enforcement. Sheriff Bean thanked Milton Township and the Fire Department for the use of station #2 and John Peal for their help and resources.

Jerry Mensing asked regarding the biggest problem down there? Drunkenness, stated Bean. Jerry thank Sheriff's Dept., for their hard work.

Fire Department Report

As presented by Chief Ball

3 calls for service in June. Update on vehicle repairs and station maintenance. Thanks to Matt Holtcamp and MMR for the donation of the decommissioned ambulance. Update on the truck committee. We should have information from Pierce by the end of July on refurbishing 9920. The fire department is participating with Wednesday on River St. Update training totals for the year.

Zoning/Planning Report

As presented by Weinzapfel

The Planning Commission will address a special use permit from John Peal at Torch River Marine. There is a township resident who is inquiring about the overlay zone and non-conforming lots. It was requested that they submit a formal request to re-address the issue. Nothing has been submitted.

The Antrim County Planning Comm., has proposed approval by the Milton Twp., Board on amendments 01-05 to the Milton Township Zoning Ordinance. Please review these before the next meeting for approval. The county had no comments or concerns.

Before you is a packet from Heidi Schafer who is seeking township support in her effort to submit a grant application to address the storm water runoff problem in the Chain of Lakes and in Torch Lake.

No ZBA Meeting this month.

A notice of violation went out on Fairmont for dockage issues.

Cottage Cove is in need of review on its original road system. I will look back on the original approval of the PUD and find what was approved by the planning commission.

Update on Campbell Road End Access. The split rail fence has been addressed with the owners. I was told it was coming down this weekend, but it has not.

Boathouse Storage: Mark and Dan Anderson will be coming in to look at a re-zone from Ag to Manufacturing so they can do mini storage and marine repair.

Ambulance Report

As presented by Holtcamp

240 calls since last December. We are at 88% response time. There was one call that shows a long time, but they were on scene in 11 minutes, the call didn't get logged properly. In the last 58 calls, they are running at 91%.

Holtcamp said Whitewater Township requested a proposal to privatize their ambulance service. MMR has submitted a bid for service. If we are successful, we will put another 24/7 ambulance in this area. It will not impact the operation we have in Elk Rapids or Milton. If accepted, this will add another ambulance to our resources.

Attorney's Report

As presented by Derman

Metro Act payment has come in. On May 12, the Planning Commission adopted the updated Master Plan.

Supervisor's Report

As presented by Bargy

Miller Road has been paved and they are waiting on Chippewa. Richard Crout said Miller Road is terrific. Thank you!

Update on Farmland Preservation: I met with Glen Chown, Todd Vigland and Matt McDonough. The conservancy is working on promoting this program in our area. They have invited the board to tour Acme and see how their program is working.

Bargy would like to put up a Township Park sign at the waterfront park. S. Ball stated that we need to post other required signage also. We need to post that there is no lifeguard on duty. Derman stated that you should also post the park rules. Weinzapfel stated that the signs will be going up soon.

The stumps were ground at the park. We will look at transplanting new trees in the fall. The stump waste will be removed shortly.

We have a group of people that want to play pickleball on the tennis courts. We got one bid to repair and stripe the tennis courts. We will go out for another bid as well.

Public Comment

Greg Payne and Chris Weinzapfel will be meeting with the DNR and walk the Bigelow property as part of the DNR grant process.

Approval of Bills

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

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

These minutes are subject to approval by the Board of Trustees at the August 10, 2015 regular meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Ball, Milton Township Clerk