

Synopsis
Milton Township
Meeting Minutes
March 14, 2016

Members present: Supervisor L. Bargy, Clerk S. Ball, Treasure L. Atkinson, and Trustee B. Pharo.

Members absent: Cole, excused.

Also present: Attorney B. Derman, Zoning C. Weinzapfel, Chief J. Ball, Commissioner K. Bargy, Todd Vigland, 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 dated Feb. 8, 2016

Correct name should be (John Lata)

Add language for Resolution #2016-06

Public Hearing: Rule Modification. At 7:23, a public hearing was opened during the regular meeting. Closed at 7:56 pm. Board discussion. Action to approve Resolution # 2016-06. Hearing closed.

Add language for Resolution #2016-07

Public Hearing MDNR Grant Application – Milton Township Beach Front Park. Hearing opened at 8:08 pm. Hearing closed at 8:47 pm. Board discussion. Action to approve Resolution #2016-07. Township meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Correction: Public Hearing Rule Modification. (~~but they are never where you need them.~~)
“but they can’t be everywhere that you need them.”

Motion to approve as corrected by Atkinson/S. Ball. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Scott, Director of Environmental Health from the Health Department discussed the time of transfer septic ordinance. He discussed the number of inspections they’ve done and its value to the area.

Karen Bargy, County Commissioner gave her report regarding updates at the county level. Updates on Septic Code revision, Public Safety Committee Update, Smart 911 is up and running. Millage requests, including recycling will be on the August ballot. The county has provided a letter of support for the Camp Maplehurst project.

Beach Project Agreement:

Derman reviewed the details of the agreement.

Motion to approve the Beach Project Agreement by Atkinson/S. Ball. Motion carried.

Sheriff's Report

As presented by Bargy.

58 runs for February.

Fire Department Report

As presented by Chief Ball

6 calls for February. Update on staffing. Update on Knox Box program. Reminder to install reflective address signs and change the batteries in your smoke alarms. Discussion of training facility for Elk Rapids Township. This may be available for other townships to use for training as well. Check with DNR website to find out if burning is allowed before burning leaves. Truck update regarding possible new truck.

Zoning/Planning Report

As presented by Weinzapfel

ZBA met this month and Anderson was elected as Chairperson, Jankowski Vice Chair, and Burdo as Secretary. Update on Cottage Cove. Year-end report will be read at next month's meeting. Planning Commission meeting for March was canceled.

Ambulance Report

As presented by Lata

24 calls in Antrim for February. 9 were in Milton Township. Elk Raids had 15 calls. Time percentage is at 85%. Update on training.

Attorney's Report

As presented by Derman

Update on funding for park(s) at the state level. Update on Farmland Preservation. Next meeting is March 21 at 1 pm. Update on Michigan Law that said public officials can't talk about a ballot initiative 60 days prior to a vote. That injunction continues. There will public hearing on March 23rd. at 7:00 pm., to consider a grant acquisition application for the purchase of Camp Maplehurst. The township will spend zero dollars on the purchase. It will be a donation from GT Regional Land Conservancy. The township is the entity that must apply. The survey results are here at the Township Hall. Also, there is a Budget Hearing/Annual Meeting and a Special Board meeting starting at 6:00 pm on March 21st.

Supervisor's Report

As presented by Bargy

American Waste Contract for the Clean-up Day(s)

The contract states \$47 per compacted yard. Fuel surcharge if the price for fuel is over \$3.50 per gallon.

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

Milton Township Clean-up Day(s) are scheduled for Sat. April 30th. 7:00 am to 12 noon.
And Sat. August 27th. 7:00 am to 12 noon.

Communications

Correspondence from Business owner who is interested in renting or leasing field space for their business. Bargy said he doesn't want to get into renting our fields out. Where does it stop? We don't have a designated open space for people to rent. What we have is open to the public. The people who use the fields now for athletic sports, are not for profit.

An individual would like to use office space in the township hall part time to work 24 hours per week. They wouldn't bring clients here. They work with senior citizens and low income people. We don't have open office space here and we have a lot of public meetings in the building. It would be too difficult to work around a personal schedule. This office is just not conducive for that.

Bid to Remove 3 Buildings from the Earl Property:

Jeff West bid \$100 for each building and will comply with the conditions for site clean-up as stated. We only have one bid. It will be completed by May 1st.

Motion to approve bid from Jeff West by Pharo/S. Ball. Motion carried.

Resolution 2016-08: Alternative Dates for March Board of Review

Motion to approve by S. Ball/ Pharo.

Roll Call: Atkinson – yes; S. Ball – yes; Pharo – yes; Bargy – yes.

Absent - Cole

Motion carried.

Public Comment

Joyce Grammar asked regarding the grant money for both the Bigelow and Maplehurst. How much is the township matching for each one? Bigelow is 75% of the total amount. \$172,500. Maplehurst, the GT Land Conservancy is handling all of the matching funds through fundraising. There will be no township money used for the purchase of Camp Maplehurst. The conservancy will pick up our share.

Approval of Bills

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

Meeting adjourned by order of the chair at 8:05 pm.

These minutes are subject to board approval at the April 11, 2016 meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Ball
Milton Township Clerk