

Synopsis
Milton Township
Meeting Minutes
April 9, 2018

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

Also present: Attorneys Derman, Weinzapfel, J. Ball, Hefferan, and 18 audience members

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

Agenda Approval: Agenda approved by consent

Approval of minutes of the March 12, 2018 Public Hearing
Motion to approve by Atkinson/Ball. Motion carried.

Approval of the minutes of March 12, 2018 Regular Meeting
Motion to approve by Pharo/Atkinson. Motion carried.

Approval of the minutes of the March 14, 2018 Budget Work Session
Motion to approve by Atkinson/Pharo. Motion carried.

Approval of the minutes of the March 14, 2018 Special Meeting (Eckardt Property)
Motion to approve by Ball/Pharo. Motion carried.

Approval of the minutes of the March 14, 2018 Special Meeting (Farmland Preservation, Maplehurst, Waterfront Park)
Motion to approve by Atkinson/Ball. Motion carried.

Approval of the minutes of the March 26, 2018 Budget Hearing, Annual Special Meeting
Motion to approve by Pharo/Atkinson. Motion carried.

Approval of the minutes of the March 28, 2018 Special Meeting:
Motion to approve by Ball/Pharo. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Kayden Luce made his 8th grade community service project presentation regarding upgrades to the Milton Township Skate Park. Kayden is in the process of getting bids and working towards funding for the proposed project.

Nathan Hresko and Scott Russell made their 8th grade community service project presentation regarding improvements to the soccer field dugouts. Materials will be donated. The board approved the project as presented.

The Elk Rapids Soccer Club presented a check in support of the Milton Township Park for the continued maintenance of the soccer fields.

Patty Niepoth, County Register of Deeds introduced herself and gave an overview of recent updates and services within her office.

Karen Bargy, County Commissioner shared information on the recent purchase and purpose of the vacant bank building adjacent to the county building campus. Discussion on the Cairn Monument.

Scott Kendzerski from the Health Dept., of Northwest Mich., gave a slideshow presentation on Milton Township's Time of Transfer Annual Report. Kendzerski provided history, goals, and recent program developments.

In an effort to increase our collaboration points for the MDNR trust fund grant, Bob Kingon went to surrounding municipalities in an effort to gather a Memorandum of Understanding in support of Milton Twp., parks. We have received MOU's from Elk Rapids Twp., Torch Lake Twp., Whitewater Twp. and the Village of Elk Rapids.

Milton Twp., Parks and Rec Committee presented a proposal for the installation of a green belt strip at the Waterfront Park. The Tip of the Mitt Council has an MDEQ grant that provides cost sharing to establish greenbelts on lake shorelines. Bob Kingon from Parks and Recs Committee discussed the current ordinance regarding a greenbelt at the waterfront property.

Derman recommended that the township review the grant language for stipulations that would prohibit the Township from maintaining control of this section of property for future usage. Kingon will review the grant language for terms and conditions. The Township is in support of applying for the grant pending any restrictive terms or conditions.

In review of the proposed greenbelt project, the Township Board is in favor of one company to complete the entire project. Motion by Cole/Ball to authorize the Parks and Rec Committee to begin the bid process for the greenbelt at the Waterfront Park. Motion carried.

The Township Board is waiting on a redesign and cost comparison for the ADA ramp at the Old Town Hall. Discussion of bids for concrete and/or composite ramp designs.

Motion by Cole/Pharo to approve the construction of the new ADA ramp with acceptable ADA composite materials. Motion carried.

After confirmation of approval, the Township Board has decided to transfer \$100,000 from the General Fund to the Fire Fund for payment of the new fire truck. With a memorandum of understanding, \$100,000 will be reimbursed back to the General Fund over a five year period with an annual installment of \$20,000 with no interest.

Motion by Atkinson/Cole to approve a transfer from the General Fund to the Fire Fund for \$100,000 payable of annual installments over a five year period to be stated in a memo of understanding which will be filed by the Township Treasurer.

Roll Call: Pharo – Yes; Ball – Yes; Bargy – Yes; Atkinson – Yes; Cole - Yes

Motion carried. 5-0

Motion by Ball/Pharo to rescind the approval to finance 100,000 at 3.25% for five years at March 14th Budget. Motion carried.

Sheriff's Report: 76 runs for March

Fire Department Report: Chief Ball

2 runs for the month of March. We have purchased two new AED's with a matching grant from MMR. Request approval of officers as presented for 2018-19.

Motion by Ball/Cole to approve officers for 2018-19 as presented. Motion carried.

Zoning Report: C. Weinzapfel

Weinzapfel gave his year-end report. 59 Land Use Permits, 6 Land Divisions. 1 amendment to the Zoning Ordinance and 5 Special Use Permits. Nothing new on Cottage Cove or the Dufauw property. Currently addressing several issues on accessory structure setbacks.

Bob Kingon and Terrie Kopkau would both like to be reappointed to the 2021 term for the Planning Commission.

Bob Kingon and Dick Gray would like to be reappointed to the 2021 term for the ZBA.

Motion to approve all appointments by Cole/Pharo. Motion carried.

Planning Report: B. Hefferan

Hefferan thanked Kendzierski for his work with the septic ordinance in Milton Township. Tomorrow night's meeting we will discuss the Weekly Rentals Ordinance, Signs, Accessory Structures.

Ambulance Report

12 runs for March

Attorney's Report: B. Derman

Update on Eckardt property. GTRLC has approve two proposed easements on the Maplehurst property. Update on negotiations between Northwind Farms and the GTRLC. Brief report given on farmland preservation, Cottage Cove and McKimmy.

Supervisor's Report: L. Bargy

Final 2017-18 Budget Amendments: Funds transferred from Contingency to Township Board for Legal Fees \$2,894.57; Roads \$ 9,680.63; Recycling Center \$3085.02. Motion by Atkinson/Bargy. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Tom Paradis asked if the township would be interested in ownership of the Cairn Monument. Bargy said yes. They did pursue it at one point. Commissioner K. Bargy will present the option for discussion at the county level.

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Approval of Bills

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

These minutes are subject to approval at the May 14, 2018 meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Ball, Clerk