

Synopsis
Milton Township
Meeting Minutes
October 8, 2018

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

Also present: Attorneys B. Derman, C. Weinzapfel, J. Ball, B. Hefferan, B. and 16 audience members

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

Agenda change: Add additional special meeting minutes approval on Sept. 10, 2018
Agenda approved by consent.

Approval of meeting minutes of September 10, 2018
Motion to approve by Atkinson/Cole. Motion carried.

Approval of special meeting minutes of September 10, 2018
Motion by Atkinson/Cole. Motion carried.

Approval of special meeting minutes of September 13, 2018
Correction: For record of minutes, regarding the proposed sewer. Milton Township to waive any conflict of interest for B. Derman and M. Zimmerman working for adjacent townships and proceed with hiring Varnum Riddering Schmidt & Howlett.
Motion to approve minutes as corrected by Ball/Atkinson. Motion carried.

Approval of special meeting minutes of September 26, 2018
Correction: In motion to approve law firm, change "co-counsel" to "substitute counsel"
Motion to approve minutes as corrected by Atkinson/Pharo. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Norm Hayes introduced himself as our current Probate Court Judge. He is running for re-election in the November election.

Julie Dubet is a caseworker with Antrim County and she spoke on behalf of Judge Hayes and his conduct.

James Koebbe Discussion regarding his weekly rental.

Weinzapfel discussed the content of the packets before the board. I have letters written by neighbors and they have filed complaints regarding the property owned by Mr. Koebbe. Notices were issued for violations for weekly rental. He has been issued his fourth within a 12 month period and his permit has been revoked. This is his opportunity to appeal the decision to revoke. Weinzapfel said he has one issue remaining and that is the listing in VRBO for the 2-7 day rental and it cannot be for anything less than 7 days.

Atkinson recused herself from the discussion as she is a neighbor of Koebbe's and submitted a letter of complaint.

Koebbe explained that he has made mistakes while renting his property. He is working at correcting areas in his process. Once Weinzapfel walked him through it, he developed a contract. He discussed all of the violations. He apologized but he also feels he's being targeted unfairly.

Pharo said we have a minimum 7 day rental. It appears that you are renting the property for less days in a week than required. Koebbe said in the off season, when it's not summer time, he goes by other people on the lake and how they rent. Pharo said as long as you don't have two different renters within a week.

Weinzapfel discussed how the notices were issued. Those that are stapled together were considered one notice.

Cole said regarding the rental agreement, maybe you could withhold their security deposit if they don't follow the rules. If they don't follow the rules, they don't get the deposit back. Koebbe said, he tried to handle the renting himself and made mistakes. Now he lets VRBO handle all of it.

Cole said we are trying to find a balance between your right to rent your place and your neighbors' ability to enjoy their own property without interference from the people renting the property.

Ball said we have an ordinance and it's important to uphold that ordinance. It's your job to follow the ordinance on renting your property. The letters of complaint date back to Sept. 2017. What are you going to do to improve going forward? Koebbe stated that he will include language on his rental agreement to inform the renters of the rules stated in the ordinance. He will change the advertisement for 7 day rental only, and consider Cole's suggestion for the forfeit of deposit regarding non-compliance with the rules.

Motion by Pharo/Cole to not revoke his permit to rent at this time. Motion carried. 4-0.

Cole also suggested that if renters violate the terms, they are asked to leave immediately.

Sheriff's Report

121 calls of service for September.

Fire Department Report: Chief J. Ball

6 calls for service for September. We are at 60 calls for the year. Update on fire prevention week. We are working on grant requests and the mutual aid agreements with the GTB. There will be a Halloween open house on Oct. 31st from 5-8 at Station 1 in Kewadin.

Zoning Report: C. Weinzapfel

No report

Planning Report: B. Hefferan

Tomorrow's agenda will be a North Shore Dock Special Use Permit and a subcommittee report on definitions of structures/accessory structures. The PC will also have a SC on outdoor lighting and short term rentals.

Ambulance Report

Presented for review.

Attorney's Report: B. Derman

Next month we will have two zoning ordinances back from the county. Update given on the Maplehurst agreement, zoning violations and on the merger agreement regarding property on Joe Marks Trail.

Motion by Pharo/Cole to approve the merger of Harold and Katherine Sells Lot 10 and parcel 2 on Joe Marks. Motion carried. 5-0

Update on sewer line extension discussion. There will be a meeting next week with the engineers and Elk Rapids Township

Supervisor's Report: L. Bargy

Bids for furnace and hot water heater for the old town hall. K&K Heating and Clarke and Sons presented proposals.

Motion by Pharo/Ball to approve the K&K bid for \$6094 for 96% 100,000 BTU furnace and 40 gallon natural gas hot water heater. Motion Carried. 5-0

Bargy discussed the meeting regarding the sewer system and people who were interested in the possibility of extending the line to properties on Elk Lake. Robin Sims has a house on Elk Lake located on Ridge Rd. She sent out a letter to residents and she would like to see the sewer extend to Ridge Road.

Public Comment

No one wished to speak.

Approval of Bills

Motion by Atkinson/Ball to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried. 5-0

Meeting adjourned by order of the chair at 8:45 pm.

These minutes are subject to approval at the November 12th meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra Ball, Clerk