

Synopsis  
Milton Township  
Meeting Minutes  
February 11, 2019

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

Also present: Attorney B. Derman, C. Weinzapfel, J. Ball, B. Hefferan, and 8 audience members

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

Agenda Approval by consent.

Approval of regular meeting minutes of January 14, 2019

Motion to approve by Atkinson/Ball. Motion carried.

Approval of special meeting minutes of January 21, 2019

Motion to approve by Atkinson/Pharo. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:**

Drew Stately of Juniper Drive gave his presentation for his community service project regarding creating blue bird nesting boxes on the Maplehurst Property. He will build these this winter and have them up before the birds come back in the spring. Board members said this sounds like a good project. Motion to approve by Cole/Pharo. Motion carried.

Mike Paradis spoke about the preliminary costs of the sewer project for the Kewadin United Methodist Church. The cost will be too high and they have their own septic and are not interested in participating at this time. Bargy said these preliminary costs may come down. It is still in the planning stage.

**Sheriff's Report**

Submitted. 102 runs for January

**Fire Department Report:** by Chief J. Ball

7 runs for the month of January. Chief Ball thanked the board for passing the recruitment and retention policy. Monthly report on apparatus and personnel given. Ball submitted Nate McGuire as a new member who lives in the township and who would like to join the fire department.

Motion to approve Nate McGuire as a new member by Pharo/ S. Ball. Motion carried.

**Zoning Report:** by C. Weinzapfel

Cottage Cove matter is completed. J. McKimmy has a multi user system. He is working with the DNR and health department regarding changing his regulations.

## 2018 year-end review

83 land use permits, up 59 from last year.

Planning Commission held 12 regular meetings and 30 subcommittee meetings. There were 11 zoning amendments and 3 special use permits issued.

ZBA held 6 regular meetings. Addressed 3 variance requests, all of which were denied.

Richard Burdo is seeking re-appointment to the ZBA until 2022.

Motion by S. Ball/Cole to re-appoint R. Burdo to the ZBA until 2022. Motion carried.

### **Planning Report:** by B. Hefferan

Tomorrow night's meeting we will be reviewing outdoor lighting, event barns and vacation rentals.

### **Ambulance Report**

Submitted. 10 runs for January.

### **Attorney's Report:** by B. Derman

Reviewed files on parklands and farmland preservation. The GTRLC will begin educating the public on the Farmland Preservation Program this spring. They're considering putting it on the August ballot for 2019. We have filed Ordinance #2018-10 (Prohibition of Recreational Marijuana Establishments) with the State of Michigan. Discussion of small cell towers that are put on telephone poles.

### **Supervisor's Report:** by L. Bargy

The township received \$15K grant from the Health Department. This will be used for the trails at Maplehurst.

Barb Johnson would like to serve another four year term on the Elk Rapids District Library Board of Trustees. Motion by S. Ball/Atkinson to appoint Barb Johnson for another four year term. Motion carried.

Discussion of street lights that were replaced by Consumers Energy. Since the conversion to LED lighting done by Consumers Energy, there has been a complaint from a resident on S. West Torch Lake Dr. The light has been inactive for the past 5-6 years. Now with the new LED, the ambient light coming into their home, is severe. S. Ball has been in contact with Consumers and they would have to send it to a design team to either install a lower wattage or disassemble it all together. It would cost \$700-1000 to review the issue. The board decided to contact the residents near there, and get their input, before moving towards a decision.

Bargy presented a list of roads that he has provided to the ACRC for pricing. Roads for consideration are: Winters, Bussa, Easily, O'Dell, Indian, Western, and a portion of Winters to be cost shared with Elk Rapids. Also, Ringler and a portion of Erickson.

Tree removal bid for the Waterfront Park project.

Northern Tree: \$3500

Hesel's Tree Service: \$2200

Motion to approve Hesel's bid by Cole/Atkinson. Motion carried.

Annual meeting will be March 25 at 6 pm.

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

### **Public Comment**

No one wished to speak.

### **Salary Resolutions: 2019/2020**

Resolution# 2019-01 for Supervisor

Salary for the Supervisor for 2019-20: Be it resolved that as of April 1, 2019 with the salary increase of 3% COLA for the Supervisor shall be \$25,764. Be it further resolved that this resolution shall be submitted to the electors at the annual meeting at which time the electors may modify the amount.

Motion to approve by Cole/Pharo.

Roll Call: Cole-Yes; Pharo-Yes; Atkinson-Yes; Bal-Yes; Bargy-Yes.

Motion carried. Passed 5-0

Resolution# 2019-02 for Clerk for 2019-20: Be it resolved that as of April 1, 2019 with the salary increase of 3% COLA for the Clerk shall be \$27,477. Be it further resolved that this resolution shall be submitted to the electors at the annual meeting at which time the electors may modify the amount.

Motion by Atkinson/Pharo.

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

Motion carried. Passed 5-0

Resolution# 2019-03 for Treasurer for 2019-20: Be it resolved that as of April 1, 2019 with the salary increase of 3% COLA for the Treasurer shall be \$31,086 for collecting winter and summer taxes and \$45 per ZBA meeting attended. Be it further resolved that this resolution shall be submitted to the electors at the annual meeting at which time the electors may modify the amount.

Motion by S. Ball/Bargy.

Roll Call: Atkinson-Yes; Bargy-Yes; Pharo-Yes; Cole-Yes; S. Ball-Yes

Motion carried. Passed 5-0

### **Approval of Bills**

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

Meeting adjourned by order of the chair at 7:45 pm.

These minutes are subject to approval at the March regular meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sandra Ball, Clerk