

Milton Township

Special Meeting

April 24, 2019

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

Also present; B. Derman, C. Weinzapfel, B. Kingon and Laura Regan from the GTRLC

Meeting called to order at 8:00 a.m.

Presented are three ballot proposals for the August 2019 election.

Ambulance Proposal: Shall Milton Township impose a millage of .76 mills for five (5) years, 2019 through 2023 to provide funds for continued ambulance service to Milton Township. This will raise an estimated \$263,870 in the first year the millage is levied.

Pharo was concerned that the wording suggests that this is an extra millage in addition to the current millage.

Derman explained that the previous millage(s) were levied at separate times. In 2012 .35 mills were levied. And in 2014 .65 mills was voted on to bring the millage to 1 mill. Both of these millage(s) expired in 2018. We cannot word the proposal as a renewal, but to propose the ambulance millage as .76 mills.

Resolution #2019-13 Ambulance millage proposal ballot language.

Motion by S. Ball/B. Pharo to support the ballot language as presented. Motion carried.

Milton Township Board, approves the following millage ballot question language and directs the Clerk to submit it to be placed on the August 6, 2019 ballot.

Roll call: L. Bargy – Yes; S. Ball – Yes; L. Atkinson – Yes; B. Pharo – Yes; and T. Cole – Yes.

Passed 5-0.

Farmland Preservation Proposal: Shall Milton Township impose an increase of up to (1.00 mills (\$1.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value) and levy it for ten (10) years, 2019 through 2028 inclusive, to provide funds for the purpose of conducting purchases of agricultural conservation easements from willing landowners to permanently preserve farmland and open space in accordance with the Milton Township Farmland and Open Space Development Rights Ordinance; which 1.00 mills increase will raise an estimated \$347,198 in the first year the millage is levied.

Resolution #2019-14 Farmland and Open Space proposal ballot language.

Motion by L. Atkinson/L. Bargy to support the ballot language as presented. Motion carried.

Roll call: L. Bargy – Yes; S. Ball – Yes; L. Atkinson – Yes; B. Pharo – Yes and T. Cole – Yes.

Passed 5-0

Derman explained the delay on the Road Proposal. We should have our final numbers around May 1st.

Bargy spoke regarding the Antrim County Facilities Forum held on April 23rd. at Meguzee Hall in Bellaire. Antrim County is exploring options for the future of the County's jail and administrative buildings in Bellaire. There is information on options and opportunities to comment available nwm.org/antrimcounty.

L. Atkinson presented an email from Chris Garrock with the GTRLC. They got a bid for improvements to the driveway and parking lot at Maplehurst. He proposed using 22-A limestone instead of crushed cement. The cost would increase to project cost by \$10,550. The GTRLC has budgeted 25K.

He would like to know if we would be able to fund the remaining balance. We do have monies from the Maplehurst Natural Area (Stewardship Fund) and (Grant Fundraising) dollars dedicated for initial improvements.

Motion L. Atkinson/B. Pharo to approve option #2 on the bid proposal and the extra cost of \$9225. to be paid by Milton Twp., out of the (Stewardship Fund) and/or the (Grant Fundraising) dollars. Motion carried.

Klaus from Gosling/Czubak reviewed the Bid Tabulation from the Bid Opening on April 18, 2019 for the Waterfront Park. The building came in on budget, the site package bid prices in some places will need some trimming.

Recommendation for reduction options. Reduce contingency. Use the existing grinder and pump station for the sewer. Defer landscaping and benches/picnic tables. Reduce more sidewalk.

The Grant Agreement is good until Aug. 2021. Anything that was listed in the agreement can be done before that date. You also have the option to file for an extension.

Motion by L. Atkinson/L. Bargy to move forward with the bid submitted by Richter Construction, Inc. to reflect the noted project reductions and deferrals outlined in the Bid Tabulation and Alternate Selections. Motion carried.

Roll call: L. Atkinson – Yes; T. Cole – Yes; L. Bargy – Yes; B. Pharo – Yes and S. Ball – Yes.

Passed 5-0

Klaus gave an explanation on the final bid process.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 a.m.

These minutes are subject to approval at the May 13, 2019 meeting.

A copy of these minutes may be viewed on the Milton Township website.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Ball

Milton Township Clerk