

Synopsis
Milton Township
Meeting Minutes
September 9, 2019

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

Members absent: T. Cole

Also present: Attorney B. Derman, Sheriff D. Bean, B. Hefferan, and 12 audience members.

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

Agenda approved by consent

Approve minutes from regular meeting of August 12, 2019
Motion to approve L. Atkinson/B. Pharo. Motion carried.

Approval special meeting August 13, 2019
Motion to approve L. Atkinson/S. Ball. Motion carried

Public Comment:

Amber Voice, the president of the Elk Rapids baseball association, approached the Board about putting up temporary banners of advertising for area businesses. A sponsorship schedule was provided for review. They are looking at ways to raise money for their association. The association proposed donating \$50 from each advertisement banner, back to the township park. A portion from the proceeds would also help cost share on repairs and maintenance for the ballfields.

Atkinson said she doesn't have a problem with it, the policy has been to not have permanent signage. S. Ball would like to have all Board members present, before making a final decision. Derman suggested that if there is a change in policy, it should be reviewed on an annual basis.

Fred Gulick commented on the special meeting in July, and feels this meeting was in violation of the open meetings act. He asked what \$32,500 approved at this meeting, was spent on? Bargy said it was to create a beach at the park. He also questioned the DEQ permit and wanted to know why it was not posted at the township office.

Jim Stilson discussed the condition of Bussa Road. He said the Road Commission came out and looked at the road. They will not be doing anything about the issues. Stilson said the township should have some oversight in the quality of the workmanship. Atkinson said maybe it would be a good idea to have some kind of clause, where we have someone inspect the workmanship before the final payment is released.

Sheriff's Report: by Sheriff Bean

358 total events in August. The majority was 148 marine stops. In 2018, there were 188 events in August. The sheriff also discussed July 4th on the Torch Lake Sandbar. The activity was down this year. It seems to be more family oriented. The state didn't have as large of a presence there this year. There were some vehicles towed. They are now working on budgets.

Fire Department Report: by Chief J. Ball

19 incidents for the month of August. 108 for the year so far. Update on Fire Prevention Week which is coming up in October. Advised on their grant process and water point program. Update on department programs and maintenance.

EMS Report
Submitted.

Zoning Report: by C. Weinzapfel

No report

Planning Report: by B. Hefferan

There was no decision made on the vacation rental ordinance. We took feedback and we will continue to discuss it tomorrow night.

Attorney's Report: by B. Derman

Update on LARA. Revised tower lease to be reviewed. Confirmed email communication on the Sewage Disposal Service Agreement.

Supervisor's Report: by L. Bargy

The natural gas wells were capped at Maplehurst.

Public Comment:

Fred Gulick asked questions regarding the lease agreement for the tower.

D. Kopkau asked if the signage at the baseball field, would be reviewed by the Park and Rec., committee. Pharo said that it should be a Twp., Board decision.

Paulette Termatt said thank you for the clock at the old township hall.

Approval of Bills:

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

These minutes are subject to approval of at the October 14, 2019 meeting. A copy of these minutes are available on line at miltontownship.org

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Ball, Clerk