

Synopsis
Milton Township
Meeting Minutes
July 13, 2020

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

Also present: Attorney B. Derman, C. Weinzapfel, J. Ball, B. Hefferan, Sheriff Dan Bean, Commissioner Karen Bargy and 11 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 June 8, 2020
Motion to approve by Atkinson/Pharo. Motion carried.

Approval of special meeting minutes of June 22, 2020
Motion to approve by Cole/Atkinson. Motion carried.

Approval of special meeting minutes of June 24, 2020
Motion to approve by Atkinson/Cole. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Fred Gulick gave handouts and discussed the governor's order for mask wearing and his opposition to the order.

Karen Bargy gave an update on the county commission and the millage proposals on the ballot at the county level for the August 4th election.

Nanette Knowls of the Elk Rapids Library gave a report regarding the reopening of the library.

Ron Butterball of Pine Ridge Trail in Kewadin who is a part of the pickleball group in Milton Township thanked the township for their work on the new courts.

Clarey Walker of Lake Ave. Rapid City discussed having a plan for the limitations of septic systems on Lake Ave. He and his neighbors are interested in the possibility of a sewer system for that area.

James Pesta of Juniper Dr. Kewadin, asked for the board's help in addressing the issues that are occurring at the road end access at O'Dell Rd. There has been a large increase in use at this access. He's asking for township support in addressing these overuse issues.

Sheriff's Report

As presented by Sheriff Dan Bean

Bean addressed the governor's executive order for wearing facemask. His recommendation is to call MIOSHA or the Attorney General to report violations. Number of events for June 2020 was 281. Bean also discussed a possible multiple township/county ordinance for fireworks which would help the sheriff's department regarding enforcement. The 4th of July on Torch was very busy. The state police, Kaskaskia Police and Antrim County did a great job keeping order. Discussion of the county jail/law enforcement center. He would like to see everything brought together under one roof. There are many issues that need to be addressed by the county commissioners.

Fire Department Report

As presented by Chief J. Ball

23 calls for service for June. We are at 65 for the year this far. Ball provided an update on training procedures and contact with the public in the wake of COVID. \$1432 was collected for Jerry's Kids. This is the most that's ever been collected. Ball thanked the public for their support. Ball gave an update on the fire department programs and their grant program. Working on the water issues at Station 1.

Zoning Report

As presented by C. Weinzapfel

Attorney Popovich said they are close to finishing the deed and agreements regarding Betty Land. There will be a final review.

Planning Report

As presented by B. Hefferan

Public hearing for RV Park in the village zone off Torch River Road. This will be at the concession building at the township park at 7 pm.

Ambulance Report

There is a report in the packet

Attorney's Report

As presented by B. Derman

Update on Metro Act payment. The tower company has repaired the damage to the township property. Regarding Bean's proposal on fireworks, he'd like to see a county wide ordinance like this. Update on Betty Lane.

Supervisor's Report

As presented by L. Bargy

Discussion on reducing the speed limit on E. Elk Lake Dr. Burt Thompson from the ACRC would like the board's approval to reduce the speed limit to 25 mph.

Motion by Atkinson/Ball to approve reducing the speed limit to E. Elk Lake Drive to 25 mph. Motion carried.

S. Ball discussed pay rate for election workers. She would like to increase election inspector pay from \$10 to \$13 and the chair for \$12 to \$15.

Motion by Atkinson/Pharo to approve this increase for election workers from \$10 to \$13/hour and for the chair from \$12 to \$15/hour. Motion carried.

August 22nd is next township clean-up day.

Bargy suggested Cole and Pharo go and take a look at the road end access on O'Dell. Atkinson would like to see boundaries marked at township access sites.

Sewer Project: Letter to property owners regarding five year payment plan. Atkinson discussed the contents of the letter.

Motion to approve the letter as presented by Ball/Cole. Motion carried. This letter will be an attachment to these minutes

2019-2020 Budget Amendments:

Township Board: \$35,325.11 (Sewer project and publishing)

Board of Review: \$411.82 (Salaries)

Clean Up Days: \$7217.36 (Clean up days)

Parks: \$5782.53 (Soccer/baseball field drainage)

Total: \$48736.82 with \$25,000 going to contingency and \$23,736.82 to fund balance

Motion to approve by Pharo/Ball. Motion carried.

Discussion regarding parking for the Kewadin Waterfront Park. Bargy is getting pricing for rocks to be placed along the driveway to prevent people from parking on the grass. The road commission may put up signs to help direct traffic.

Discussion of pickleball net extensions: The club would like to put these extensions up while they are playing to keep balls from going into the other courts. Atkinson discussed the extensions. They are a quick release. The club would purchase them at their own expense and remove them when they are done playing.

Motion by Cole/Atkinson to approve the quick release net extensions. Motion carried.

Bargy discussed the possible countywide fireworks ordinance.

Public Comment

Joyce Grammar of Elk Tip Drive asked about the study and the cost of the study for a possible future extension to the sewer line. Bargy said they are currently waiting for information before going forward.

Fred Gulick discussed fireworks and the law.

Approval of Bills

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

Meeting adjourned by order of the chair at 8:30 pm.

These minutes are subject to approval at the August meeting. A copy of these minutes are available at miltontownship.org

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra Ball, Clerk