

Synopsis
Milton Township
Meeting Minutes
September 14, 2020

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

Also present: Attorney B. Derman, C. Weinzapfel, J. Ball, and B. Hefferan. This meeting was held via teleconference.

Bargy called the meeting to order at 7 pm

Agenda Approval by consent

Approval of regular meeting minutes of August 10, 2020
Motion to approve by Atkinson/Cole. Motion carried. 5-0

Approval of special meeting minutes of August 24, 2020
Motion to approve by Atkinson/Ball. Motion carried. 5-0

Approval of special meeting minutes of September 9, 2020
Motion to approve by Ball/Atkinson. Motion carried. 5-0

Public Comment:

Paulette Termaat said there is a big tree stump log at the O'Dell Road Access that should be removed.

Adam Begley discussed his family cottage rental on Torch Lake. He asked about use tax regarding long term rentals. Atkinson and Derman suggested following up with the Zoning Administrator and the Planning Commission.

John Stevestck discussed scientific studies he's suggesting for the RV Park. Bargy confirmed that we received his letter.

Sheriff's Report

As provided in the report.
308 events for service in August.

Fire Department Report: by Chief J. Ball

12 calls for service in August. The letter requesting Antrim County Dispatch simulcast Kalkaska EMS and Torch Lake Twp., for calls to the south end of Milton Twp., was received by Sgt. Gank. Update on mobile radio project and personnel training.

Zoning Report: by C. Weinzapfel

Discussed a lot merger/land division for Dave Schultz and Tim Bell. Weinzapfel is requesting approval of this. Cole asked for clarification on the survey dated August 25, 1999. A formal survey is needed first.

Motion by T.Cole/B.Pharo to go ahead with the final survey. Motion carried. 5-0

Planning Report: B.Hefferan/C.Weinzapfel

Tomorrow night's meeting for the RV Park has been scheduled. Then a request came in from the developer to table the decision until the October meeting. The various options are being discussed with Derman. Hefferan said the governor's order is only for 250 people for public assembly outdoors. If we have a large turnout, we will be prohibited from having the meeting. Hefferan said he's looking for information from legal on the issue.

Ambulance Report

There is a report in the packet
15 runs for August

Attorney's Report: by B. Derman

Derman spoke about a possible fireworks ordinance presented by Sheriff Bean that was coordinated with 8 of 15 Antrim township supervisors. Bargy confirmed that we have received the sample ordinance. Update on American Tower Lease.

Supervisor's Report: by L .Bargy

The Grand Traverse Band would like to explore a possible grant for lighting of the pickle ball courts. Atkinson said our parks are closed from dusk until dawn. Atkinson doesn't support having lights at the pickleball courts. Cole said this doesn't seem necessary. Pharo and Ball both are not in favor of this at all.

Motion by L.Atkinson/S.Ball to deny the request from the GT Band to submit a grant on Milton's behalf for lighting at the pickleball courts. Motion carried. 5-0

Atkinson discussed the recommendation to request that Barb Johnson resign as president and library board member. After the motion at the library board meeting, Johnson said she won't resign as she can only be removed by the governor. Atkinson is looking for direction from the Milton Township board, if she should proceed with gathering the information with the governor's office to continue with Johnson's removal.

Motion by T.Cole/L.Bargy for Atkinson to proceed to gather this information required to terminate Barb Johnson from the Elk Rapids District Library Board. Motion carried. 5-0

Public Comment

No one wished to speak.

Approval of Bills

Motion to approve the bills by L.Atkinson/B.Pharo. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned by order of the chair at 7:37 pm.

These minutes are subject to approval at the October 10, 2020 meeting. A copy of these minutes are available online at miltontownship.org

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra Ball, Clerk