

Milton Township  
7023 Cherry Ave.  
Kewadin, MI 49648

Synopsis  
Milton Township  
Meeting Minutes  
November 9, 2020

This meeting was held via teleconference on Nov. 9, 2020 due to Covid-19

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

Also present: Attorneys B. Derman, C. Weinzapfel, J. Ball, B. Hefferan, and unknown audience members.

Bargy called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

Agenda Approval by consent.

Approval of regular meeting minutes of October 12, 2019  
Motion to approve by Atkinson/Cole. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:**

Tony Wittbrodt of Elk Rapids is speaking on the Friends of the Library Board. He addressed some of the issues that are being discussed between The Friends of the Library Board and the Elk Rapids Library. An audit has been agreed to by The Friends and The Elk Rapids Library. We want to assure the public we are fully cooperating.

Fred Gulick of E. Elk Lake Drive: Said that there wasn't proper notice given of this meeting. He believes the township is in violation of open meetings act.

Mac Whitehouse of Wabigama Dr., discussed outdoor storage of boats and trailers that are being stored in a way not in accordance with the zoning ordinance on Jim Brewer's property.

Karen Simpson with the Elk Rapids District Library Board spoke about the challenges on the Library Board and how it has brought out the best of the community as well as its support.

Kelly Wells discussed her comments at last month's meeting. She hasn't heard back and is looking for the update on this. Bargy said EGLE is reporting to the county and Milton has no say over this. It is not on the Planning Commission agenda for tomorrow night.

Brenda Hasso of Torch River Rd said in regards to the proposed RV Park, there is a lot of back and forth over who is taking ownership of the problem. Who is responsible? What is the update on this issue? Bargy said it's in the restoration phase and it will be coming back to the planning commission at a future date.

### **Sheriff's Report**

In packet

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

13 responses for the month. Update on mobile radios. Update on maintenance and training.

### **Zoning Report:** by C. Weinzapfel

There is a junk violation going on Birch Lake Rd. There will be court hearing via zoom to address that issue. There are some pictures of our road end access on Campbell Road with noticeable encroachment. We have some split rail fencing and a mail box and then there is a propane tank that is in the right of way. Pharo suggested he go forward with citations and then having these things removed. Cole agreed.

We are also dealing with the attorneys for a special meeting on the RV Park. There will be a notice in the paper. At this time it hasn't been scheduled as we haven't heard back from the attorneys.

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

We have our regular planning commission meeting tomorrow night. It will be our first meeting via Zoom. The information is on the website if you would like to attend. The only matter on the agenda is a subcommittee report regarding the winery ordinance.

### **Ambulance Report**

Report in the packet.

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

Issues have been covered by other reports.

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

### **Resolution # 2020-13 Grant Application to Michigan Townships Participating Plan.**

Motion by Atkinson/Pharo to approve Resolution #2020-13 Roll Call: T. Cole -Yes, S. Ball –Yes, B. Pharo – Yes, L. Bargy – Yes and L. Atkinson – Yes.

Motion carried. 5-0

### **Resolution #2020-14 Interlocal Agreement for Antrim County Designated Assessor**

This allows the County to have a designated Assessor on file with the State Tax Commission. Amy Jenema is the primary, but the county would serve as the backup only if necessary.

Motion by Atkinson/Ball to approve Resolution #2020-14.

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

Motion carried. 5-0

Atkinson provided a report regarding the library dated November 9, 2020. This report is also available in full on the township website.

The Village of Elk Rapids is requesting a meeting with Elk Rapids Twp., and Milton Twp., to discuss the District Library Agreement.

There was discussion on doing an audit of the Library Funds. Since there has already been an audit, it was proposed to do a Financial Review.

The Record Eagle has put in a FOIA request to the ERDL.

Ongoing communications to stress the importance for the board to adhere to all Labor Laws, board procedures and policies.

#### **Public Comment**

Fred Gulick of E. Elk Lake Drive further discussed the violation of the open meetings act and the matter with the county equalization.

Mac Whitehouse of Wabigama Dr., discussed the RV park remediation. No one is taking responsibility. Please work with Antrim County to clarify authority and make sure nothing falls between the cracks.

Bargy said there has been discussion of the township hiring its own environmental consultant. This is just in the discussion phase right now.

#### **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 December 14, 2020 meeting. A copy of these minutes are available at [miltontownship.org](http://miltontownship.org)

Respectfully submitted,  
Sandra Ball, Clerk