

Synopsis
Milton Township
Meeting Minutes
December 14, 2020

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

Also present: Attorneys B. Derman, J. Ball, B. Hefferan, C. Weinzapfel. This meeting is being held on Zoom due to the Corona Virus. Zoom shows 17 participants at the start of the meeting.

Bargy called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

Agenda Approval

Add discussion of engineering firm selection for RV Park

Agenda approved by consent

Approval of regular meeting minutes of November 9, 2020

Motion to approve by S. Ball/T. Cole. Motion carried.

Approval of special meeting minutes of November 16, 2020

Correction: Change time of adjournment to 8:45 am

Motion to approve as corrected by L. Atkinson/S. Ball. Motion carried.

Approval of special meeting minutes of December 2, 2020

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

Public Comment:

No one wished to speak

Sheriff's Report

Provided in the packet

109 calls for service for November.

Fire Department Report: by Chief J. Ball

27 calls for service in November. The majority of these were for a wind/snow storm.

Update on training. Update on records management system. We are looking for a new software since the old one is going out of business. Update on member Brenton Evans. He has resigned from the department.

Zoning Report: by C. Weinzapfel

Update on junk violation on Birch Lake Road.

Engineering Firm Selection for RV Park: In discussing the engineering issues with Derman and Hefferan and the attorneys, the board has no standing in doing that at this time. It's a special use permit dealt with at the planning commission and that board hasn't made a determination. Our attorney's recommend going forward with finishing the public

hearing and then the discussion can be taken care of and it can be referred back to the subcommittee of the planning commission at which point they can request that the township board bring on additional expertise. This would allow an engineer/planner brought in on behalf of the township. Discussion. The process that will now take place is we will reschedule the public hearing, following all proper notices. This will be sometime in January. We will proceed with the hearing and deliberations. At that point, it can be sent back to the subcommittee, who can recommend bringing in outside help. Derman clarified that the planning commission itself will request the board for permission to retain the firm to assist them in their review of the issues that have been brought up. Discussion about how best to manage the scope of the work between board members. Atkinson said this can be done as per the firm's qualifications, rather than a bid situation. Hefferan said we have an application for a special use. We had a public hearing in July. That public hearing hasn't been completed. We haven't had an opportunity to discuss or deliberate this issue at all. Our options will be to vote in favor of the application or not in favor of the application or send it back to a subcommittee for further investigation. I don't want to presume what the planning commission is going to do. Pharo suggested putting this on hold until the planning commission is done with its work.

Planning Report: by B. Hefferan

The regular meeting is tomorrow and the RV Park is not on the agenda. We will have continued discussion about the proposed changes to the winery/cidery ordinance. We will also discuss ways to encourage residents to use the reflective sign program.

Ambulance Report

There is a report in the packet.
12 calls for November.

Attorney's Report: by B. Derman

Update on Campbell Road End violations. The new short-term rental ordinance takes effect January 1, 2021.

Supervisor's Report: by L. Bargy

We are working on a letter for the feasibility study. This will be going out soon.

ERDL Library Update: L. Atkinson.

Update on the lease agreement with the building committee. Report on legal fees, from Sept/Oct/Nov. and on an audit of the capital campaign and The Friends group. This expense will be paid by the capital campaign. Update from attorneys regarding their concerns about contact process and the reasons for contact.

T. Cole asked if there is a cap on spending by board members. L. Atkinson said this is a good questions she will look into it.

Public Comment:

Chief J. Ball said the stretch between Erickson and Sutter Road on US 31 has been changed to a no passing zone. Bargy asked about the fog line and the rumble strips and getting those adjusted. J. Ball will look into this.

Barb Johnson raised her hand to comment, but due to audio difficulties, she was unable to speak.

Approval of Bills

Motion to approve the bills by L. Atkinson/T. Cole. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned by order of the chair at 7:41 pm.

These minutes are subject to approval at the January 2021 meeting. A copy of these minutes are available at miltontownship.org

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra Ball, Clerk