

Synopsis
Milton Township
Meeting Minutes
March 8, 2021

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

Also present: Attorney B. Derman, J. Ball, B. Hefferan, and C. Weinzapfel. This meeting is being held on Zoom due to the Corona Virus. Zoom shows 18 participants at the start of the meeting.

Bargy called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

Agenda Approval
Agenda approved by consent

Approval of regular meeting minutes of February 8, 2021
Motion to approve by S. Ball/L. Atkinson. Motion carried.

Public Comment:
No one wished to speak

Sheriff's Report
As presented in the packet
75 total calls for service.

Fire Department Report: by Chief J. Ball
4 runs for February. Report on COVID procedures regarding Zoom meetings and records management software. Estimates provided for re-surfacing the gear room floor. Recommending board approval for Traverse City Coatings for \$1575. Update on trainings.

Motion by B. Pharo/L. Atkinson to approve Traverse City Coatings for \$1575. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business: Fireworks Ordinance 2021-1
Sheriff Dan Bean presented the ordinance language. The goal is to have a consistent county wide set of regulations that the police department can follow. B. Derman discussed how this relates to the Torch Lake Township version of this ordinance. B. Derman asked if the Antrim County Prosecutor has signed on to this. Bean did not think so. Discussion on whether this language represents the most recent language from the state legislature. It was reviewed to be correct.

Motion by L. Atkinson/B. Pharo to approve Fireworks Ordinance #2021-01
Roll Call: T. Cole – Yea; B. Pharo – Yea; L. Atkinson – Yea; L. Bargy – Yea; and S. Ball – Yea. Motion carried.

Zoning Report: by C. Weinzapfel

Report for 2020 was presented in the packet for review. Update on Planning Commission. They need to update the Master Plan and are considering a large scope review. Williams and Wertz did the zoning ordinance years ago and we are considering getting a bid from them and Beckett and Raeder. Update on Betty Lane. L. Bargy asked about a possible steep slope ordinance. Weinzapfel said it has been discussed before, but we never moved forward with it.

Planning Report: by B. Hefferan

Tomorrow we have a public hearing for the winery ordinance, a subcommittee report regarding the RV Park and a subcommittee Report on the Master Plan.

Ambulance Report

As presented in the packet.

Attorney's Report: by B. Derman

The Birch Lake Road violation is still pending.

Supervisor's Report: by L. Bargy

L. Bargy would like to hold a budget workshop with board members. Update on sewer request. The survey came back with more than 50% approval from property owners. This would be Elk Tip Drive up to Easley Road. We will try to set up a meeting the first part of April to discuss the matter.

The budget workshop will be at 9 am on March 15th.

ERDL Library Update: by Atkinson

A copy of the report will be on the website tomorrow afternoon. The operating agreement hasn't come back from the village and this is the last time that will be discussed. The lease agreement with the Village draft has been received and is being reviewed. There was a public comment made that Milton Township thinks it holds the golden key. We don't believe that, but we do supply a large amount of money to the operation of the library. We should provide oversight. Update on Capital Campaign and the shift to the Friends.

Discussion on a proposed Resolution #2021-07

B. Pharo doesn't think we should be deeply involved with the library expansion. L. Bargy said there is talk that our board doesn't support this. The resolution says we support the expansion of the library. The feedback is that we don't want anything to do with it. We aren't trying to control it. B. Pharo said he still doesn't support this. He trusts our representatives to do their job and represent us. T. Cole said he doesn't see anything in the resolution that's radical in any way. S. Ball said when they were discussing the expansion, Milton Township wasn't involved in any way. The money we collect for taxes goes for the operation of the library. I don't think we need to have a resolution to request transparency. L. Atkinson said she believes the resolution would help reinforce the good

things that are happening with the appointees. Cole told Atkinson that she has our support.

Pharo lost his connection to the meeting.

Pharo was able to rejoin the meeting.

Atkinson asked if we took out the five items, would it be more agreeable. B. Pharo said he's still not interested in it. L. Bary said this would show we support Elk Rapids Township. It's a show of unity in trying to fix things. Atkinson said it's not that we are against the Village of Elk Rapids.

Motion to support the resolution by L. Atkinson. No second. The motion failed for lack of support.

New Business:

None

Public Comment:

Fred Gulick said regarding the Fireworks Consumer's Ordinance, has it been published? Bary stated no, it was just approved tonight. You didn't have to publish it before the vote? No.

Tim Smith said he thinks the Zoom meetings have been well received and you get a lot of good participation and I would encourage you to look at continuing that.

Approval of Bills/Budget Items

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

Meeting adjourned by order of the chair at 8:04 pm.

These minutes are subject to approval at the April 12, 2021 meeting. A copy of these minutes is available at miltontownship.org

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra Ball, Clerk