

Synopsis
Milton Township
Meeting Minutes
October 11, 2021

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

Also present: Attorneys B. Derman, S. Kopriva, J. Ball, B. Hefferan, County Commissioner Karen Bargy and 8 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 September 13, 2021
Motion to approve by L. Atkinson/S. Ball. Motion carried.

Approval of special meeting minutes of September 22, 2021
Motion to approve by L. Atkinson/B. Pharo. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

A citizen asked to reduce the speed on Cherry Ave. L Bargy said this would have to be approved by the State Police.

Scott Keo of MacKenzie Dr. asked about a potential noise ordinance. We were told Clearwater Township has an ordinance, but it's not enforceable, according to L. Bargy.

Darlene Keo of MacKenzie Dr. also shared her concerns. Scott asked what the difference from other ordinances was. Bargy said a noise ordinance would be a policing ordinance. We would need to have law enforcement.

Sarah Toth asked about scheduling the archery club at Milton Township Park. She presented some additional information for review.

A citizen asked that since a noise ordinance can't be enforced since we don't have a police officer, how you can enforce any ordinance. This would be a police ordinance.

Karen Bargy

County Commissioner discussed her report.

Update on Health Department and an upcoming meeting. Jerry Mensing asked inquired on how the Covid money will be spent. K. Bargy said she didn't have an update on that. The budget was passed for 2022.

Sheriff's Report

As presented

159 calls for September.

Fire Department Report

As presented by Chief J. Ball

6 calls for service for September. Update on truck maintenance and service work. Ball announced the M. Rainy has completed his probation and recommends he be approved to firefighter status. Ball also requested that we proceed with the repair on mini pumper as propose in his report.

Motion by S. Ball/B. Pharo to approve Matt Rainy to firefighter status. Motion carried.

Motion by S. Ball/B. Pharo to have CSI / Fick and Sons make the repairs as proposed. Motion carried.

Ambulance Report

There is a report in the packet.

Zoning Report: by S. Kopriva

Update on land use permits and applications. An application was also received on the RV Park. It would be best if the township board created an escrow account for expenses for this. The amount of escrow is based on the type of help you think you will need. In the end, it will be more than \$5,000 but we don't want to ask for too much. Cole asked about how the fee could be used. Any fees needed related to that specific application only. Any remaining fees would be returned.

Handed out was a proposal for the master plan rewrite. This proposal would update everything and include a survey online. We'd look at the new census report and then come up with goals and objectives. The current master plan has a lot of goals but doesn't given direction on how to move forward. We'd like to give you good action plans to move forward with what you'd like to see. If you want additional public engagement, that's something we can discuss. Cole said at this dollar amount, we have to put it out for bids.

Motion by T. Cole/L. Atkinson to proceed with setting up and escrow account for the RV Park for \$5,000 for fees and expenses. Motion carried.

Planning Report: by B. Hefferan

There are a couple subcommittee reports at the meeting tomorrow night. August 9th, you asked us to look at Road Ends. We looked at it with a subcommittee and they asked what exactly they were being asked to do. Are we talking about all of them? L. Atkinson said it was mainly to update the road end ordinance. This is a police ordinance. S. Ball asked B. Derman if we can designate hours that apply only to certain functions but not others? B. Derman will look into the matter. The board will review the issue and determine what specifically they are looking to change.

Attorney's Report: by B. Derman

Update on Library Board and Elk Rapids Township survey report. Update on Birch Lake Road violation.

Supervisor's Report: by L. Bargo

1. Appoint Planning Commission Member

Motion by S. Ball/B. Pharo to appoint Joe Renis to replace Terri Kopkau on the Planning Commission to complete the remainder of her term through December 2022. Motion carried.

2. Resolution 2021-17 Poverty Exemption

Motion by S. Ball/L. Atkinson to approve Resolution 2021-17

B. Pharo – Yes; S. Ball –Yes; L. Bargo – Yes and, T. Cole -Yes

L. Atkinson: Yea

Motion passed 5-0

Library Report

As presented by L. Atkinson

No report.

New Business:

Atkinson said the landscaping was finished at the Old Town Hall.

Public Comment

Jerry Mensing asked about the trailer park. I thought it was over and done with. B. Hefferan said an application was filed and the planning commission denied that application. A new application has been filed as of today. Then, we will review and approve or deny that application. S. Kopriva said she doesn't know what this means for the lawsuit.

Approval of Bills

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

Meeting adjourned by order of the chair at 7:57 pm.

These minutes are subject to approval at the November 8, 2021 meeting. A copy of these minutes are available at miltontownship.org

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra Ball, Clerk