

Synopsis
Milton Township
Special Meeting Minutes
December 6, 2021

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

Members absent: L. Atkinson and T. Cole, excused

Also present: Paul Fabiano, Fire Chief of South Torch Lake Fire and Rescue

Bargy called the meeting to order at 8am.

Agenda Approval by consent

Public Comment: No one wished to speak

Items for Discussion:

A. Broadband Internet

Bruce of 186 Network is interested in expanding fiber optic internet in South Milton. It would be from Ringler Road to the south. The goal would be to get the main trunk and then the subdivisions. If we could, we'd like to seek some help from the township to accomplish that. The cost will be \$69.95 for the users. We estimate to start at 151 homes. The startup project is about \$250,000. It's a big amount for us to bite off ourselves. We sent out a survey to residents asking if they would be willing to spend \$1,500 to have the service brought in to their area. The expense was more than they expected. One of the reasons we are coming now is it's necessary to order things due to the supply chain issues.

S. Ball asked what would the estimated cost per foot to get it from the road to the house. \$249/foot for the first 300 ft. and \$1/foot beyond 300 ft. B. Pharo discussed with the board about using COVID funds to do this project. L. Bargy said he's talking with the county on doing a match. How much COVID money is there? \$240K or \$220K. S. Ball said she'd like to use the money for broadband. B. Pharo said he would like to as well. L. Bargy will continue to discuss with the county and Milton will proceed with additional discussions.

B. South Torch Lake Fire & Response Agreement

Paul Fabiano, Fire Chief for South Torch Lake was asked to look into providing EMS to Milton. There is no contract that I can find. I went back as far as 1972. At one of the meetings in 1972, there was mention in the minutes. The minutes said we plan on continuing our contract with Milton for \$100 for each run but I can't find a contract for that. We would like to come up with a formal agreement. I tried to come up with something fair. When we have a run, our guys get a minimum of two hours. When I average it out over the runs we've had, there were two vehicles. We average two people per run and roughly \$35/hour. Our pay schedule is based on time with the department and

your EMS and Firefighter status. I've given a simple proposal to get things started. Our boundary line is South of Hicken Road. Fire mutual aid will remain the same. B. Pharo said he'd like to see us do this and limit it to one truck. B. Pharo suggested having B. Derman write up a contract for this.

Motion by B. Pharo/S. Ball to proceed with a contract with South Torch Lake Fire Department for \$60/truck \$35/man and \$9 for administration for EMS runs. Seconded by Motion carried. 3-0

C. Deputy Treasurer Appointment

Motion to appoint Wendy Fox as Deputy Treasurer by S. Ball/B. Pharo. Motion carried. 3-0

D. Maplehurst Signage

Previously we received a letter from Ron Reffit to move the trail that comes close to his property line. We declined. Then there was discussion with the land conservancy to put up signage to keep people away from that line since he hunts his property. The signs to be paid for by the conservancy.

Motion by B. Pharo/S. Ball to approve the new signage. Motion carried. 3-0

E. Elk Rapids District Library Resignation Letter

Barb Johnson has resigned. Motion by S. Ball/B. Pharo to accept the resignation letter effective Nov. 15, 2021. Motion carried. 3-0

Public Comment:

No one wished to speak

Meeting adjourned by order of the chair at 8:31 am.

These minutes are subject to approval at the December 13, 2021 meeting. A copy of these minutes are available at miltontownship.org

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Ball, Clerk