

Synopsis
Milton Township
Draft Meeting Minutes
February 14, 2022

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

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

Also present: Attorneys B. Derman, J. Ball, B. Hefferan, and five audience members

Ball called the meeting to order at 7 pm and the Pledge was recited

Agenda Approval

Motion to approve the agenda by L. Atkinson/B. Pharo. Motion carried.

Approval of regular meeting minutes of January 10, 2022

Motion to approve by B. Pharo/L. Atkinson. Motion carried.

Approval of special meeting minutes of January 18, 2021

Motion to approve by B. Pharo/L. Atkinson. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

No one wished to speak.

Sheriff's Report:

As presented in the packet. 63 calls for the month.

Fire Department Report: by Chief J. Ball

8 calls for January. Update on truck maintenance and training. 2021 training report provided.

Ambulance Report:

There is a report in the packet

Zoning Report:

None

Planning Report: by B. Hefferan

The monthly meetings will now be the third Thursdays of each month. There is no Planning Commission meeting this month.

Attorney's Report: by B. Derman

Update on ER Village/Township Island House lawsuit and Emergency Medical First Responder Agreement. Report on Waring Road Public Access. Derman explained the

option to become a charter township. Milton chose not to do that. Update on virtual participation in a public meetings.

Supervisor's Report:

None

Library Report: by L. Atkinson

The board sought out proposals for a needs assessment to find out what the district would like to see in their library. This is a first step for figuring out what the future will be for the library. One proposal was selected and we are working toward a vote to approve that proposal. I encourage you to take the survey when you get the material.

Unfinished Business:

1. Emergency Medical First Responder Agreement

Motion to approve by B. Pharo/L. Atkinson.

Roll Call: L. Atkinson-Yes; B. Pharo-Yes and S. Ball-Yes.

Motion carried. 3-0

Absent: L. Bargy and T. Cole

New Business:

1. Salary Resolutions #2022-04, 2022-05, and #2022-06

Motion to approve Resolution #2022-04 6% COLA Salary increase for the Supervisor for 2022-23. Motion by L. Atkinson/B. Pharo.

Roll Call: S. Ball-Yes; B. Pharo-Yes and L. Atkinson: Yes.

Motion carried. 3-0

Absent: L. Bargy and T. Cole.

Motion to approve Resolution #2022-05 6% COLA Salary increase for the Clerk for 2022-23. Motion by B. Pharo/L. Atkinson

Roll Call: B. Pharo-Yes; S. Ball-Yes and L. Atkinson-Yes

Motion carried. 3-0

Absent: L. Bargy and T. Cole.

Motion to approve Resolution #2022-06 6% COLA Salary increase for the Treasures and \$80 for per ZBA 2022-23. Motion by S. Ball/B. Pharo

Roll Call: S. Ball-Yes; B. Pharo-Yes and L. Atkinson-Yes

Motion carried. 3-0

Absent: L. Bargy and T. Cole.

These resolutions shall be submitted to the electors at the Annual Meeting at which time the electors may modify the amount.

2. Reappointment of Dave Kopkau to the ERDL Board for a four year term to expire Feb. 28, 2026

Motion to approve Dave Kopkau to the ERDL Board for a four year term to expire Feb. 28, 2026 by B. Pharo/L. Atkinson. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Jim McKimmy said in Sept. 2019 there was a discussion of proceeding with a sewer. We understood that if 50% of an area agreed to proceed, then the township would proceed with a feasibility study. A group came together and solicited signatures on a petition from Elk Tip to Easley. This was submitted to the clerk and supervisor.

McKimmy read the petition and discussed the properties. He asked that this item be discussed further and move forward with a feasibility study.

Pharo and Atkinson discussed and how best to proceed. McKimmy discussed the history of his meetings with Lon Bargy. They discussed how parcels were determined.

Brad Muma said the percentage of signatures is being considered as a requirement. The feasibility study doesn't have a signature requirement unless you require one. Muma said he presented some costs in July of 2020. Costs will be different today. Atkinson asked if it's normal to spend tax dollars without getting public approval. Muma said with this signature list, it shows interest. Municipalities spend public dollars all the time without a vote on each dollar.

Ball said she'd like to have a policy that would set the parameters of doing a feasibility study, for now and the future. Pharo said he doesn't think we would be setting a precedent by doing a feasibility study. We can decide to do it or not.

Muma said a feasibility study is going to give you information and numbers to discuss with your residents.

Carolyn Sinnel of Ridge Road said she's in favor of the feasibility study and she'd like to hear what the next steps are.

Jim McKimmy said, Townships that are shovel ready, will have a leg up on getting available funds. Be ready for your future expenditures.

Fred Gulick said, he's not in favor of a sewer system unless there is a vote of the people. He also has concerns about the time of transfer septic ordinance.

Muma discussed what a failed sewer system is and what are zoning issues.

Approval of Bills:

Motion to approve the bills by L. Atkinson/B. Pharo. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned by order of the chair at 7:48 pm.

These draft minutes are subject to approval at the March 14, 2022 meeting. A copy of these minutes are available at miltontownship.org

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Ball, Clerk