

Synopsis
Milton Township
Draft Meeting Minutes
May 9 2022

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

Also present: Attorney B. Derman, Chief Ball, B. Hefferan, K. Bargy, J. Merillat, Sheriff Dan Bean, and 15 audience members

L. Bargy called the meeting to order at 7 pm and the Pledge was recited

Agenda Approval by consent

Approval of regular meeting minutes of April 11, 2022

Motion by L. Atkinson/S. Ball to approve the minutes. Motion carried. 5-0

Public Comment:

Caleb Paro is running for county commissioner in District 1 and introduced himself.

Susan Mohr of Ringler Road is asking for an update on broadband.

Fred Gulick asked about broadband internet and spending ARPA funds. Atkinson said we've received half of the funds, but the total will be about \$230K.

Karen Bargy, County Commissioner chose not to run for the next term. Bill Hefferan will run for her seat. She gave an update on the following issue: CIP plans.

Sheriff's Report: by Sheriff Dan Bean

74 events for April 2022. Update on personnel and new hires and on animal control. 911 millage renewal in August.

Fire Department Report: by Chief J. Ball

4 runs for April. 23 for the year so far. Report on PFAS testing on the firefighters and on PFAS in foam. Monthly report on training and programs.

EMS Report

There is a report in the packet

Zoning Report

Two alternates were added to the board to accommodate any absences.

Planning Report: by B. Hefferan

Met on April 21 and we are reviewing the master plan survey being created by Beckett & Raeder. Meetings were moved to the third Thursday of the month, but this month it's on the 18th.

There has been a request to move RV Parks out of the Village Zone and move it into the AG zone. We will continue that discussion this month. There is ongoing litigation and Hefferan asked Kopriva to follow up on that.

Update on steep slopes. The subcommittee is meeting and they are in favor or pursuing it as an overlay zone.

ZBA will meet this Thursday at 7 pm for a variance for the Torch Lake Shack.

Attorney's Report: by B. Derman

Update on Waring Road public access on Torch Lake. Derman recommends transferring ownership from the county to Milton with a restriction that it's for public recreation.

Motion by L. Atkinson/T. Cole to pursue both lots from the County. Motion carried. 5-0

The court of appeals has rejected the Bailey appeal. This can be appealed to the Michigan Supreme Court.

Supervisor's Report: by L. Bargy

Updates on bids for the old Town Hall for re-siding. Recommendation on having a special board meeting to discuss a feasibility study for sewer extension. A meeting will be set for a later date.

Library Report: by L. Atkinson

We have provided a survey for the Elk Rapids District Library. You may go online to the Library website, or there are copies here as well.

Unfinished Business

A. Review Tree Removal Bids

Motion by T. Cole/B. Pharo to accept the bid of \$3650 Best Price Tree Service Motion carried. 5-0

B. Approval Schedule of Roads for Repair

Discussion of including Schweitzer Lane. Antrim County Road Commission will update with a cost for Schweitzer Lane.

Motion by L. Atkinson/S. Ball to approve the schedule of roads for repair as presented. Motion carried. 5-0

C. 186 Network

Atkinson asked if the township could get a detailed map of all of the properties where fiber would be going. The funds will be allocated but we need some documentation showing the phases for 1 and 2. 186 will provide a plan and contract.

Motion by B. Pharo/L. Atkinson to approve using ARPA funds to assist 186 Network in the expansion of broadband into South Milton. This will be contingent on receiving a detailed map and contract from 186 Network. Motion carried. 5-0

Approval of Fencing:

Motion by L. Atkinson/L. Bargy to approve Apple Fence Company bid. Motion carried. 5-0

New Business

None

Public Comment

Jim McKimmy asked to be notified of the special meeting for the sewer.

Carolyn Synol of Ridge Rd. said there was an estimate provided by Performance Engineering a year ago. She inquired whether these meetings regarding the sewer will be open to the public.

Karen Bargy said there is an engineering meeting about data points regarding lake levels. It will be around late June or early July. The county is doing a brown algae study. A study was cited in Silver Lake.

Bill Hefferan announced that he is running for county commissioner and wanted to introduce himself.

Fred Gulick said he was unaware that Station 2 was available for people to go during power outage. Chief Ball said we have opened it up during emergencies, but this is only available if there is staffing available to stay there. It is not a designated emergency shelter.

Approval of Bills

Motion by L. Atkinson/B. Pharo to approve the bills. Motion carried. 5-0

Meeting adjourned by order of the chair at 8:17 pm.

These draft minutes are subject to approval at the June 13th. meeting. A copy of these minutes are available at miltontownship.org

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra Ball, Clerk