

Synopsis
Milton Township
Draft Meeting Minutes
June 13 2022

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

Also present: Attorney B. Derman, J. Ball, J. Merillat, Dan Butler, Larry Ball, Bill Hefferan, and 27 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 May 9, 2022
Motion to approve by S. Ball/L. Atkinson. Motion carried. 5-0

Approval of special meeting minutes of June 2, 2022
Motion to approve by T. Cole/B. Pharo. Motion carried. 5-0

Public Comment:

Jim McKimmy discussed the sewer petition process. Atkinson said we've never had a board meeting to discuss our board policies. We are working on gathering information on policy. I have been talking to someone that has a great deal of knowledge on this subject. I will contact him to schedule a meeting.

Rob Constantine of Ridge Road asked about the sewer process going forward. B. Pharo said he's not opposed to a study, but as a board, we have to know what area would require the study. Constantine is frustrated at the amount of time it's taken.

Susan Mohr of Ringler Road said she doesn't know much about the sewer, these people don't represent me. I want to know what the process is to do a study to determine who wants it and how it will happen. ESLA has been keeping data on water quality for many years and they are a good source of information on the health of Elk Lake.

Linda Constantine of Ridge Road said she was involved in talking to Robinson. The idea was that it would hook into the ER Treatment plant. Signatures were gathered along Elk Tip Road to Stallman. Then there was discussion as to whether it would hook into Elk Rapids.

Bob Sullivan of Deep Water Pt. Lane said he supports the sewer system. He attended a TALPA meeting and heard their expert speak about Lake Tahoe. There is a big dead tree along Lake Ave. He brought a photo and address. L. Bargy said the tree is on private property.

Fred Gulick spoke regarding the time of transfer septic ordinance and how it relates to the necessity for a sewer system. The information gathered doesn't support this expense of doing a sewer.

Jim Pasa of Juniper Drive said he talked to Jackie in zoning today and someone has built two benches at the end of O'Dell Road. He would like them removed. L. Bary said they will look into the matter.

Carol Rideout spoke about revitalizing the skate park and their proposed plans. They have raised the funds to pay for the improvements. They asked the board to review the proposal. L. Atkinson said there is a park and rec meeting at 11 am on Thursday and it will be discussed.

Sheriff's Report

As presented in the packet
120 calls for service in May

Fire Department Report

As presented by Chief J. Ball
12 runs for May. We collected \$1332 for Muscular Dystrophy. We've raised a total \$25,123. We thank the community for their support. Update on FD programs and maintenance. Discussion of water point truck, which is 38 years old. They would like to move forward with listing this unit for sale. We wouldn't be replacing this truck. We feel that with our water point sign program, our engine 2 can get to those points. B. Pharo said you'd be using engine 2 to fill tankers. J. Ball said yes. It has been tested. B. Pharo said he's in favor of selling it. T. Cole asked regarding back up apparatus. J. Ball said a mutual aid department would come in and help for that incident.

Motion to request a proposal to sell the water point truck by B. Pharo/T. Cole. Motion carried.

J. Ball said regarding the generator at Station 2. This was purchased in 2013. In 2019 we set up Station 2 with the EOC as a secondary shelter. It is not a Red Cross shelter.

The equipment committee is here to discuss a washer extractor for turnout gear. This follows NFPA guidelines. Larry Ball gave a presentation which is also in the packet. Pharo asked how many turnout gear will you need to buy. Larry said about eight sets. S. Ball asked if the neighboring departments have the same system. If so, has there been any problems? L. Atkinson inquired about maintenance/repair service. The board asked the equipment committee to research other departments that have this system, and to check on servicing the units.

EMS Report

There is a report in the packet

Zoning Report

There is a report in the packet

Planning Report: by B. Hefferan

At this week's meeting there will be a continued discussion of the RV park ordinance. We've been looking at changes to this ordinance brought forth by a citizen. We are more open to some of the verbiage changes in the ordinance, so we will continue the discussion.

Attorney's Report: by B. Derman

Update on Chain of Lakes Hydrology study. Update on the 186 Networks broadband agreement. There needs to be more information completed on the agreement. Information on a possible mutual aid for regional departments in case of natural disasters. Chief Ball discussed the information he has about this program. Update on Waring Rd. end property and lease with county and DNR.

Supervisor's Report: by L. Bargy

DNR Open house for boat launch: June 22 at the Old Township Hall at 5-7 with a presentation at 6 pm.

The board approved a bid to have the old town hall sided. The board approved a bid to redo the boat ramp at O'Dell Road.

Unfinished Business:

A. Chain of Lakes Water Trail Agreement: Deena Jerdee of Paddle Antrim gave an update on sign maintenance. L. Atkinson said Parks and Rec reviewed this sign maintenance proposal. S. Ball said she liked Kingon's idea who said instead of public funds, Parks and Rec might look for grants to fund this. Jerdee said grants really aren't given for maintenance. B. Pharo said he would like an end date to the agreement. Jerdee said she can add a date. T. Cole asked for a change on Services Rendered. L. Atkinson asked if Paddle Antrim can provide an annual report of signs replaced.

Motion by S. Ball/B. Pharo to approve the agreement with the proposed changes.

Roll Call; L. Atkinson –Yes; T. Cole – Yes; L. Bargy – Yes; B. Pharo –Yes and S. Ball – Yes. Motion carried. 5-0

Library Report

No report

New Business

A. Park Rules

Commercial activity is going on in the park. We should clarify that our parks are open from dawn to dusk, no commercial activity. Rules were posted at the pickle ball courts. This has always been the township policy but it should be formally adopted.

Motion to approve clarifying park rules that the parks are open dawn to dusk and there is to be no commercial activity by L. Atkinson/S. Ball. Motion carried. 5-0

Public Comment:

Tom Kirshner of Ridge Road asked what the process for a sewer study is. There is a lack of understanding.

Susan Moore is against paying for the maintenance of the Paddle Antrim signs. She also has a question about blight regarding a property off Ringler Rd., L. Bargy said this is being remediated through the courts.

Fred Gulick asked regarding signs in the right of way.

Margo Rodgers of Elk Tip Drive said the sewer issue is a cumbersome project. There will be a meeting organized with the board and the resource to talk about how to approach a project like this. How will this be advertised? L. Atkinson said on the website and on the door.

Approval of Bills

Motion to approve by S. Ball/B.Pharo. Motion carried. 5-0

Meeting adjourned by order of the chair at 8:41 pm.

These minutes are subject to approval at the July 11th. 2022 meeting. A copy of these minutes are available at miltontownship.org

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra Ball, Clerk