

Synopsis
Milton Township
Draft Meeting Minutes
September 12, 2022

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

Also present: Attorney B. Derman, J. Ball, B. Hefferan, and 14 audience members

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

Agenda Approval
Agenda approved by consent

Approval of regular meeting minutes of August 8, 2022
Motion to approve by L. Atkinson/S. Ball. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Fred Gulick discussed the sewer ordinance regarding a mandatory hookup to the sewer. He read the ordinance and doesn't see any federal law where it's mandatory.

Bargy explained there is a correction to his statement.

Bill Nerood of Chippewa Trail regarding the internet in South Milton. There doesn't seem to be any forward motion. Derman said he's been in contact with 186 Networks and we are in our 4th draft of the final agreement.

Sheriff's Report

Provided in the packet
235 runs for August

Fire Department Report: by Chief Ball

17 responses for August. Mike Tilly has resigned after 13 years of service and we appreciate his dedication to the department. We are now at 12 members. Update on the sale of the water point truck. The fill the boot drive raised \$2373 this year during the clean-up day. Update on repairs, programs, and training. Discussion of bids for installation of a gravel pad to conduct training at station 2. It was sent to six companies and we ended up with three. Drog's was the lowest bid. S. Ball asked regarding the cleanup for fluids. J. Ball said its Afton stone. This should work better overall.

Motion by B. Pharo/L. Atkinson to approve the bid from Drog Excavating for installation of a gravel pad for \$2498. Motion carried. 4-0

EMS Report

There is a report in the packet

Zoning Report: by J. Petersen

Peterson provided a written report to board members and they reviewed.

Planning Report: by B. Hefferan

Our meeting is this Thursday at 7 pm. We are looking at the third draft of the RV ordinance. We are reviewing our zoning map and an application for a site plan review of a 14 unit single family site condo in the village district between Torch River Road and Miller Road.

Atkinson said she's posted the application for the new members for the ZBA and hasn't gotten a response. Would you be willing to revisit having 5 members? Hefferan said we are happy to review that.

Attorney's Report: by B. Derman

Regarding Waring Road access. The county did agree to deed the 50 feet of lot 1 to Milton Township. Update on the ER District Library. The village and township are down to negotiating a property transfer agreement. I recommend the board approve the Metro application submitted by 186network/Coli. That makes it so they are allowed to use the public roads in Milton Township. Authorize L. Bary to sign it. Regarding 186 Networks, we are on our 4th draft of the agreement. I discovered something I didn't know. I'm going to request the board have a special meeting to discuss this application. The board will set a special meeting to discuss with 186 Networks. We will set a special meeting Wednesday September 14th, at 10:00 a.m. to finalize the agreement.

Derman said he would like the authority to approve the Metro Act Permit Application. In addition, approve L. Bary to sign the agreement. Motion to approve the Metro Act Permit Application by B. Pharo/L. Atkinson. Motion carried
Roll call: L. Bary – Yes; B. Pharo – Yes; L. Atkinson – Yes; and S. Ball – Yes.
Motion carried 4-0

Supervisor's Report

L. Bary discussed signage at the O'Dell Road access. It is a water point access according to J. Ball. We just got the permit for the ramp this week.

Bary said the company contracted to do the siding on the Old Town Hall are waiting on materials.

L. Atkinson said we need to appoint a trustee tonight. The recommendation is for Joe Renis.

Motion to appoint Joe Renis as the new Township Board Trustee for Milton Township by L. Atkinson/B. Pharo. Motion carried. 4-0

Library Report: by L. Atkinson

A new library director was hired and she will start mid-October. We are looking forward to introducing Pamela Williams to the community.

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

A. Letter from Waterfire Vineyards

Chantel Lefebvre and her husband Mike Neuman are the owners of Waterfire Vineyards. We have appealed to the township that we do not fit into the STR ordinance which was established for the residential community. We had been working with the planning commission to put together a revised ordinance for wineries but we ran into four different drafts. We retreated from that process then, but we are now asking for a reprieve from being limited from renting our place. We would like to work with the planning commission.

Pharo said he agrees with Lefebvre. He doesn't think Ag tourism is what we were looking at with short term rentals. Atkinson said the way it's written, Kopriva did her due diligence and that's why the letter went out. Lefebvre said they will be appealing.

Hefferan said we received an application to review our ordinance. The applicant withdrew their application. Anyone can file a request for us to revisit our ordinance. If Waterfire wants us to revisit our ordinance, they can file a request.

Public Comment

Joyce Grammar spoke in favor of the winery's request.

Lefebvre said we are still the only vineyard in Milton Township. Why put the road blocks up before you need to? There are no problems. The ordinance is very restrictive.

Petersen asked the board how to proceed with the violation. Bargy said to let it go until we sort it out. Atkinson said the violation should remain. Ball said you cannot pick and choose, follow the ordinance. This will be referred to the zoning department.

Approval of Bills

Motion to approve the bills by L. Atkinson/S. Ball. Motion carried. 4-0

Meeting adjourned by order of the chair at 8:10 pm

These minutes are subject to approval at the October 10, 2022 meeting. A copy of these minutes are available at miltontownship.org

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Ball, Clerk