

Synopsis  
Milton Township  
Draft Meeting Minutes  
September 14, 2022

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

Also present: Attorneys B. Derman, Steve Fox, Mike Gaylord, and Joe Gaylord

L. Bargy called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.

Agenda:

Contract discussions with Coli Inc. /186Networks regarding use of American Rescue Funds for construction of fiber line in South Milton.

Derman submitted the 4th draft to the board members. It's a construction agreement. It didn't have all the exhibits on it. They are using the exhibits from Draft #2. We are going to use \$229K in ARPA funds. They are going to build the main backbone on Cherry Ave., starting at the Torch River Bridge until the funds are depleted. The overall budget is \$395,670. This is under Exhibit C. There will have an escrow account set up, which will be held at Riverside Title and Coli Inc., /186Network will present invoices for payment. The board will receive reports from Coli Inc., / 186Network and Riverside Title. The 10% hold back earmarked from the remaining balance in a separate escrow pending completion of the project. The budget estimates 9 miles. Derman listed the major changes to this agreement per each paragraph.

Pharo asked regarding the four year deadline for completion of projects using ARPA funds. What if there is a supply problem and it can't be done in time? Derman said it should be done ASAP. Derman said I believe you could make an extension if needed.

Derman said we may elect to hold back the 10%. I recommend you do. We release the funds when the work is complete. They've attached certificates of insurance in Exhibit D. You need a current workman's comp certificate. It says COLI Inc., /186Network will not be liable to causes beyond their control including supplier failures.

Mike Gaylord discussed the permit at the Torch River Bridge, which is owned by Antrim County. In addition, we have to work with Riverside and you have to understand that we have to document a lot of information. We can get started as soon as the money is available. Our goal is to get the conduit in as well as the drilling, but the availability of conduit and equipment is in question. We are working to get the material as fast as we can.

Derman said on Exhibit A, he wants to include the main backbone will be 20 fiber strands and they will construct additional improvements in the following order. I'd like an estimate of the fiber strands in the offshoot roads. Fox said we are talking about approximately 10 fiber strands.

Derman said on page 2, I'd like the speed in there as a ballpark.

Derman said on Exhibit B, \$229K, there will be the main fiber backbone and then the secondary backbone. The budget is estimated at 50,332 feet or 9.53 miles.

Derman said it's not a normal construction contract but I would recommend you sign it. Once the escrow agreement is signed, the money will be deposited.

Mike Gaylord said we have to rent a big plow, for work on the main roads. First we will mark out all the roads. Then will rent the equipment for the whole month and get as much done as we can. We will be working towards getting the main conduit in.

Derman said the rental plow is for the main roads only. Yes. Mike Gaylord said we have to do prevailing wage with your money. When we use up your money, we won't be doing prevailing wage. We will hook up your township fire department at Station 2 at no charge. This is something we do as a company.

Motion by B. Pharo/L. Atkinson to approve the agreement amended and authorize the supervisor to sign it.

Roll Call: J. Renis –Yes; L Atkinson – Yes; L. Bargy – Yes; B. Pharo –Yes and S. Ball – Yes. Motion carried 5-0

Meeting adjourned by order of the chair at 10:41 am

These minutes are subject to approval at the October 10, 2022 meeting. A copy of these minutes are available at [miltontownship.org](http://miltontownship.org)

Respectfully submitted,  
Sandra Ball, Clerk