

Synopsis  
Milton Township  
Meeting Minutes  
February 13, 2023

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

Also present: Attorneys B. Derman, and 25 audience members

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

**Agenda Approval**

Weinzapfel asked to move Lot Line Adjustment to Zoning Report. He also asked to move Poverty Exemption Income Guidelines to Public Comment so Amy Jenema can comment on this.

Motion to approve the agenda as amended by Atkinson/Ball. Motion carried.

Approval of regular meeting minutes of January 9, 2023

Motion to approve the minutes by Renis/Pharo. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:**

Chris Grobel of Grobel Planning Associates is here in support of the amendment to the RV Park Ordinance. I would encourage you to act on that and put that to an affirmative vote tonight. The county has provided comments.

Mac Whitehouse of Wabigama Dr., encouraged board members to approve the planning commission's recommendations on the RV Park amendment.

Fred Gulick said Chris Grobel didn't provide his address. He also complained that while notes are taken they are a synopsis of what is discussed.

Sharron Hill spoke to support the RV park amendment.

Amy Jenema, Township Assessor gave a presentation on the resolution for poverty exemption income guidelines and asset test. Board members discussed.

Motion by Pharo/Atkinson to change total assets from \$5K total asset to \$15K total asset.

Roll call: Renis-Yes; Atkinson-Yes; Weinzapfel-Yes; Ball-No; Pharo-Yes

Motion carried 4-1

**Sheriff's Report:** by Undersheriff Kevin Hoch

For January 2023, there were 80 incidents. Update provided on personnel staffing and those in training.

**Fire Department Report:** by Chief J. Ball

The department responded to 6 incidents for the month of January. Report on the sale of the 1974 Chevy Water Point Truck. Updates given on department training, grant programs, and Mutual Aid. Update on Fire Fighter Physicals.

**EMS Report**

There is a report in the packet

**Zoning Report**

Request to approve Zoning Ordinance Amendment for RV Park (ZO 2022-02)

Change: ~~Parks should be open~~ change to **they will be closed between Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>. and April 1<sup>st</sup>.**

Atkinson supports the changes as written.

Motion by Pharo/Ball to approve Amendment (ZO 2022-02) to the Zoning Ordinance as presented.

Roll Call: Atkinson-Yes; Weinzapfel-Yes; Renis-Yes; Ball-Yes; Pharo-Yes

Motion carried 5-0

i. ZBA Membership Amendment (ZO 2022-03)

The amendment is to decrease the total number of ZBA members from 7 to 5 with two alternates if required.

Motion to approve by Atkinson/Ball

Roll Call: Pharo-Yes; Ball-Yes; Atkinson-Yes; Renis-Yes; Weinzapfel-Yes.

Motion carried 5-0

ii. Lot Line Adjustment Request

Motion by Atkinson/Pharo to approve the boundary line adjust to remove property (approx.22 acres) from 05-12-231-001-00 and add it permanently to 05-12-710-009-00. Applicant to place \$1,000 in escrow to cover attorney cost for required documents to be drafted that will be recorded with the Register of Deeds for combination. Escrow to be deposited before land division approved. Motion carried. 5-0

Peterson provided a report for the year for review.

**Planning Report:** by B. Hefferan

The Planning Commission will meet March 1. We are reviewing the master plan. Steep Slopes subcommittee meeting will be held on Feb. 15th. We added utility grade wind energy to our ordinance. At the time, we didn't think about solar. We've had residents inquire about utility grade solar. Kopriva will put language together for this.

**Attorney's Report:** by B. Derman

Update on Waring Road access. Reports on COLI/186 Network, Metro Permit from Great Lakes Energy and Brettenwood SAD.

**Supervisor's Report:** by C. Weinzapfel

i. Clean Up Day Cost increase

GFL has given us a contract and the cost has gone up to \$58/yard from \$53. Dates will be April 29 and August 26.

Motion to approve the cost increase and clean up days by Ball/Renis. Motion carried.

ii. Request for Skate Park Street Art Wall

Tanner Bruce gave a presentation for having a street art wall and allowing the public to have the space to create art. Pharo inquired to the size of the wall. This would be off Indian Road. Atkinson said this board has done well with prohibiting signage and banners in our parks. This lends to a low maintenance public space. I don't know if it's right for Milton Township to keep with our past policy. Renis asked regarding local interest. Pharo would like to see an actual plan including dimensions. Ball asked about taking this idea to the Day Park in Elk Rapids. Tanner will provide further information to the Parks and Rec Committee.

iii. The Planning Commission will review minimum square footage for a home.

iv. Budget Workshop is this Wednesday at 10 am. Budget Hearing, Annual meeting and a Special meeting immediately following, will be March 27 at 6 pm.

**Library Report:** by L. Atkinson

Request to appoint Dan McAuliffe and Nancy Wonch to a four year term on the ERDL Board.

Motion by Pharo/Renis to appoint Dan McAuliffe and Nancy Wonch to a four year term. Motion carried.

**Unfinished Business**

Weinzapfel said he is getting caught up on the sewer extension feasibility study. It was proposed a while back, but nothing was received from the last round of RFPs.

**New Business**

i. Resolution 2023-01: Elk Rapids School: Summer Tax Collection Agreement

Motion to approve by Ball/Atkinson

Roll Call: Weinzapfel-Yes; Renis-Yes; Atkinson-Yes; Pharo-Yes.

Motion carried 5-0

ii. Resolution 2023-02 TBA ISD Summer Tax Collection Agreement

Motion to approve by Ball/Weinzapfel

Roll Call: Ball-Yes; Pharo-Yes; Atkinson-Yes; Weinzapfel-Yes; Renis-Yes.

Motion carried 5-0

iii. Salary Resolution 2023-04: Supervisor to receive a 5% increase for 2023-04 effective April 1, 2023

Motion to approve by Atkinson/Pharo

Roll Call: Weinzapfel-Yes; Renis-Yes; Pharo-Yes; Atkinson-Yes; Ball-Yes.

Motion carried 5-0

iv. Salary Resolution 2023-05: Clerk to receive a 5% increase for 2023-24 and \$25 per hour for elections over and above regular hours. Not to include Election Day

Motion to approve by Atkinson/Pharo.

Roll Call: Renis-Yes; Ball-Yes; Atkinson-Yes; Pharo-Yes; Weinzapfel-Yes.

Motion carried 5-0

v. F. Salary Resolution 2023-06: Treasurer to receive a 5% increase for 2023-24 for collecting Winter and Summer taxes.

Motion to approve by Pharo/Ball

Roll Call: Atkinson-Yes; Pharo-Yes; Ball-Yes; Renis-Yes; Weinzapfel-Yes.

Motion carried 5-0

Motion to approve Resolution 2023-03 Poverty Exemption Income Guidelines and Asset Test by Ball/Renis

Roll Call: Weinzapfel-Yes; Renis-Yes; Ball-Yes; Pharo-Yes; Atkinson-Yes.

Motion carried 5-0

#### **Public Comment**

No one wished to speak.

#### **Approval of Bills**

Motion to approve the bills by Ball/Pharo. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned by order of the chair at 8:02 pm.

These minutes are subject to approval at the March 13, 2023 meeting. A copy of these minutes are available at [miltontownship.org](http://miltontownship.org)

Respectfully submitted,  
Sandra Ball, Clerk