

Synopsis  
Milton Township  
Draft Meeting Minutes  
October 9, 2023

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

Also present: Attorneys B. Derman, and 15 audience members

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

Agenda Approval

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

Approval of regular meeting minutes of September 11, 2023

Motion to approve by L. Atkinson/J. Renis. Motion carried. 5-0

**Public Comment:**

Chris Dakoske of SW Torch Lake Dr., presented correspondence from Gary Popovits, an attorney who has been consulted about reducing the speed limit on SW Torch Lake Drive. Information presented provides options for reducing the speed limit. Weinzapfel received information from the ACRC just prior to the meeting, and discussed his findings. Dakoske asked the board to file the traffic control order with the county. Derman discussed the letter from the ACRC, and would like time to review the information.

**Sheriff's Report**

Provided in the packet. 146 calls for service in September.

**Fire Department Report**

Provided in the packet. 4 calls for service in September.

**EMS Report**

Provided in the packet. 14 runs for September.

**Zoning Report**

Provided in the packet

**Planning Report: B. Hefferan**

A SUP was approved for guest quarters for Waterfire Vineyards. Continued review of the Master Plan.

**County Commissioner Report: B. Hefferan**

Utility grade solar amendment was approved by the county. Update on county building construction. Update on the survey for the proposed Public Safety Center. Workforce housing project being discussed in the Village of Bellaire.

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

We got a report from COLI/186 Network regarding the status update on the fiber install in South Milton. An email was received from David Swain on Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> regarding the Brettonwood Shores SAD. Report on dam issues in the Chain of Lakes.

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

1. Early Voting Location: Motion by S. Ball/J. Renis to have Milton Township office be the early voting location. Motion carried. 5-0
2. Purchase of fuel tanks. We are looking to purchase our fuel tank from Crystal Flash, which is used for our park equipment. Crystal Flash is asking \$700 for the unleaded tank.

Motion by B. Pharo/S. Ball to approve \$700 for the purchase of the unleaded tank from Crystal Flash. Motion carried. 5-0

3. Speed limit on S.W Torch Lake Drive. Previously discussed.
4. Boat launch on O'Dell Road has been completed and the benches have been removed.

**Library Report**

Provided in packet

**Unfinished Business**

1. Update on sewer study: C. Weinzapfel said we are working with Wade Trim to use our GPS mapping system.
2. Coli/186 Network: Previously discussed by Derman
3. Brettonwood Shores SAD: Previously discussed by Derman

**New Business**

1. Bids on repair and resurfacing the pickleball, basketball, and tennis courts. Three request for bids were requested. ProSurface and Hentco returned proposals. We did get references back on ProSurface and they were very favorable. Weinzapfel discussed the cost differences in the bids.

Motion to approve the bid from ProSurface using Armor Crack Repair for \$81,000 by L. Atkinson/S. Ball. Motion carried. 5-0

2. Integrated payroll proposal: S. Ball discussed putting payroll out to a payroll company. A cost average was provided by S. Ball. L. Atkinson said when going with a new clerk, it would take that off the new person and then all of the payroll aspects would be handled.

Motion by L. Atkinson/B. Pharo to approve Integrated Payroll as the provider for the township. Motion carried. 5-0

**Public Comment**

Joyce Grammar said regarding the survey for the Public Safety Center, why is the figure based on a \$100,000 house? Why not use the average cost of a house in Antrim County. Hefferan said he will take her comments back to the county.

Jerry Mensing asked about the paving of the road going to the Milton Township Cemetery. C. Weinzapfel said he will discuss it with ACRC but it probably won't be a priority since it's not a main road.

Karen Bargy asked about the steer on the beach. She recounted the previous discussions. C. Weinzapfel said he has no further comment on the matter.

**Approval of Bills**

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

Meeting adjourned by order of the chair at 7:42 pm.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Sandra Ball, Clerk