

Milton Township Board  
Meeting Minutes  
January 9, 2006

Members present: Bargy, Fox, Atkinson, Cole and Pharo

Also present: Attorneys Derman and Turkelson, Sgt. Kopkau, Stilson, Sarasin and ten audience members.

Public comment:  
None

Approval of meeting minutes dated Dec. 17. 2005:  
Motion by Cole, seconded by Atkinson to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report  
Please change date on report from November to December

Derman discussed the Social Security Number Privacy Policy .. A policy must be passed by the township and Derman would recommend adorning the MTA model.  
Motion by Pharo, seconded by Bargy to adopt the Social Security Number Privacy .Policy. (To create a privacy policy concerning the Social Security Numbers that Milton Township possesses or obtains). Motion Carried.

Sheriff's Department Report  
As given by Sgt. Kopkau:  
94 total complaints. Gave year end report. For the year, 1,341 complaints. 73 of those calls were 911 hang-ups. Department is working on year end responsibilities. Canine officer is back in training.

Fire Dept. Report  
As given by Sarasin:  
Five FD runs for month.  
104 FD runs for year.

Sarasin is looking to go out for bids on the new truck(s) shortly. Applied to GTB for grant to upgrade self contained breathing apparatus. If grant is not received, this will have to be looked at during budget time to upgrade to 2002 standards.

Cole asked about the difference between an LZ and a lift assist. An LZ is providing a place for NorthFlight to land the helicopter. A lift assist is helping a patient out of a basement or cramped space.

Jerry Mensing asked about ongoing online training. Sarasin said it is progressing. There are 4 more people that need to finish the training.

Planning Commission Report:

As given by Stilson:

Items discussed: Master plan, Western Meadows site plan review was approved, various subcommittee reports, and Ancient Mariner. Upcoming Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> meeting: various subcommittee reports, election of officers and meeting dates.

Attorney's Report

As given by Derman:

Items discussed: Elk Tip Landing, issues were discussed at special meeting. In hands of developer. Losse is awaiting legal briefs. Farmland preservation: working on intergovernmental agreement. Weathertop, Metro Act, Dronkowski, Cottage Cove, Pension Plan, Sandbar Shope, Varnum, Riddering, Schmidt and Howlett (VRSH) has represented Milton Township regarding franchises. Phone companies are trying to get franchise rights taken away from townships. Bottom line is VRSH has asked us to join them to lobby congress to let them know the township's position. Orchard Hills Lot 14, Underground water tanks, Recycling Agreement.

Discussion on joining VRSH group:

Cole said it's something we should be a part of. It would be costly to loose Metro Act funds and lose control over cell towers

Motion by Cole, seconded by Pharo to approve to pay \$350 to join the VRSH Group and protect our Franchising Authority. Motion carried.

Resolution 2006-01 to extend grant to include work on concession stand through Dec. 31. 05

by Cole. Seconded by Fox.

Pharo: yea

Cole: yea

Atkinson: yea

Fox: yea.

Bargy: yea

5-0 Motion carried.

Resolution 2006-02 to ratify, conform and adopt a township 457 deferred compensation plan for all township employees. This is at no cost to the township nor any contribution from the township.

Motion by Bargy to adopt Resolution 2006-02. Seconded by Cole.

Bargy: yea

Fox: yea

Pharo: yea

Atkinson: yea

Cole: yea

5-0 Motion carried.

Bargy discussed upcoming audit procedures. Bargy will create a committee to meet with the auditor that will consist of himself, Pharo and one township resident to be named at a later date.

Motion by Fox, seconded by Cole to give Bargy permission to work with Gourdie Frasier to pursue information regarding walking path around parks. Motion carried.

Potential roads to be resurfaced:  
SW Torch Lake Drive North of Hickin

Motion by Bargy, seconded by Cole to resurface SW Torch Lake Drive North of Hickin. Motion carried.

Recycling:  
Overall costs were trimmed from 83K to 72K. Bargy told the committee that another survey needs to be taken in January. Our share would still be around 18K. Fox said she thinks it would be worth checking into creating our own system. Board is in agreement that Bargy should get more definite figures from American Waste in creating a recycling system for Milton Township.

Public comment:  
Katherine Vermersh discussed proposed development in Western Meadows. She is concerned about wetland designation at that site. Has the MDEQ been asked to look at that site. Stilson said MDEQ has already looked at the lot and approved the site.

Jerry Mensing discussed the recycling issue.

Katherine Vermersh said that an unmanned recycling center can attract excess trash and unwanted items.

Three new bills:  
Membership to Michigan Association of Township Supervisors of \$50  
FD Annual software update for computer \$300  
VRSH for \$350 for above motion

Motion by Atkinson, seconded by Pharo to approve the bills with those above. Motion carried.

Gas well update from Bargy.

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m by order of the chair.

These minutes subject to Board approval at February meeting.

Merris M. Fox, Clerk