

Milton Township Board
Meeting Minutes
October 8, 2007

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

Also present: Attorney Derman, Sgt. Kopkau, Stilson, Howard, Weinzapfel and 19 audience members.

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

Public Comment:

Becky Norris is from Torch Lake Township. She presented a letter, which will be part of the record of these minutes.

Keith Termaat presented a map of Mitchell Creek showing E.Coli levels as well as a proposed resolution regarding water quality.

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Corrections: Atkinson submitted a page of corrections that were approved by the board, after minor corrections to her corrections; the following changes have been approved.

Motion to approve the minutes as corrected by Atkinson, seconded by Pharo. Motion carried.

The corrections are as follows:

Heidi Lang from Antrim County Soil Erosion spoke regarding the septage issue. She referred to having reviewed the results from DEQ testing. She believes animals in the woods are causing E. Coli. She doesn't believe that farm fields being injected with septage is increasing E Coli. She listed the benefits of this practice.

Keith Termaat spoke out in opposition to the disposal of septage on farm fields.

Chuck Edwards from Antrim County Health Department clarified that the state government in 2010 will not outlaw the treatment of farm fields with septage. Keith Termaat maintained this was a misinterpretation.

Mark White spoke in support of land injection of septage. He suggested testing all of the nearby creeks, rather than just Mitchell Creek.

Paulette Termaat said, change the word ordinance to resolution.

Sheriff's Department Report

As given by Kopkau

117 calls for September. Update on marine patrol. Gun locks are available for the public for free.

Fire Department Report

As given by Howard

4 calls for September. Update on new trucks and practice with the trucks. Update on maintenance issues with 9920 and other repair issues. Update on Explorer group.

Ambulance Report

As given by Weinzapfel

41 runs for September. Update on rig replacement. Update on training.

Zoning Report

As given by Weinzapfel

6 land use permits for September. Amendments 207-01, 207-02, and 207-03 need to be re-approved by the board because proper notice didn't get into the paper within 15 days of board approval. Planning commission has moved their meeting to November 6.

Amendment 207-01 to allow private cemeteries in AG zone.

Motion made by Pharo, seconded by Cole.

Roll call: all approved. Motion carried.

Amendment 207-02 to allow Elk Horn Storage to enlarge. Motion by Fox. Seconded by Pharo.

Roll call vote: all approved. Motion carried.

Amendment 207-03 Rezone AG to PUD on NW. Torch Lake Drive

Motion by Pharo. Seconded by Cole.

Roll call: All approved. Motion carried.

Planning Commission Report

As given by Stilson

Update on meeting date change. Update on boat spaces. Update on signs subcommittee. Update on Ordinance Review Subcommittee. Update on Wind Turbine Subcommittee, Update on Ancient Mariner Subcommittee

Attorney's Report

As given by Derman

VRSB is continuing to develop right of ways in township for franchising. Derman has contacted Michigan Gaming Board regarding payment of bill with a grant from the GTB. Update on DeFaw land agreement. Document use of Miller Road fire station.

Supervisor's Report:

As given by Bargy

He received a thank you from the school regarding the new soccer fields and also sent \$150 donation.

Fire Department received \$100 donation from Rex Terrace

November township board meeting will be November 8, rather than the 12.

Public Comment:

Keith Termaat said there was legislation pending to do away with townships. The Milton Neighbors would like to help the township support the defeat of this bill.

Jim Stilson said there have been so many articles on E. Coli and everything is very confusing. This resolution that was proposed by Termaat, how would it apply to the township. Pharo said all the information isn't in one place yet.

Jerry Mensing asked if only Mitchell Creek is contaminated, why should this affect the township. Bargy said the board must decide what is best for the whole township.

Matt Dillon of the Milton Neighbors said he is looking out for the health and welfare of his children. He would like to find the cause of the contamination and make it stop.

Fox added a bill from Arms and Cole for repairs on the furnace in the amount of \$83.00.

Motion to approve the bills by Atkinson, seconded by Cole. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 to call of the chair.

These minutes are subject to Board approval at the next regular meeting.

Merris M. Fox, Clerk