

**MILTON TOWNSHIP BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
September 10, 2007**

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

Also present Attorneys Derman & Turkelson,Sgt. Kopkau, Brian Howard, Chris Weinzapfel, Jim Stilson, and 27 audience members.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m, and the Pledge was recited.

Agenda approved as presented.

Public Comment: No one wished to speak.

Heidi Lang from Antrim County Soil Erosion spoke regarding the septage issue. She reported on results from DEQ testing. Animals in the woods are causing E. Coli. She doesn't believe that treatment of farm fields being treated with septage is increasing E. Coli. She listed the benefits of this practice.

Keith Termaat spoke out in opposition of the treatment of septage to 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.

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

Approval of Minutes.

Motion to approve the meeting minutes of August 13, 2007 as presented by Atkinson, seconded by Pharo. Motion carried.

Sheriff's Department Report:

As given by Sgt Kopkau.

138 complaints for the month of August. Cole asked regarding the 911 checks. Sgt Kopkau clarified for the audience.

The board decided to take no action regarding a proposed resolution as submitted by Keith Termaat regarding Septage Treatment.

Fire Department Report:

As given by Howard.

8 runs for the month of August. The total collected from the August collection for Jerry's Kids for MD was \$604.33. For the year, the total was \$1057.99. Update on fire fighter training.

Ambulance Report:

As given by Weinzapfel.

42 runs for August (13 to Milton Township). Update on ambulance maintenance. Update on continuing education.

Zoning Report:

As given by Weinzapfel

6 land use permits issued. Down about 25 percent this year.

Due to a clerical error Zoning Amendment #07-05: Rezone some parcels from Mfg to R1 has to be re-approved.

Motion by Pharo, seconded by Atkinson to re-approve Amendment #07-05. Roll call vote: Aye: Bargy, Atkinson, Cole, Pharo, Fox. Nay: 0. Absent: 0. Carried

Re-approve Amendment #07-06: Rezone some parcels form Mfg to AG. Motion by Pharo, seconded by Atkinson to re-approve Amendment #07-06. Roll call vote: Aye: Fox, Pharo, Cole, Atkinson, Bargy. Nay: 0. Absent: 0. Carried.

Zoning Amendment #07-07: Amend lots 1 through 13 of Block D from R2 to R1 and lots 1 through 13 of Block C from AG to R1 of Hillside Acres. Motion by Fox, seconded by Cole to approve Resolution #07-07. Roll call vote: Aye: Atkinson, Cole, Pharo, Fox, Bargy. Nay: 0. Absent: 0. Carried.

Planning Commission Report:

As given by Stilson

Update on Amendment 07-07. Update on boat spaces subcommittee. Update on signs subcommittee. Update on ordinance review. Update on creation of Ancient Mariner subcommittee.

Attorney's Report:

As given by Derman.

Update on Charter franchise agreement. Update on Ancient Mariner. Update on DeFauw.

Pharo asked regarding the grant money being used to pay bills. Derman will write a letter to the state regarding this issue. The board was in consensus on this issue.

Supervisor's Report:

As given by Bargy.

Update on Winter's Road access to Torch Lake. Contractor should be in the end of the week to finish the job. Pavilion tables are finished. Update on electricity at the pavilion. Additional surveillance cameras have also been installed to adequately cover the entire park.

There is a bill going before the state to do away with township government. Please contact our representatives and tell them you are against this bill.

Cole asked regarding the November 12 and 13 Township meetings. The township board meeting will be moved to Thursday, November 8.

Motion by Pharo to move the November 12 meeting to Thursday, November 8.
Seconded by Fox. Motion carried.

Bill Bell of SW Torch Lake Drive said he is here on the behalf of owners with holding tanks. It's 2-6 weeks between pumping. This is not something the township should be handling.

Keith Termaat said that the pumping is at \$.04 per gallon, rather than 2.

Paulette Termaat said she didn't appreciate the inappropriate comments from board members and audience members regarding her husband's proposed septage ordinance.

Ron Boals asked regarding cable franchise agreements and who is responsible for damage on private land. Derman said that the contractor is responsible.

Approval of Bills:

Motion by Cole to approve the bills as presented. Seconded by Bargy. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm.