

Milton Township Board  
Meeting Minutes  
January 16, 2008

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

Also present: Attorneys Derman and Turkelson, Weinzapfel, Stilson, Howard, Jenema and nine audience members.

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

Agenda approved as presented:

Public Comment:

Jerry Mensing commended the road commission on snow removal.

Assessor's Report:

As given by Amy Jenema

The market is slow, but until sales come in line with assessments, it won't be coming down. She explained the metrics of sales verses assessments. It's about a half percent increase here in Milton. The rate of inflation is 2.3%. There are no major tax law changes.

Dennis Ireland addressed the board regarding the decision from the county planning commission regarding the denial of rezoning from manufacturing to commercial by the township planning commission. He discussed possible revisions to the manufacturing zone to allow mixed uses. Ireland will withdraw his application for rezoning from manufacturing to commercial. This will be referred back to the planning commission.

Approval of regular minutes dated December 10, 2007:

Approval of special minutes dated December 14, 2007:

Motion to approve both sets of minutes by Atkinson, seconded by Cole. Motion carried.

Approval of Ordinance 01-08: Limitation of Watercraft, spaces and docks.

Motion to approve by Atkinson, seconded by Fox.

Roll call: Cole: yea it fits with survey results, Atkinson; yea, Bargy; yea, Fox: yea, Pharo; yea, it's an improvement over what was there, but it's too restrictive. Carried

Fire Department Report

As given by Howard.

4 Runs for December. Update on 08 purchases and there is money left in the account for these purchases. Update on five and 10 year plan. Update on Howard's first year as fire chief.

Motion to approve air bottles, 4 inch main and new ball valves by Fox, seconded by Cole. Motion carried.

#### Ambulance Report

As given by Weinzapfel

21 Runs, 5 to Milton Township for December, 127 runs to Milton last year. Update on training and additional equipment. Update on possible new ambulance

#### Zoning Report

2 land use permits for December. This is down for last year.

#### Planning Commission Report

As given by Stilson

Update on boat spaces, Lakeside 21 Rezone; Lakeland Tower Leasing Special Use Permit approval. Updates on Ordinance Review Subcommittee; Signs Subcommittee; Wind Turbine Subcommittee. Next meeting is Feb. 12.

#### Attorneys Report

As given by Derman

68 runs for police for December. Sheriff Johnson will come to review year end report. Update on farmland preservation. Update on Varnum Rittering/Service Providers ordinance. Update on Miller Road Fire Station. Update on black books for zoning amendments. Update on Antrim County Recycling Plan.

Pharo followed up with the Miller Road Fire Station. Owners gave use of station as long as we needed. I am opposed to spending legal money to defend it. Fire Department fund was charged for legal fees.

Pharo requested that the board not to spend legal fees in defending our use of Miller Road station without approval of the board. The board agreed.

#### Supervisor's Report:

As given by Bargy

Update on walking path. Update on recycling. Update on wind turbine assistance from neighboring townships. Update on Road Commission Estimates. Western from Hicken to Bussa 164K, Powell and Warring 146K; Morlen and East Elk Lake Drive for 72K.

Do East Elk Lake Drive and a portion of Western is Bargy's recommendation.

Motion to transfer \$1,400.00 from general fund Contingency Acct. to Elections Acct. From Fire fund Contingency Acct. \$ 3000.00 to Supplies/Operational Acct..and \$50.00 from Contingency Acct. to Publishing Acct. by Fox, seconded by Cole. Motion carried.

#### Public Comment:

Stilson gave update on procedure on Lakeside 21.

#### Approval of Bills:

Add: \$4240 for fire department

Add: \$128.70 MTA supplies

Add: \$69.95 Water's Edge Mkt

Add: Cole and Lon's expenses (Convention)

Motion to approve the bills with the above changes by Pharo. Seconded by Atkinson.

Meeting adjourned at 8:41 pm to call of the Chair.

These minutes subject to Board approval at February Meeting.

Merris M. Fox, Clerk