

Milton Township Board
Meeting Minutes
March 10, 2008

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

Also present: Sgt. Kopkau, Weinzapfel, Stilson, Howard, Attorneys Derman and Turkelson and 13 audience members.

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

Public Comment:

Keith Termaat spoke on the E. Coli source tracking regarding a proposed new motion to replace the motion approved in February.

Atkinson said the new motion provides balance and fairness
Bargy commented on a recent meeting between Soil Conservation and MDEQ
The board discussed costs.

The board will act upon this when it gets a final report from the MDEQ/Heath Department
Termaat voiced his opposition to having the county health department run the tests stating that Lon's brother Larry is on the Antrim County Board of Commissioners and therefore there is a conflict of interest.

Mark Bevelhymer, General Manager at American Waste gave a presentation regarding a recycling drop off center and the costs associated.

Pharo said he feels this is worth doing
Fox said we are paying about \$20K to Elk Rapids. This would be about \$12K per year as an estimate because we don't know how many empties the township will need.

Atkinson asked about the buyback on the containers if the township purchased them and decided to stop the program. He estimated maybe \$.30-.50 on the dollar to buy back the containers. He would consider a lease/purchase program.

Cole said we need to go into it knowing we may need fencing to keep litter contained, but it's a good plan.

Bargy suggested possibly writing a grant to help pay for the service.

The board in agreement to go with Bevelhymer and wait for additional numbers on the lease/purchase agreement.

Additions or corrections to Feb. Meeting Minutes:

2nd page: Delete second "is"

2nd page: "Right of Way Management Ordinance"

3rd page: "Steepe"

2nd page: "Report on sale of 9951, not purchase of 9950."

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

Sheriff's Report

As given by Sgt. Kopkau.

72 calls for service for February. Update on new hires and frost laws.

Fire Department Report

As given by Howard

5 runs for February. Update on new firefighter Chris Chambers, update on possible new ATV on consignment, update on new pagers, update on new hose, and 9920 upgrade. The money is in this year's budget, but there isn't time to get in this year. Matt Anderson is leaving to join the air force.

Permission to proceed with Chris Chambers as a new firefighter and proceeding with looking into ATV as well as permission to purchase base stations and monitors for \$5400, new hose for \$2,000 and improvements to 9920 for \$3500 by Cole, seconded by Fox. Motion carried.

Ambulance Report

As given by Weinzapfel

Update on training, new ambulance

Zoning Report

As given by Weinzapfel

Update on building permits and ordinance updates. Update on ZBA.

Planning Commission Report:

As given by Stilson

Update on February meeting: Wolverine power presentation, Irelan asked regarding changing wording of MF zone. Ordinance Review subcommittee. Subcommittee formed on Septic inspection at point of sale and waterfront overlay district. Update on Wind Turbine subcommittee and Signs Subcommittee.

Attorneys Report:

As given by Derman

Update on Sandbar Shop, Update on Charter Franchise, Update on Miller Road fire station, Update on Zoning Ordinance Ammendments, Update on Antrim County Recycling Plan, Update on DNR land acquisition grants.

Supervisor's Report

Nothing to report

Fox said Lynne Steppe asked regarding renting the old town hall for a fitness program. She will pay \$20 per session and has signed a rental agreement and will provide her own insurance. Each session will be 1 hour.

Clean up days will be last Saturday in April and last Saturday in August.

March 27, 7:00 p.m. will be Budget Hearing and Annual Meeting

Jim Stilson said the road commission needs to look at the corner up here by the fitness center. The edge has dropped off and cars have been losing control.

Bills:

Transfer \$50 from Fire Fund Contingency to Fire Fund Printing
Motion to approve by Cole, seconded by Pharo. Motion carried.

Permission to pay board of review payroll and reimburse Amy Jenema for meeting refreshments:
approximately Payroll \$750 and refreshments for \$32.96:

Add:

Upgrade on Weinzpafel's computer for \$59.30

Douglass Safety Systems for new Fire Department Equipment: \$814.63

State Supervisor Membership Association \$50

Motion to pay those bills as well as all other bills, by Cole. Seconded by Atkinson. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned by order of the chair at 8:25

These minutes subject to Board approval at April Regular meeting.

Merris M. Fox, Clerk