

Milton Township Board  
Meeting Minutes  
December 14, 2009

Members present: Barga, Atkinson, Ball, Cole and Pharo

Also present: Stilson, Weinzapfel, Howard, Sheriff Dan Bean, Attorneys Derman and Turkelson, and 8 audience members.

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

Public Comment:

Joyce Grammar of Elk Tip Drive asked about wind turbines and the max height. Cole said the max height of any tower is 199 feet. Grammar said she would like the board to reconsider the sign ordinance. A windmill is much more obtrusive than a sign. Cole said he would present her request to the subcommittee that is meeting on this issue.

Keith Termaat of Joe Marks Trail clarified about the windmills. He heard the same broadcast and he said they were talking about the pole, plus the blade height.

Scott Finch of Joe Marks Trail, on behalf of the Township Neighbors recommended Chris Grobbel for the township master planner.

Rich Hannon of Easley Road asked regarding the process for which residents get roads paved. Barga said there is a list of roads in bad shape. You can request Easley to be on the list for consideration.

Anna Hannon of Easley Road said this is a major thoroughfare during cherry season and the dust is terrible. She would also like it paved.

Jerry Mensing of Orchard Hills asked if dust control could be put down. Hannon's called the county and they do treat Easley three times a year, although they did not have the information as to when it would be treated. She was sure that Easley was only treated once this year.

Approval of meeting minutes dated November 9, 2009:

Change Second Page: To approve the cell tower lease transfer. Add, "transfer"  
Motion by Ball, seconded by Pharo to approve as amended. Motion carried.

Approval of special meeting minutes dated November 25, 2009

Motion to approve as presented by Atkinson, seconded by Cole. Motion carried.

Phragmites Ordinance:

Derman recommended adding a sunset provision. Cole agreed.

Motion to approve a sunset date from December 31, 2011 Dec. 31, 2014

Motion to approve the Phragmites Ordinance Amendment by Cole. Seconded by Pharo.

Roll Call:

Cole Yea  
Pharo Yea  
Atkinson Yea  
Bargy Yea  
Ball Yea

Motion carried.

#### Old Township Hall: Bids on New Windows

Bargy requested three bids and got two back. Bargy requested six windows and got one bid for eight. The windows are 86 inches long and they don't make those anymore. There will need to be additional work to the sills to custom fit 84-inch windows.

Motion to approve the bid from Thomas Jorgenson for \$3406 for six new windows. Seconded by Ball. Motion carried.

Thank you to Jim Trierweiler for all his efforts and donated time toward the Milton Township Park ball fields. Also thank you to Kevin Sempert and Marty Raymond for their donated time constructing the dugouts.

Thank you to the following organization for their kind donations: ER Lions, ER Rotary, ER Village and Township, Cherryland Youth Assoc. Whitewater Township and the Grand Traverse Band for Awarding us with the grant. Thank you to Frank Sarasin, Clark Carpenter and Larry Gladstone for donating their time and resources on refinishing the floor at the Old Town Hall.

#### Sheriff's Department Report

As given by Sheriff Dan Bean

85 runs for November. Update on snowmobile season.

#### Fire Department

As given by Howard

5 runs for November. Update on firefighter applications. Jacob Michael Gillette.

Motion by Ball to approve Gillette as a firefighter. Seconded by Cole. Motion carried.

#### Ambulance Report

As given by Weinzapfel

28 runs for November. Update on rig maintenance. Update on school health clinic and possible purchase of two new blood pressure machines for the department.

#### Zoning Report

As given by Weinzapfel

Jim Stilson, Bill Hefferan and Lori Luckett would like their terms extended for three years on the Planning Commission until Jan. 1, 2013

Motion to approve reappointment of Stilson, Hefferan and Luckett by Pharo, seconded by Ball. Motion carried.

Don Anderson and Adam Jankowski would like to have their terms extended to Jan 1 2013  
Motion to approve reappointment of Anderson and Jankowski by Cole. Seconded by Atkinson.  
Motion carried.

Skip Bryant's term is done Jan. 1, 2010, but he doesn't wish to have his term extended. A replacement will be needed.

Weinzpfel presented packets on Williams and Works and Chris Grobbel along with written recommendations for each.

Cole, who was on the subcommittee said both applicants rated higher than the third. The subcommittee recommended Williams and Works to the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission requested getting a bid from each company. The Planning Commission didn't recommend one over the other, but left it to the Board to decide on cost.

Pharo said the advantage of Grobbel is the cost advantage. Looking at the work they've done, Williams and Works looks like they have more experience.

Atkinson said Williams and Works gave a lot of good history of similar work. Grobbel didn't provide that type of history, as their work is more environmental. Both had good recommendations, but not for the exact same thing that we are asking them to do. I don't want cost to have an overriding factor on this, but who would be best for the job. If that is the feeling of the subcommittee, then I'm in favor of going with them.

Ball agreed with Atkinson. Cole said this is the decision that the subcommittee came to. Grobbel has done sections of an ordinance, but not a full ordinance overhaul. He would have the support of his company Beckett and Raeder. Atkinson said of the references of Grobbel, they didn't show any kind of similar work as what we would need. There is a \$6k difference in the bid, but for the township's investment, it would be money well spent. Chris Grobbel would like to get into this field and has the backing of Beckett and Raeder, but he doesn't have the experience. We want someone who is very experienced.

Motion to approve Williams and Works as the Master Planner by Pharo. Seconded by Atkinson.  
Motion carried.

#### Planning Commission Update

As given by Stilson

Update on Road Relief on Powell Lane for Brad and Angie Mumma, which was approved.

Update on subcommittees. Update on non-conforming lots overlay zone public hearing, which was approved December 8, 2009. Update on ordinance review, signs, shoreline protection, home business and point of sale septic inspections. Meeting dates for 2010 were set.

#### Attorney's Report

As given by Derman

Update on Charter Communications correspondence on compensation regarding the franchise fees. Update on Erickson Road. Update on Grand Traverse Band property on Cherry Avenue.

Update on Farmland Preservation. Update on Cottage Cove. Update on Varnum Rittering.  
Update on cell tower on township property. Update on Goodman zoning violation.

Supervisor's Report  
As provided by Bargy  
Nothing new to report

Public Comment:

Scot Finch said he has some troubles with the sunset provision. The phragmites should be killed off within two years and it is spread in three different ways, not just by wind. If there is a legal reason to extend the sunset date, I could support that, but these reasons given tonight aren't valid.

Bargy said the interior waters of the township also need to be evaluated and treated, and we are three years out on that. He has had favorable response from White Sands to Juniper Trail they are happy to have the problem corrected.

Motion to approve the bills as presented by Ball. Seconded by Atkinson. Motion carried.

The bill for Carl Steuer came in today for his work on the parks. The total comes to \$13, 507.42.  
Motion to approve the bill by Pharo. Seconded by Cole. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm.

These minutes are subject to approval at the January 11, 2010 meeting.

Happy Holidays

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandra Ball, Clerk