

Milton Township
Meeting Minutes
October 12, 2009

Members present: Bargy, Ball, Pharo.

Members absent: Atkinson and Cole

Also present: Attorneys Derman and Turkelson, Stilson, Howard and 10 audience members.

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

Agenda: Dean Branson of Three Lakes will present on Septic Inspections
Agenda approved as corrected

Public Comment:

Keith Termaat discussed fire department's spending and ISO Rating. Bargy said the fire department millage was lowered. Howard stated that there are several areas of the fire department that they have been working on for the ISO, tests, paperwork, etc. This has been completed and they are now waiting for an inspection date.

Fire Department Report

As given by Howard

4 runs for the month of September. Howard also discussed valve replacement and a computer problem on 9920

Termaat asked about equipment/personnel utilization. Howard explained that the fire department is going to move toward rescue in their five-year plan. In the process, there are still trucks that need to be replaced and updated. It is not excessive we are just trying to bring the department forward, and provide services to the community.

Scott Finch asked regarding a decision to pay off a note. What is the rate of the note. Pharo explained the rates of CDs versus the interest rate on the note.

Cole arrived at 7:07 pm.

Weinzapfel arrived at 7:08 pm

Approval of Minutes dated September 14, 2009

Motion to approve the minutes as presented by Ball. Seconded by Cole. Motion carried.

Approval of Special Meeting Minutes dated September 25, 2009

Motion to approve the special meeting minutes as presented by Pharo. Seconded by Cole.
Motion carried.

Phragmites Update

As presented by Bargy

Bargy requested three bids and only received one back from Lakeshore Environmental Inc. Our bid is the same as Torch Lake Township's at \$2900.

Motion by Cole to accept the bid by Lakeshore Environmental, Inc. for Phragmites Spraying for fall 2009 providing weather permits. Seconded by Cole. Motion carried.

Bargy will call and check with Lakeshore Environmental Inc., on the effectiveness with current temperatures.

Derman discussed amending the phragmites ordinance.

Sheriff's Report

As given by Derman

117 runs for the month of September. A majority of these are 911 check calls and marine patrol calls.

Ambulance Report

As given by Weinzapfel

49 Runs for September, 308 versus 285 runs from last year. Update on rig maintenance. The ambulance will be on standby tomorrow at the school when they give the flu and H1N1 vaccines.

Zoning Report

As given by Weinzapfel

27 land use permits for the year.

Planning Commission Report

As given by Stilson

Sept. meeting was mostly subcommittee reports on non-conforming lots, signs, ordinance review, shoreline protection and home business. Update on hiring a professional planner for the ordinance review. October meeting will be planning commission subcommittee reports.

Attorney's Report

As given by Derman

Update on the Cottage Cove developer regarding their PUD amendment. Update from Varnum Rittering, Schmidt, Howlet regarding the time periods we have to review cell towers. Update on Antrim County Recycling. The cell tower on township property was approved Sept. 25th. There is one zoning violation in progress.

Supervisor's Report

As given by Bargy

Update on the parks.

Dean Branson of Three Lakes Association gave a report regarding septic inspections at the point of home sales.

Branson and audience members discussed various points of concerns and benefits.

Motion by Cole to forward this research onto the Planning Commission for further review.
Seconded by Ball. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Scott Finch requested that the treasurer and the board look into rates of return on different types of investments.

Jerry Mensing asked regarding a pothole on S. Torch Lake Drive, near Windmill Lane. Bargy suggested that he call and report it to the county road commission.

Jerry Mensing asked regarding the American Waste bill for recycling. This is the last bill that will go to the township, effective October 1st. 2009 the bills will go to the county.

Add two bills: Volker Sales and Perfect Fence. The amount is in dispute, but once it's finalized, these bills will be paid.

Motion to approve the bills as amended by Pharo. Seconded by Cole. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned by order of the chair at 8:24 pm.

These minutes are subject to approval at the November 9th 2009 Board Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Ball, Clerk