

Milton Township
Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2015
Synopsis

Members present: Bargy, S. Ball, Atkinson, Cole and Pharo

Also present: Attorneys Derman, Sheriff Bean, Weinzapfel, Stilson, Ball, and 7 audience members

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

Agenda Approval

Add EMS Report Every Month to Agenda. This will be included under Reports.
Agenda approved by consent.

Approval of Minutes

Approval of meeting minutes dated Dec. 8, 2014
Motion to approve the minutes by S. Ball/Atkinson. Motion carried.

Approval of special meeting minutes dated Dec. 9, 2014
Motion to approve the minutes by Cole/Atkinson. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Bob Kingon

Regarding MMR contract oversight committee. Are the meetings closed to the public?

Kingon asked a series of questions. He raised the questions because the signing of the contract was a source of controversy. It would be wise for both boards that the oversight process be as transparent as possible.

Bargy stated that the first meeting was advertised. We aren't going to hide anything. They are just giving a report.

Pharo said that there was a meeting last week. There is no decision making going on. Basically they're reporting on statistics. Matt has had questions about community events and their participation. We aren't running their operation at all. We are getting feedback on how things are running and giving them feedback from the community members. We may meet every month the first year. Then, next year may be quarterly. Our goal is to make sure everything is on track and we are getting what was contracted. The meetings are not open to the public. There are no decisions being made and it is purely advisory.

Cole asked if the meetings would be subject to the open meetings act.

Pharo emphasized, you have to have a quorum to make a decision and there are no decisions being made. Derman said he had this discussion with Bill White. They posted the first meeting, but Derman wasn't aware of the second.

Mary Hoadley commented as a member of the committee. It's a sounding board for Matt. He wants to know about community activities, he reported on the runs and times. He's in the process of getting with Antrim County regarding their recorded times for comparison. The operations of MMR are strictly theirs. We are going to have a report every month for review.

Kingon would like to see the board make this process as transparent as possible.

Resolution 01-2015 Elk Rapids Schools Summer Tax Collection

Motion to approve by Atkinson/S. Ball

Roll Call Vote: Cole-Yes; Bargy-Yes; Atkinson-Yes; S. Ball-Yes; Pharo-Yes;

Motion carried 5-0

Resolution 02-2015 TBAISD Summer Tax Collection

Motion to approve by S.Ball / Atkinson

Roll Call Vote: Atkinson – Yes; Cole – Yes; S. Ball – Yes; Pharo – Yes; Bargy – Yes;

Motion carried 5-0

There will be a notice in the Elk Rapids News with the date for information/picture gathering for Milton Township History Book.

Sheriff's Report

As presented by **Sheriff Bean**

92 total complaints for December. Year-end report for 2014, 1,674 calls for service 1,484 for 2015. The only other thing going on is the update of our website. If you get a chance, get on it and take a look. Update on snowmobile patrol.

Fire Dept. Report

As presented by **Ball**

5 calls for service in December. 91 calls for service in 2014. Ball provided a training report for 2014. The number of hours logged is up substantially from 2013. There are some people who have fallen short of the minimum requirements for training. Ethan Boals has resigned from the department due to other commitments. We are working on other mutual aid agreements with other townships. More than 25 people attended the open house for Santa. The members chipped in for Christmas gifts for a family in need, and these were delivered.

Zoning Report

As presented by **Weinzapfel**

Request approval for appointments to the ZBA and Planning commissions
Update on land use permits and septic ordinance. There were two updates to the zoning ordinance. Planning commission held ten meetings for the year. The master plan was reviewed and has been sent out to other townships for their review process.

Motion to appoint Dick Gray and Bob Kingon to the ZBA for a three year term ending in 2018 by Pharo/Cole

Motion carried.

Motion to reappoint Bob Kingon and Terry Kopkau to the Planning Commission for a three year term ending in 2018 by Pharo/Cole

Motion carried.

Planning Commission Report

As presented by **Stilson**

1. Review request by North Shore Dock for outside storage and manufacturing.
2. A winery ordinance request was discussed. A subcommittee was formed to review ordinance.

Agenda for Jan. 13th.

1. North Shore Docks Sub-committee Report
2. Buffer and Greenbelt committee report
3. Election of officers
4. Winery ordinance review
5. Ordinance subcommittee report

Attorney's Report

As presented by **Derman**

Update on roads. There's been a Bill introduced that would increase sales tax to generate money for roads. There will also be increase fees for registrations and fees on heavy trucks. Update on municipal sewer systems. Chris is double checking the funds for these. Township passed a franchise agreement with Consumers Energy. We now have the black book on this.

EMS Report

As presented by **Pharo**

Matt could not be here tonight, he had a death in the family. They've had 18 runs since they started through Jan. 7th. They are evaluating run times. He will request their times from Antrim for comparison. Response times have been pretty good. Update on personnel. They've hired everyone back that's applied, except one. We talked about the special events in the township and where they will need extra coverage. Update on training. Milton and ER Fire Departments are interested in training with MMR. This will probably happen in the spring. Regarding equipment, their ambulances are advanced electronically from what ours were. Upgrades are in the process.

Supervisor's Report

As presented by Bargy

Board of Review appointments: **Dave Kopkau and Don Haller Jr.** And **Bob Kingon** as an alternate for three year term ending 2018.

Motion to approve Dave Kopkau and Don Haller Jr. To the board of Review for a three year term. Bob Kingon will be the alternate. Motion by S. Ball/Pharo
Motion carried.

Regarding recycling, Bargy said he's heard that Antrim County Road Commission may put in a bid to take over recycling. .

Public Comment

Jerry Mensing asked to have our county commissioner come to give a county update.

Approval of Bills

Cole asked what Aquatic Service was. S. Ball said this is the company that sprayed for phragmites.

Motion to approve the bills as presented by Atkinson/Cole
Motion carried.

Motion to go into closed session by Pharo/S. Ball at 7:49 pm.
Roll call: Bargy-Yes; Atkinson-Yes; Cole-Yes; S. Ball-Yes; Pharo-Yes;
Motion carried.

Regular meeting reopened at 8:17 pm.

Motion to proceed as discussed in closed session by Pharo/Cole.
Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned by order of the chair at 8:18 pm.

These minutes are subject to Board approval at the February 9, 2015 regular meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Ball
Milton Township Clerk

