



Milton Township

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Minutes for Milton Township Board of Trustees Regular Board Meeting Milton Township Hall - 32097 Bertrand St., Niles, MI Tuesday June 12, 2018 7:00P.M.

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm and the pledge was recited.

Members Present: Supervisor Robert Benjamin, Treasurer Susan Flowers (Arrived 7:03pm), Clerk Steve Sante, Trustee Eric Renken, (Arrived 7:12pm) Kelly Sweeney

Community Reports:

Sweeney reports that the Planning Commission agreed to change some meeting dates at the last meeting to avoid conflict with the newly changed BOT dates. Also, the P.C. is waiting to hear feedback from the BOT on the Master Plan.

Sweeney went on to report that the P.C. has some public hearing dates scheduled.

Sante reports that planning for the August 7, 2018 election is underway. Applications for absentee voting are available and an election commission meeting is scheduled for July 10th at 6:00pm.

SMCAS: Renken reports that SMCAS is working on acquiring the OTH property and awaits on a survey and appraisal from the township.

Renken reports that the Edwardsburg Fire Department approved the purchase of new fire hoses.

Visiting Officials:

Brad Paquette spoke on his candidacy for 78th district for State Representative.

Bob Ziliak, whom is a County Commissioner, indicated the last planning session on a new vision for Cass is upcoming at the COA.

Also discussed was a new security plan for the administration building.

Board Member Comments:

Sante indicated that he asked our property insurance agent to appear at the next board meeting. He also indicated the annual audit is under way.

Benjamin indicated he no longer has a deputy.

Public Comment: Virginia Kraft questioned Ziliak to find out if the old courthouse would be discussed at the upcoming meeting. She also indicated she is glad the grounds have been cleaned up at the Smith's Chapel. Further, she went on to say that many people are running stop signs at Brush and Redfield.

Approval of Agenda:

The following items were added to the agenda under new items:

QuickBooks
Clerk's Computer
Sprinkler System
Approval of AT&T Metro Act

Approval of Previous meeting minutes:

Motion: Sweeney made a motion to approve the 5/15/18 minutes as presented

Second: Renken

Discussion: None

Motion Carried Unanimously

Approval of Previous meeting minutes:

Motion: Flowers made a motion to approve the 5/22/18 minutes

Second: Renken

Discussion: None

Motion Carried Unanimously

OLD BUSINESS

Noise/Nuisance Ordinance Reviews: Tabled

OTH: Renken indicated the SMCAS lease for the OTH is on hold pending the outcome of agenda item number four.

Smith's Chapel: Benjamin is having the Smith's Chapel contract re-written and is hoping to present it to the BOT at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion: Sweeney made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-19R to approve the draft Master Plan for distribution and asserting the Township Board's Right to adopt such Master Plan.

Second: Renken

Discussion: None

Roll Call: Flowers Y, Renken Y, Sante Y, Sweeney Y, Benjamin Y

Motion Carries

P.C. Appointment

Motion: Benjamin made a motion to re-appoint Ken Filipek to a three-year term.

Second: Sweeney

Discussion: None

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: Benjamin made a motion to re-appoint Jeremy Clanton to a three-year term.

Second: Sweeney

Discussion: None

Motion Carried Unanimously

Z.B.A. Appointment

Motion: Benjamin made a motion to appoint Thomas Tally to the Z.B.A.

Second: Flowers

Discussion: None

Motion Carried Unanimously

Howard/Milton Exploratory Committee

There was discussion on the townships of Milton and Howard merging. The board generally agreed to make it a year long process so that resident input could be heard.

Motion: Benjamin made a motion to set up a joint exploratory committee with Howard Township which will consist of Two BOT members, Two Milton Township Residents, Three Howard Township BOT members, two Howard Township Residents, two county commissioners that serve the townships. The Milton Township residents are to be appointed by the Supervisor.

Second: Sweeney

Discussion: None

Motion Carried Unanimously

QuickBooks

Sante questioned the board on moving to QuickBooks on-line. The board indicated costs should be studied and presented to the BOT. No action taken

Clerk Computer

Sante questioned the BOT on whether it is time to replace the clerk computer, which is eight years old. Sante and Renken are to get costs and present to the BOT.

Sprinkler System

Sweeney indicated there are three quotes in the board packet for sprinkler system repair at the NTH.

Motion: Sweeney made a motion to approve the Trademark Irrigation quote for an amount not to exceed \$425.00

Second: Sante

Discussion: Don't pay tax and make sure power in basement is not the cause of problems.

Motion Carried Unanimously

AT&T Metro Act

Motion: Benjamin made a motion to approve the AT&T Metro Act.

Second: Sweeney

Discussion: Don't pay tax and make sure power in basement is not the cause of problems.

Motion Carried Unanimously

2018-2019 Budget

The budget was discussed. No budget resolutions were made.

Financial Reports:

Flowers reports the township funds total \$656,879.77

Approval of Checks

Motion: Sante made a motion to approve the checks with one addition
Johnny Hamilton \$2,065.60

Second: Sweeney

Discussion: None

Roll Call: Flowers Y, Renken Y, Sante Y, Sweeney Y, Benjamin Y

Motion carried

Adjournment:

Motion: Flowers made a motion to adjourn at 7:55pm

Second: Sweeney

Discussion: None

Motion carried unanimously

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