



# Milton Township

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**Official Minutes for Milton Township Board of Trustees  
Regular Board Meeting  
Milton Township Hall - 32097 Bertrand St., Niles, MI  
Tuesday July 19, 2016 7:00 P.M.**

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

**Present:** Supervisor Robert Benjamin, Clerk Steve Sante, Treasurer Susan Flowers, Trustee Eric Renken and Trustee Kelly Sweeney

**Community Reports:** None

**Planning Commission Ex Officio Member:** Sweeney reports the new zoning ordinance is complete and the CCPC will have a hearing on it on July 27, 2016 at 4:00pm.

**Other Committee Chairs**

**Election Commission:** Sante reports that all preparations are complete for the August 2<sup>nd</sup> election.

**Board of Review:** Benjamin reports the work of the July Board of Review has not been completed. A second meeting will be held on July 21, 2016 at 6:00pm.

**SMCAS:** Renken reports a special meeting was held. A dealer brought new trucks for the board to see, as some of the older equipment has been having lots of maintenance issues.

Richard Behnke, whom is running for Cass County Sheriff, provided information on his qualifications for the position.

**Anyone wishing to speak from to the board:** Keith Singleton questioned the board on the noise ordinance. He wanted to know if it was going to be completed anytime soon.

**Board Member Comments:** Benjamin indicated he would be unavailable from July 28<sup>th</sup> through August 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Approval of Agenda**

Benjamin suggested that agenda items #3 be moved to #2. The board agreed

**Approval of Previous Minutes**

Motion: Sweeney made a motion to approve the June 21, 2016 minutes as presented.

Second: Renken

Discussion: None

Motion carried unanimously

Motion: Sweeney made a motion to approve the June 23, 2016 (SAD 2016-1) minutes as presented.  
Second: Renken  
Discussion: None  
Motion carried unanimously

Motion: Sweeney made a motion to approve the June 23, 2016 (SAD 2016-2) minutes as presented.  
Second: Flowers  
Discussion: None  
Motion carried unanimously

Motion: Sweeney made a motion to approve the July 7, 2016 minutes as presented.  
Second: Flower  
Discussion: Benjamin explained the need for the special meeting.  
Motion carried unanimously

### **Business (W/Attendees)**

The Drug Enforcement Team provided a presentation on its work in the county. They encouraged the voters of the county to support the millage renewal that is on the August ballot.

### **Old Business**

#### **Fire Services**

Benjamin explained that there is no update on the Edwardsburg fire contract.

#### **Rental Updates**

Flowers reported that there are two reservations for use of the Great Hall. She went on to say that the new chair racks are now in place.

Sante indicated that the lights in the great hall and the air-conditioning in the administrative side of the building are now on the generator.

Law Enforcement Pilot Update: Behnke indicated that the pilot program was schedule to occur the previous weekend. However, due to events in Berrien County it could not be carried out. He went on to say that he anticipated it would occur during the upcoming weekend.

### **New Business**

#### **PC Appointments**

Motion: Benjamin made a motion to appoint Paul Romanetz to the planning commission with the term expiring 6/30/2019.

Second: Sweeney

Discussion: None

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

Motion: Benjamin made a motion to appoint Ken Filipek to the planning commission with the term expiring 6/30/2018.

Second: Sweeney

Discussion: The appointment would fill Kara Boyles term.

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

**Updated Rental Agreement**

A lengthy discussion occurred on the revised rental agreement, but no action was taken.

**Burn Ordinance**

Tabled

**Upcoming Zoning Ordinance Update**

Updated previously provided by the ex officio member.

**Review of Township Budget**

Motion: Benjamin made a motion for budget resolution 2016-21R to be as follows:

SAD notices	+\$4,055.57
New Siren Construction	+\$2,975.00
BOR wages	+220.00
General Funds	-\$7,250.57

Second: Sweeney

Discussion:

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

**Financial Report**

Flowers indicated the township funds total \$612,997.29.

Motion: Benjamin made a motion authorizing the Treasurer to close the fire fund.

Second: Renken

Discussion: None

All Voted Yes

**Approval of Checks**

Motion: Sante made a motion to approve checks as written.

Second: Flowers

Discussion: None

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

**Adjournment**

Motion: Benjamin made a motion to adjourn

Second: Renken

Discussion: Benjamin suggested the board vote no on the motion as there is unfinished business.

Motion Failed

Benjamin asked if it was acceptable to put Township Building insurance on the agenda. The Board agreed.

Motion: Sante made a motion to approve the insurance policy as follows:

Michigan Township Participating Plan Package      \$9,858.00

Add Casualty Limited Terrorism Coverage	\$32.00
Add Property Limited Terrorism Coverage	\$57.00

Second: Renken

Discussion: None

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

**Adjournment:**

Motion: Benjamin made a motion to adjourn at 9:02pm

Second: Renken

Discussion: None

All Voted Yes

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