



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 November 21, 2017 7:00P.M.

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

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

Others Present: Township Attorney Catherine Kaufman

Community Reports:

Sweeney reports that the P.C. voted to rescind the medical marijuana ordinance. Sweeney went on to say that the P.C. will be working on updating the master plan. Also, they will be looking at the budget and road plan for the next fiscal year.

SMCAS

Renken reports that there was no recent SMCAS meeting.

Fireboard

Renken reports there was no fireboard meetings.

BOR

Benjamin reports that the December Board of Review will meet on the 12th.

Visiting Officials:

Bob Ziliak reported that the county is working on contract negotiations with the union that represents some county employees. Also, the county continues to discuss what to do with the historic courthouse.

Board Member Comments: None

Public Comment: Connie Gard reports that the Smith's Chapel will have its annual Christmas event on December 2nd. All are welcome. Information is on their web-site.

Nancy Schemahorn: Questioned the board on the present zoning map

Dave Debroka questioned the board as to the status of the Hess engineering property.

Board Member Comments: Flowers thanked everyone for coming

Approval of Agenda:

Add: Generator Maintenance

Approval of Previous meeting minutes:

Motion: Sweeney made a motion to approve the 10/17/17 minutes as presented

Second: Flowers

Discussion: None

Motion Carried Unanimously

OLD BUSINESS

Rental Update

Sante polled the board on the future of Smith's Chapel. In the past it was discussed that the property could be sold. The board indicated it was not in favor of selling the property. No action was taken.

Multi-Use Path

Benjamin questioned Sweeney the status of the MUP. Sweeney indicated that environmental studies are being done for the intersection of Redfield and Gumwood.

Snow Removal

One bid for snow removal was received by Nick Williamson. His bid was reviewed.

Motion: Sweeney made a motion to accept the bid as submitted.

Second: Renken

Discussion: None

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

Motion Carried

NEW BUSINESS

Fiscal Year 2019 Budget Process:

Benjamin indicated that the planning stage for the next fiscal year was approaching. He requested that departments get their budget requests submitted by the end of January. The board will be looking for comments from the public at its March budget hearing.

Noise Ordinance:

Benjamin indicated the township received noise complaints that drove the board to consider revising the noise ordinance. For that reason, public input is requested.

Catherine Kaufman provided council to the board on what could be changed on the present ordinance. A lengthy discussion occurred. The following brief public comments were received:

Virginia Kraft is opposed to explosions in her area.

Betsy Carls indicated that the sheriff needs to be aware of the townships noise ordinance and believes the time frame of fireworks usage should be restricted.

Karen Shirk believes the public needs education on the present ordinance.

Dawn Cook believes the enforcement of the present ordinance is the best way to proceed.

Dave Debroka indicated the State of Michigan told him that neighbors could shoot on their property if it is larger than five acres.

Travis Perkins would like to see shooting after dark prohibited.

Connie Gard indicated that there are other items that cause a similar amount of noise.

Brian Dooley supports the restrictions of hours with regard to firearms usage.

Joana Ryker believes that residents need to have better communication with each other.

Sheriff Behnke indicates his department does not enforce the township noise ordinance.

Richard Cook believes the ordinance in place is very fair and adequate.

The board then discussed the ordinance. It was decided that Renken would work with the zoning administrator on any changes. It was discussed that time restrictions on firearms usage should be reviewed.

Medical Marijuana:

Due to public comment the board decided it would consider recession of the Medical Marihuana Ordinance. A lengthy discussion occurred amongst the board and township attorney.

The following residents spoke in opposition to medical marihuana in the township:

Gary Gaskill	Travis Perkins
Virginia Kraft	Sue Smith
Joyce Flowers	Jim Milliken
Nancy Schemahorn	

A letter from Ryan Towner, whom is opposed. Dave Debroka questioned the board as to why the ordinance was approved.

Individuals from outside the township that spoke in opposition to medical Marihuana are as follows:

Kurt Jacobe	Jerry Duck
Tabitha Pollard	Jen Lankowicz
Victor Fitz	

Motion: Benjamin made a motion to adopt the medical marihuana ordinance rescission.

Second: Flowers

Discussion: None

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

Motion Carried

Generator Maintenance:

Motion: Benjamin made a motion to approve the quote from Cummins Sales and Service for five-year generator service in the amount of \$3,370.10.

Second: Sweeney

Discussion: None

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

Motion Carried

Review Of Township Budget

Motion: Benjamin made budget resolution 2017-16R

Tax Roll Printing	+\$30.00
NTH Maintenance	+3,870.00
Assessor Software	+\$340.00
Event Manager Pay	+\$500.00
Electrical Labor	+\$3,000.00
Electrical Permits	-3,000.00
Twp. Room Rentals	-500.00
General Fund	-\$4,240.00

Second: Sweeney

Discussion: None

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

Motion Carried

Financial Reports:

Flowers reports that the township funds total \$567,563.14

Approval of Checks

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

Second: Renken

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 8:35pm.

Second: Renken

Discussion: None

Motion carried unanimously