



Milton Township

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Minutes for Milton Township Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Milton Township Hall - 32097 Bertrand St., Niles, MI Tuesday April 9, 2019 7:00 P.M.

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

Members Present: Treasurer Susan Flowers, Clerk Steve Sante, Supervisor Eric Renken, Trustee Paul Romanetz

Community Reports: Romanetz reports that Scott Kretchman was appointed as the new chair. The PC would like advice from the BOT on natural features inventory, a goal/objective of the master plan.

Fire Board: Renken reports the Edwardsburg Fire Department took delivery of their new fire truck.

Renken also reported that Ford is holding a test drive April 27th, 2019. For each test drive the fire department receives \$20.

NATS: Flowers provided a map of township roads which shows pavement condition.

Visiting Officials:

Sheriff Behnke provided a report on Marijuana done by Colorado Christian University. He went on to say that there will be a drug take-back day on 4/27/19 10am-2pm at Silver, Howard and Ontwa Townships.

Robert Benjamin, whom is the Cass County Commissioner for Milton Township, indicated the county has openings in Finance and Human Relations. He went on to say that the county is offering FOIA training for townships and cities in the county. Also, the county is wanting to assist the townships and cities in receiving grants.

Members of Public Wanting to Speak:

A member of the public questioned the board on the counties plans for the Kestrel Hills entrance on Redfield Road. He went on to say that changes to the intersection are not needed.

A group of residents on Leet Road spoke about a lot of gun fire that was occurring on their street. The residents asked for help in ensuring that activity on the property was lawful.

Robert Benjamin spoke about his pleasure that the internet program was completed by Midwest. About 95% of the township is now covered by high-speed internet.

Virginia Kraft spoke about her yard being torn-up by Midwest. Wanted to know the remedy for the problem.

Board Member Comments: Renken reported that the township spring clean is set for May 4th. Information is available on the township web-site.

Recess:

Flowers made a motion to take a five-minute recess to view the new Edwardsburg Fire Truck.

Second: Renken

Discussion: None

All Voted Yes

Motion Carried

Approval of Agenda:

Motion: Renken made a motion to approve the agenda with changes

Second: Romanetz

Discussion: Flowers had not returned from recess and did not vote

All Voted Yes

Motion Carried

Approval of past minutes

Motion: Romanetz made a motion to approve the 3/12/19 minutes as written

Second: Renken

Discussion: Flowers had not returned from recess and did not vote

All Voted Yes

Motion Carried

Business with Attendees

Lawn Contract

Two bids were submitted for review. They were from Nick Williamson and Affordable Lawn Care Solutions.

A lengthy discussion occurred

Motion: Renken made a motion to approve the contractor proposal from Nick Williamson

Second: Sante

Discussion: None

Roll Call: Flowers Y, Romanetz Yes, Sante Yes, Renken Y

Motion Carried

Old Business:

Old Township Hall:

Renken reported that the OTH was leased to SMCAS for use as a training center.

New Business:

Appoint Trustee

There are three candidates for the Trustee Position they are Karen Shirk, Rich Mullen, and Tony Floyd. Karen Shirk spoke on her interest in the position.

Motion: Sante made a motion to hold a special meeting on 4/30 at 6:00pm to meet all interested candidates in the position.

Second: Flowers

Discussion: None

All Voted Yes

Motion Carried

Cass County Road Commission:

A lengthy discussion was held on possible township road projects. The board asked for guidance from the PC.

Domestic and Sexual Abuse Services

A discussion occurred on the service, but no action was taken.

Financial Reports

2019-2020 Budget

Motion: Sante made resolution 2019-13R to increase the 2019-2020 budget as follows:

101-191-931.1 \$50.00

Second: Renken

Discussion: None

Roll Call: Renken Y, Flowers Y, Sante Y, Romanetz Y, Renken Y

Motion Carried

Flowers reports that the township funds total \$592,606.01

Approval of Checks

Motion: Sante made a motion to approve the checks list with the following additions:

Dell Computers \$36

Second: Renken

Discussion: None

Roll Call: Renken Yes, Sante Yes, Romanetz Y, Renken Y

Motion Carried

Adjournment:

Motion: Flowers made a motion to adjourn at 8:01pm

Second: Renken

Discussion: None

Motion carried unanimously