

**MINUTES OF THE MILTON TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
NOVEMBER 21, 2011 @ 7:00 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Robert Benjamin. After the Pledge to the Flag, roll call was taken. Those present: Benjamin, Kronewitter, Ward and Deputy Clerk Rubalcaba. Absent were DeBroka and Renken.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Resident, Virginia Kraft announced that Smith Chapel will be holding a Christmas Open House on Saturday, December 3, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Motion to add water heater proposal as Item #4 to New Business and tabling of Item #2, Auditor for FY2012 by Kronewitter, second by Benjamin. Motion passed.

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

Motion to approve by Kronewitter, second by Benjamin. Motion passed.

**COMMUNITY REPORTS:**

Zoning Administrator Paul Snaidecki reported 2 site plans reviewed, 3 ZBA hearings scheduled for November and 1 lot line adjustment. Snaidecki also reported that with the Township prevailing in the lawsuit Milton Township vs. 5 Star; he is now waiting for the Cass County Circuit Court written opinion on the lawsuit.

Trustee Ward reported that the engineer of the Cass County Road Commission attended their recent meeting. There will be a public hearing on January 9, 2012 for the review of the Master Plan. Planning Commissioner Sweeney reported that Howard and Ontwa Townships and the County Plan Commission have all sent comments on the Master Plan.

Commissioner Ziliak reported that the replacement of some of the Enbridge Pipeline will affect some residents with noise and odor; however, the electrical outage planned will not be in Milton Township. Also, he added that in order to dispose of unwanted prescription drugs, they can be brought to the Sheriff's office in their original containers at any time.

Trustee Kronewitter reported that the next NATS meeting is November 22, 2011.

Benjamin reported that the Cass County Road Commission is adding Gumwood from US 12 to the State Line Road as primary road to their list to the state and that the Road Commission is conducting a study to determine primary roads throughout the county.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Policy manual tabled until December meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Motion by Benjamin to approve Resolution 2011-19R to set the alternate date for the December Board of Review as December 15, 2011 at 4:00 P.M. second by Kronewitter. Motion passed with unanimous roll call vote.

Motion by Ward to approve amendment to Section 1.12 “Definitions” of the Zoning Ordinance adding “Accessory Uses” defined as “A use naturally and normally incidental and subordinate to and devoted exclusively to the main use of the land or building”; second by Kronewitter. In discussion, Benjamin expressed concern that the interpretation of the definition may lead to some confusion and require additional changes. Motion passed with a unanimous roll call vote.

In reviewing the cost of water heaters for the Community Center, Benjamin was directed to put out request for bids on installing a 20 gallon water heater and select the lowest bid.

#### FINANCIAL REPORTS:

In reviewing the 2011/2012 budget, increases to “Other Revenue” and accounts #101-101-808, 101-101-822.1 and 101-101-822.3 were submitted. Motion by Benjamin, second by Kronewitter to accept Resolution 2011-20R to approve increases as submitted. Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

In the absence of the Treasurer, there was no report available.

Motion by Benjamin, second by Kronewitter to pay bills with the exception of bill from Williams & Works with check #7257 for \$86.40; which is to be held per Kelly Sweeney; for bills totaling \$19489.62. Motion passed.

Motion to adjourn by Benjamin, second by Kronewitter. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

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Deputy Clerk