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# Minutes for Milton Township Board of Trustees Budget Hearing Milton Township Hall – 32097 Bertrand St., Niles, MI Tuesday May 19, 2020 7:00 P.M.

Meeting called to order at 7:00PM.

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

Note: Due to the COVID-19 outbreak this meeting was held electronically on Zoom. Members of the public were able to attend.

**Public Comment:** None Made

Flower's joined the meeting at 7:05pm.

**Planning Commission Ex-Officio:** Romanetz reported that the P.C. did not meet in May.

Renken reported that SMCAS revenue is down due to a low number of calls for service.

Visiting Officials: None Present

Board Member Comments: Romanetz reported that work has begun on the Glenayre Subdivision.

## **Approval of Agenda:**

Motion: Renken made a motion to approve the agenda as presented

Second: Romanetz Discussion: None All Voted Yes Motion Carried

**Previous Minutes:** 

Motion: Sante mad a motion to approve the March 17<sup>th</sup> public hearing minutes as presented:

Second: Mullin Discussion: None All Voted Yes Motion Carried Motion: Sante mad a motion to approve the March 17<sup>th</sup> regular board meeting minutes:

Second: Flowers
Discussion: None
All Voted Yes
Motion Carried

Motion: Sante mad a motion to approve the April 21<sup>st</sup> minutes as presented:

Second: Mullin Discussion: None All Voted Yes Motion Carried

**Business With Attendees:** Sheriff Behnke reported on crime statistics in the county. He indicated that there have been 560 calls for service so far this year. Burglaries have been up in the county as well as drug activity. The sheriff went on to say that there has been an increase in mental health calls and domestic abuse calls in the county.

## **Old Business:**

# **Zoning Ordinance Amendment**

The board had a discussion on an ordinance to adopt an amendment to the Milton Township Zoning ordinance.

Motion: Renken made a motion to approve ordinance 2020-90 with changes.

Second: Mullin

Discussion: Flowers questioned why we would allow multi units in the township. She went on to ask how the amendment would be enforced.

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

**Motion Carried** 

The board had a discussion on an ordinance to adopt an amendment to the Milton Township Zoning ordinance for accessory structure height.

Motion: Romanetz made a motion to approve ordinance 2020-100 with changes.

Second: Sante

Discussion: Flowers questioned why we would allow multi units in the township. Shen went on to ask how it would be enforced.

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

**Motion Carried** 

# **Opening Township Hall**

The board had a lengthy discussion on opening the township hall. Renken recommend we put together a committee to make recommendations on opening the township hall. The committee consists of Cori Buchar, Susan Flowers, and Rich Mullin.

#### **New Business:**

## **Resolution of Grant**

Flowers made a motion to approve a grant resolution 202011R

Second: Sante

Discussion: Flowers questioned why we would allow multi units in the township. Shen went on to ask how it

would be enforced.

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

Motion Carried

## Resolution of intent for special assessment district (SAD)

The board had a lengthy discussion on the special assessment district.

Motion: Renken made a motion to set the public hearing for the SAD district on June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 6:30pm.

Second: Sante

Discussion: Flowers questioned why we would allow multi units in the township. Shen went on to ask how it would be enforced.

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

**Motion Carried** 

# **Township Budget**

Mullin indicated the budget should be adjusted to reduce costs as a result of the anticipated decline in revenues.

## **Financial Reports**

Flowers reports the township funds total \$721,521.83

## **Approval of Checks**

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

Second: Renken Discussion: None

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

Motion Carried

## **Adjournment:**

Motion: Sante made a motion to adjourn at 8:17pm

Second: Flowers Discussion: None

Motion carried unanimously