

# Milton Township

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## MILTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MONTHLY MEETING May 21, 2012

Meeting of the Milton Township Board was called to order on May 21, 2012 at 7:00pm, at the township hall with Supervisor Robert Benjamin presiding. Pledge of Allegiance Recited.

### **PRESENT BOARD MEMBERS:**

Supervisor: Robert Benjamin  
Treasurer: Linda DeBroka  
Trustee: Don Kronewitter  
Trustee: Sharon Ward

### **ABSENT BOARD MEMBERS:**

Clerk: Eric Renken

### **OTHERS PRESENT**

Deputy Clerk: Sue Kronewitter  
Zoning Administrator: Paul Sniadecki  
PC Chairman: Kelly Sweeney

### **ANYONE WISHING TO SPEAK TO THE BOARD:**

Robert Ziliak expressed to the board how well the Milton Township Trash Day went. He appreciated the donations made by the deputy clerk of snacks, beverages, rain ponchos and hats.

### **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Agenda approved with item 1 – Ambulance & Service Report - added to Old Business.

Agenda approved with item 5 - Smith Chapel Gazebo - added to New Business.

### **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Motion made by Supervisor Benjamin to approve the minutes from April 11, 2012, Election Commission Meeting. Motion seconded by Treasurer DeBroka. All in favor, Yes. Motion Passed.

Motion made by Trustee Ward to approve the minutes from April 16, 2012, BOT Meeting as corrected. Motion seconded by Treasurer DeBroka. All in favor, Yes. Motion Passed

## **COMMUNITY REPORTS**

### **ZONING ADMINISTRATOR**

ZA, Sniadecki reported a farm market complaint on US12 and Fir was investigated and the operation has ceased. Comments were made by the complaining residents they like to have local farm markets. The ZA suggested the Planning Commission look at our zoning regarding farm markets. One Site plan, and 26 Calls were completed during the month. Five Star filed a no contest plea, all fines have been paid and all tickets due resolved. The ZA submitted a Dangerous Building Ordinance sample for board's consideration. The township web site has been updated with many enhancements.

### **PLANNING COMMISSION**

Trustee Ward reported Williams & Works is working with the planning commission and a new draft of the Master Plan is being prepared to distribute to PC and board members.

### **OTHER COMMITTEE CHAIRS & VISITING OFFICIALS**

County Commissioner Ziliak reported the Commissioners are continuing to review candidates for the County Administrator position. The Household Hazardous Waste collection at the County Fair Grounds was a huge success due to extra efforts made to publicize, and the weather was perfect. Comparing 2011 to 2012 – In 2012, 65 vehicles brought in hazardous waste - this year, 230 vehicles brought in hazardous waste. USA flags were collected and will be disposed at later date with a special ceremony at the American Legion. Eye glasses collected will be donated to the Lions club.

Edwardsburg Ambulance Administrator, Erich Gebhard read Milton's run report. A new full time paramedic has been hired and will start work June 13, 2012.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Edwardsburg Ambulance Administrator, Erich Gebhard gave a Service Report comparing 2011 to 2012 mutual aid. He is still working on a status report regarding better mutual aid numbers and hopes to present this to the BOT at the June meeting.

Motion made by: Supervisor Benjamin to have a Special Board of Trustees Meeting on June 11, 2012 at 6:30pm of the purpose of Fire Service and Ambulance Service and our intent to finalize and how they WISH to proceed. Second by: Trustee Kronewitter. All in favor: Yes. Motion passed.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Approval of 2012 SMC Scholarship

Motion made by: Trustee Kronewitter to award the \$500 SMC Scholarship to Amanda Hungerford of Brandywine High School. Second by: Trustee Ward. All in favor: Yes. Motion passed.

2. Kestrel Hills Plat Renewal

Discussion regarding prior Milton Township Board actions on their continued renewal of the Plat. ZA Sniadecki discovered documentation filed with the County and State of Michigan proving prior Milton Township clerk Jacqueline Boggs signed off in December 2006 declaring Kestrel Hills a Final Plat. Because of this discovery he recommended to the BOT, there is no need to renew the Kestrel Hills Plat. Motion made by: Supervisor Benjamin to deny a a renewal of the Kestrel Hillsl Plat as per the recommendation of ZA, Sniadecki. Second by: Trustee Kronewitter. Roll Call Vote: Supervisor Benjamin, Yes – Treasurer DeBroka, Yes – Trustee Kronewitter, Yes – Trustee Ward, No. Motion Passed.

3. Dangerous Building Civil Ordinance

ZA Sniadecki presented a sample of this ordinance. Due to 80% of all foreclosures being handled by 3<sup>rd</sup> parties and the county is unaware of dangerous buildings, this ordinance would enable the township to handle the properties administratively. Supervisor Benjamin stated he is not too keen about placing unnecessary restrictions on our residents. Discussion held as to what the board would like to do. Trustee Kronewitter and Ward will work with the ZA to bring back a final version of this ordinance to the July BOT meeting. Motion made by: Supervisor Benjamin to table the Dangerous Building Civil Ordinance for the July meeting. Second by: Treasurer DeBroka. Roll Call Vote: Treasurer DeBroka, yes – Trustee Kronewitter, yes – Trustee Ward, yes - Supervisor Benjamin, yes. Motion Passed unanimously.

4. Repeal of Milton Township Fireworks Ban

Discussion was held as to which version provided by attorney to use. Permit approval by the Supervisor was approved. Motion made by: Supervisor Benjamin to adopt ordinance 2012-030R Milton Township Fireworks Ordinance. Second by: Trustee Kronewitter. ROLL CALL VOTE: BENJAMIN, YES – DEBROKA, YES – KRONEWITTER, YES – WARD, YES. Motion passed.

5. Smith Chapel Gazebo

The ZA approved the site plan for the Niles Boy Scouts to build a Gazebo behind the Smith's Chapel Building. Ann Brown submitted a letter specifying the Boy Scouts are doing the project at no cost to the township or Chapel. Construction will start the first weekend of June and will be completed in two weeks. Motion made by: Treasurer DeBroka to allow Niles Boy Scouts to build a Gazebo behind Smith Chapel. Second by: Trustee Ward. ROLL CALL VOTE: DEBROKA, YES – KRONEWITTER, YES – WARD, YES – BENJAMIN, YES. Motion passed.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Review of Township Budget:

No Comments or questions.

Financial Report

Treasurer DeBroka read her financial report.

Approval of Checks

Motion made by: Supervisor Benjamin to accept and pay checks as presented. Second by: Trustee Kronewitter. All in favor: Yes. Motion passed.

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made to adjourn by: Trustee Kronewitter, Seconded by: Treasurer DeBroka. All in favor: Yes. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Kronewitter  
Deputy Clerk