

Milton Township

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MILTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING March 7, 2013

Meeting of the Milton Township Board was called to order March 7, 2013 at 7:00pm, at the township hall with Supervisor Robert Benjamin presiding. Pledge of Allegiance Recited.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Supervisor - R. Benjamin, Clerk - S. Kronewitter, Treasurer - S. Flowers, Trustee - E. Renken, Trustee - K. Sweeney

OTHERS PRESENT: Chris Bolt, Cass County Road Commission and Team Member of Midwest Energy.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Old business: SMCAS fuel tanks tabled to 3/18/2013. New business: Add: setting fees for inspections and warranty to cover laptop computer.

PUBLIC COMMENT None

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Edwardsburg ambulance had a meeting today. No budget was passed.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES

Motion: Renken
Motion to approve the minutes of February 19, 2013 with changes.

Second: Sweeney
All in Favor: YES - Motion Carries

MIDWEST ENERGY – PROPANE

Representative from Midwest Energy explained the process to replace the tanks and the reduction in cost for usage.

CASS COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION PRESENTATION

Chris Bolt presented a detail of a 3 year road maintenance plan. Discussion on line striping, 21st street issues with dust control (street is half Berrien County and half Cass County), Smith Chapel directional signs, other road signs in the township stating road and should be street (Redfield at Fir and Ironwood). Road Commission to do studies necessary regarding the realignment of Gumwood from the State Line to US 12.

TREASURERS SAFE

Motion: Flowers
Motion to approve purchasing Treasurers safe as presented.
Second: Renken

Discussion if the delivery was in the total cost, and who would be delivering due to the weight.

All in Favor: No one said yes
Those Opposed – All YES
Motion: Failed.

Treasurer to bring back total costs to include delivery and handling of the safe to township.

PROPANE SERVICE – PROVIDER CHANGE – TOWNSHIP HALL & COMMUNITY CENTER

Motion: Benjamin
Motion to approve the switching of Propane from Go Gas to Midwest Energy for the Township Hall and Community Center as soon as feasible.
Second: Sweeney

ROLL CALL VOTE: Benjamin – Yes, Flowers – Yes, Kronewitter – Yes, Renken - Yes, Sweeney - Yes.
Motion Carries 5-0.

PROPANE SERVICE – PROVIDER CHANGE – SMITH CHAPEL

Discussion – tank recently refilled.

Motion: Benjamin
Motion to approve the switching of Propane from Go Gas to Midwest Energy for Smith Chapel when supervisor determines it becomes feasible.
Second: Kronewitter

ROLL CALL VOTE: Flowers – Yes, Kronewitter – Yes, Renken - Yes, Sweeney – Yes, Benjamin – Yes.
Motion Carries 5-0.

SMCAS TELEPHONE TRASH SERVICE

Motion: Benjamin
Motion to approve the SMCAS contract of telephone and trash service as presented.
Second: Renken
All in Favor: YES - Motion Carries

SMITH CHAPEL DIRECTIONAL SIGNS

Motion: Benjamin
Motion to accept paying \$600.00 for brown directional signs to Smith Chapel, effective April 1, 2013.
Second: Renken

ROLL CALL VOTE: Kronewitter – Yes, Renken – Yes, Sweeney - Yes, Benjamin – Yes, : Flowers – Yes.
Motion Carries 5-0.

3 YEAR ROAD MAINTENANCE PLAN

Motion: Benjamin

Motion to approve a 3 year capital improvement plan on roads.

Second: Sweeney

ROLL CALL VOTE: Renken – Yes, Sweeney - Yes, Benjamin – Yes, : Flowers – Yes, Kronewitter – Yes.
Motion Carries 5-0.

ROAD MAINTENANCE PLAN 2013-2014 PROJECTS

Motion: Benjamin

Motion to let the road commission know our intent to do 2013 road projects as approved in our 3 year capital improvements on roads, pending approval of our 2013-2014 budget.

Second: Flowers

ROLL CALL VOTE: Sweeney - Yes, Benjamin – Yes, : Flowers – Yes, Kronewitter – Yes, Renken – Yes.
Motion Carries 5-0.

DUST CONTROL

Motion: Benjamin

Motion, it is the Township Policy regarding gravel roads, that we provide dust control for those roads in Milton Township.

Second: Renken

ROLL CALL VOTE: Benjamin – Yes, : Flowers – Yes, Kronewitter – Yes, Renken – Yes, Sweeney - Yes,
Motion Carries 5-0.

SALARY RESOLUTIONS

Motion: Sweeney

Motion to accept Resolution 2013-0307-1R that the Milton Township Board hereby accepts the recommendation of the Elected Officials Salary Compensation Commission as regards to Township Supervisor's salary which does not include performance of assessing duties. beginning April 1, 2013.

Second: Kronewitter

ROLL CALL VOTE: Flowers – Yes, Kronewitter – Yes, Renken – Yes, Sweeney - Yes, Benjamin – No.
Motion Carries 4-1.

Motion: Renken

Motion to accept Resolution 2013-0307-2R that the Milton Township Board hereby accepts the recommendation of the Elected Officials Salary Compensation Commission as regards to Township Clerk's salary, beginning April 1, 2013.

Second: Benjamin

ROLL CALL VOTE: Kronewitter – Yes, Renken – Yes, Sweeney - Yes, Benjamin –Yes, Flowers – Yes,
Motion Carries 5-0.

Motion: Sweeney

Motion to accept Resolution 2013-0307-3R that the Milton Township Board hereby accepts the recommendation of the Elected Officials Salary Compensation Commission as regards to Township Treasurer's salary, beginning April 1, 2013.

Second: Kronewitter

ROLL CALL VOTE: Renken – Yes, Sweeney - Yes, Benjamin –Yes, Flowers – Yes, Kronewitter – Yes.
Motion Carries 5-0.

Motion: Benjamin

Motion to accept Resolution 2013-0307-4R that the Milton Township Board hereby accepts the recommendation of the Elected Officials Salary Compensation Commission as regards to Township Trustee's salary, beginning April 1, 2013.

Second: Kronewitter

ROLL CALL VOTE: Sweeney - Yes, Benjamin –Yes, Flowers – Yes, Kronewitter – Yes, Renken – Yes.
Motion Carries 5-0.

LAWN/SNOW CONTRACTS FOR 2013-2014

Discussion – Flowers has updated the proposed contract from the one in the board packet and will send board members a copy of this update. Submit your changes to her directly and she will bring back the updated contract with those changes to the meeting on March 18, 2012.

TOWN OF MILTON VERMONT 250 BIRTHDAY

Discussion – Girl Scouts from Milton, Vermont have asked all towns, cities, townships, and villages named Milton to help celebrate the town of Milton Vermont's, 250th birthday.

Motion: Benjamin

Motion that Milton Township Board, Cass County, Michigan, by and through this resolution, extends its sincere congratulations to the Town of Milton Vermont, on its upcoming 250th birthday.

Second: Kronewitter

ROLL CALL VOTE: Benjamin –Yes, Flowers – Yes, Kronewitter – Yes, Renken – Yes, Sweeney – Yes.
Motion Carries 5-0.

Card to be signed by all board members accompanied with a copy of the above resolution, and mailed to the Girl Scouts in Milton, Vermont.

SETTING FEES FOR BUILDING, MECHANICAL, PLUMBING & ELECTRICAL

Motion: Benjamin

Motion to set the fees for Building, Mechanical, Plumbing, and Electrical Inspectors the same as the State of Michigan has adopted, effective April 1, 2013.

Second: Renken

All in Favor: YES - Motion Carries

8:36pm – Benjamin calls for a 5 minute recess.

8:41pm – Board Meeting reconvenes'

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR

Tim Gray of SMCAS has a class and is unable to attend the board meeting tonight.

Is there interest in having the board bowl on Sunday April 21, 2013 from 1:00pm – 3:00pm, at Joey Armadillo's in Niles. No entrance fee and pledges you have will benefit the Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Cass and Berrien Counties.

BUDGET WORKSHOP DISCUSSIONS

Benjamin did a power point presentation of the proposed budget for 2013-2014. Discussion explaining what different incomes and expenses were in each line by line item. He explained in detail, the process of the Public Budget Hearing to be held on Monday, March 18, 2013 at 6:00pm.

WARRANTY COVERAGE FOR LAPTOP

Motion: Benjamin
Motion to purchase warranty coverage for Surface Pro Laptop Computer for \$149.9.9,
Second: Renken

ROLL CALL VOTE: Benjamin –Yes, Flowers – Yes, Kronewitter – Yes, Renken – Yes, Sweeney-Yes.
Motion Carries 5-0.

COMMENTS

Supervisor asked the clerk's office to check if all the fire extinguishers are up to date. Renken said Crime Stoppers may have a shredding program we can utilize on Spring Clean Day, the clerk will look into that.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Kronewitter
Motion to Adjourn.
Second: Sweeney

All in Favor: YES - Motion Carries

Meeting adjourned at: 10:01pm

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Kronewitter
Clerk, Milton Township

OFFICIAL