

Minutes of the Milton Township Board of Trustees February 21, 2012

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Robert Benjamin at 7:00 PM.

Attendance

Present: Robert Benjamin, Linda, DeBroka, Don Kronewitter, Eric Renken, Sharon Ward

Also present: Zoning Administrator Paul Sniadecki, Community Advisory Committee Chair Karen Shirk, Building Inspector Wayne Hardin and the township attorney.

Public Comment

Public comments were made.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved.

Approval of Previous Minutes

Motion by Ward to approve the January 17, 2012 minutes, second by DeBroka

Motion Passed

Motion by Benjamin to approve the closed meeting minutes from January 17, 2012, second by Renken
DeBroka, abstained

Motion Passed

Motion by Renken to approve the election commission from January 24, 2012, second by DeBroka

Motion Passed

Community Reports

Zoning Administrator reported there have been 2 site planes, 1 variance request, and 3 lot line change requests. The master plan map has been updated. On January 30, 2012 the court ruled that they stay for 5 Star was denied, the stay for tickets was denied, and they must post a \$5,000.00 bond for land restoration.

Planning Commission reports that there will be a public hearing for the draft master plan on March 12, 2012 at 6:30 PM.

County Commissioner reported that the county administrator has resigned and they are looking for a replacement. The two building projects are going well, one is a new building at Lawless Park and the other is an addition to the animal control.

Building Inspector reported that last year we had four new homes averaging \$500,000.00, seven accessory buildings averaging \$26,000.00, and six pools averaging \$20,000.00. For a total tax gain of about \$1,200,000.00.

Niles Township Fire Department reported that they are working with Cass County to get 911 calls correctly forwarded to the correct area. They have also finished the ISO evaluation, but they do not have the results at this time.

Edwardsburg Ambulance reported that last quarter they had ten runs in Milton Township and only seven of those were transports.

Cass Country Sherriff reported that next meeting the MDOT will hold a meeting for US-12 construction. This meeting will be March 7, 2012 at the Milton Township Hall from 3 – 6 PM. There has been an increase in daytime B&Es in the area.

Community Advisory Committee presented her report on the committee's findings, and presented a Noise Ordinance that the committee recommended.

Board of Review will be having meetings March 6, 2012 at 6 PM, March 12, 2012 from 9 AM – 3PM, and March 12, 2012 from 3 PM – 9 PM.

Old Business

Auditor for FY2012

The board of trustees heard presentations from Yeo & Yeo and the State of Michigan Treasury Department.

Motion by Renken to accept the proposal from the State of Michigan Treasury Department, second by Kronewitter.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Benjamin, Kronewitter, Renken, Ward; Nays: DeBroka
Motion Passed

Milton's Fire and Ambulance Coverage

Benjamin reported his findings. LifeCare stated they wouldn't be able to cover our area because of our distance to their current coverage. Has an upcoming meeting with PrideCare, but not

sure how they would be able to cover our area because of their distance. Edwardsburg would like to keep their current arrangement.

SMCAS has reported that they are interested in moving into the area and would be willing to pay to renovate the community center and operate a unit out of it.

Niles Township Fire is interested in covering the entire township and they should be able to keep the same response times that Edwardsburg Fire currently provides.

It is currently illegal in the State of Michigan to contract with an out of state fire department, so Clay Township was not looked at.

There was much discussion; this is staying as old business for now.

Township Telephone Services

The clerk will contact AT&T and see if they will match the price Comcast gave us.

There will be no changes to our existing telephone service at this time.

New Business

Fire Board Budget

Motion by Renken to approve the 2012-2013 Edwardsburg Fire budget, second by Kronewitter
Motion Passed

Ambulance Board Budget

Motion by Renken to approve the 2012-2013 Edwardsburg Ambulance budget, second by Kronewitter
Motion Passed

Ambulance Districts/Assessment

Discussion
The board has approved to send this to the attorney.

Fire Districts/Assessment

Discussion
Tabled until next month

Mechanical Inspector

Motion by Benjamin to have Ed Wainwright as the new Mechanical Inspector starting March 1, 2012, second by Renken

Discussion
Motion Passed

Salary Commission

Discussion
The board has approved to send this to the attorney.

2012-2013 Budget Public Hearing Date/Work Sessions

Motion by Benjamin to have a special meeting on March 5, 2012 at 7 PM to discuss 2 items, work session and declare public hearing, second by Renken

Roll call vote: Ayes: DeBroka, Kronewitter, Renken, Ward, Benjamin; Nays: None
Motion Passed

Cass County Intergovernmental Forum

Motion by Renken to pay \$60.00 to the Cass County Intergovernmental forum, second by Ward
Motion Passed

Planner of Record – Williams & Works

Motion by Benjamin, that starting February 22, 2012, Williams & Works will be the planner of record, second by DeBroka
Motion Passed

Financial Reports

Review of Township Budget

Resolution 2012-03R by Benjamin to increase the State Shared Revenue by \$25,000.00, to increase the Township Board by \$22,000.00 (101-101-826 Legal), and to increase Inspectors by \$3,000.00 (101-371-724.2 Building), second by Renken

Discussion

Roll call vote: Ayes: Kronewitter, Renken, Ward, Benjamin, DeBroka; Nays: None
Resolution Passed

Financial Report

Financial reports were accepted as presented

Approval of Checks

Motion by DeBroka to accept checks as presented and add the check for \$60.00 for Cass County Intergovernmental Forum, second by Renken

Roll call vote: Ayes: Renken, Ward, Benjamin, DeBroka, Kronewitter; Nays:

Motion Passed

Board Member Comments

There will be a workshop, "How to Run for Local Public Office In the State of Michigan" at the Milton Township Hall on March 28, 2012 from 7 PM – 8 PM.

Clean-up day is tentatively scheduled for April 28, 2012.

Motion by Renken to adjourn, second by Kronewitter

Motion Passed

Meeting adjourned at 9:32 PM