



# Milton Township

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**Minutes for Milton Township Board of Trustees  
Regular Board Meeting  
Milton Township Hall - 32097 Bertrand St., Niles, MI  
Tuesday December 11, 2018 7:00P.M.**

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm and the pledge was recited.

Members Present: Supervisor Robert Benjamin, Treasurer Susan Flowers, Clerk Steve Sante, Trustee Eric Renken,

Members Absent: Trustee Kelly Sweeney

Also in attendance: Catherine Kaufman, Township Attorney & Eileen Glick, Zoning Administrator

**Community Reports:**

Karen Shirk, whom is the President of the Planning Commission, indicated the revised master plan will soon be submitted to the BOT. Ms. Shirk went on to say that the PC is presently working on the road plan for the next fiscal year.

**SMCAS:** No Meeting per Renken

**Fireboard:** No new business per Renken

**B.O.R.** Benjamin reports that the BOR has met for its December meeting and approved 20 PRE's.

**Visiting Officials**

Under Sheriff Roach indicates that the CCPD has been doing "Shop with a Cop", which is a program that provides Christmas Shopping for children. Each child received \$150 to shop.

The Under Sheriff went on to say the Animal Control benefit that was earlier in the months was successful. He also indicated that December is a busy time of year for CCPD

**Members of Public Wanting to Speak:**

Several residents from the Gumwood Road area between U.S. 12 and Bertrand spoke and indicated this road is very dangerous and improvement is needed. They spoke of many accidents in the area.

Connie Guard indicated the Smith's Chapel Christmas event went well and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

Mrs. Guard, Virginia Kraft, and Jackie Boggs spoke against the sale of the Smith's Chapel property.

Karen Shirk stated her interest in serving on the BOT.

Board Member Comments: Benjamin indicated the CCRC did an inspection of Redfield Road near the Kestrel Hills subdivision. He indicated they will redesign the entrance.

**Approval of Agenda:**

The agenda was approved with the following two additions:

- Hidden Hills
- Smith's Chapel
- Old Townhall

**Approval of past minutes**

Motion: Renken made a motion to approve the 10/15/18 minutes as presented

Second: Flowers

Discussion: None

All Voted Yes

Motion Carried

Motion: Renken made a motion to approve the 11/13/18 closed session minutes as presented

Second: Flowers

Discussion: None

All Voted Yes

Motion Carried

Motion: Renken made a motion to approve the 11/13/18 minutes as presented

Second: Sante

Discussion: None

All Voted Yes

Motion Carried

**Old Business:**

**Public Hearing-Internet Expansion**

Approximately ¼ of the township does not have broad band internet service. The township is proposing paying costs so that it can be installed in this area.

Public comment

One member of the public questioned the board on the type of service that will be available, and other services that may be available.

A resident on Rocking Horse Lane indicated that equipment was installed in their area and it would be good to see it used to provide service in the area. Another person in this area indicated that it would be good to provide service in this area.

Public Comment Was Then Closed

The board then discussed issues regarding the agreement.

Motion: Benjamin made a motion to approve the agreement for provisions of broadband services.

Second: Renken

Discussion: None

Roll Call: Flowers Y, Renken Y, Sante Y, Benjamin Y

**Law Enforcement:**

Undersheriff Roach spoke on the law enforcement program. He indicated there has been low tolerance for speeding and not stopping at stop signs. He went on to say that they will add patrols in the area of Gumwood Road

**Appointing Township Supervisor:**

Benjamin Leaves discussion at 7:45pm. Sante asks for a motion for someone to serve as moderator for the meeting.

Motion: Flowers makes a motion to appoint Renken as moderator for the meeting.

Second: Sante

Discussion: None

All Voted Yes

Motion Carried

Motion: Renken makes a motion to appoint Sweeney as Township Supervisor effective 1/10/19.

Second: Sante

Discussion: None

All Voted Yes

Motion Carried

Motion: Renken makes a motion to accept the resignation of Sweeney as Township Trustee effective 1/09/19.

Second: Flowers

Discussion: None

All Voted Yes

Motion Carried

Benjamin returns at 7:55pm

**Cemetery Petition:**

Benjamin indicates that no action on the Roger's Cemetery lawsuit has been taken, as one person withdrew from the petition. The number of petitioners went from ten to nine.

Motion: Benjamin made a motion to withdraw from the Roger's Cemetery lawsuit.

Second: Flowers

Discussion: None

All Voted Yes

Motion Carried

**New Business**

### **Brush Road Re-Zone**

Eileen Glick indicated that both the PC and county approved the re-zoning. She went on to say that the property meets the zoning ordinance and master plan. No county feedback was provided.

Public Comment: None

Motion: Renken makes a motion to approve ordinance 2018-300

Second: Sante

Discussion: None

Roll Call: Flowers Y, Renken Y, Sante Y, Benjamin Y

Motion Carried

### **Lloyd Road Re-Zone**

Benjamin leaves discussion at 7:58 pm as the property is in the immediate area of his residence.

Sante asks for a moderator to serve in the absence of Benjamin.

Motion: Flowers makes a motion appointing Renken as Moderator

Second: Sante

Discussion: None

All Vote Yes

Motion Carried

Eileen Glick indicated the property is zoned agricultural and the property owner is asking for rural residential. She went on to say that the property fits better in the rural residential zoning. Both the PC and county approved the re-zoning and the property meets the zoning ordinance and master plan. No county feedback was provided.

Public Comment:

Diane and John Kreager spoke on why they wanted the re-zone and asked the BOT to approve it.

John Rice and Brad Mick spoke against the re-zone.

Public Comment was closed

Flowers asked if copies of deeds were available for the properties.

The township attorney reviewed a long legal opinion she wrote. She indicated that a re-zone and a split are two different items under the law. The BOT was only being asked to consider re-zoning the property.

Motion: Renken makes a motion to approve ordinance 2018-310

Second: Sante

Discussion: None

Roll Call: Flowers Y, Renken Y, Sante Y

Motion Carried

Benjamin Returns to the meeting at 8:15.

### **2019 BOT Meeting Dates**

Motion: Renken made a motion to approve the dates as presented  
Second: Sante  
Discussion: None  
All Voted Yes  
Motion Carried

### **2019 Poverty Exemption**

Motion: Benjamin made a motion to approve the 2019 poverty exemption income and guideline test  
Second: Renken  
Discussion: None  
All Voted Yes  
Motion Carried

### **Selection of Board of Review members**

Motion: Benjamin made a motion to appoint Roger Kempton to the BOR with a term beginning January 1, 2019 and ending December 31, 2020.  
Second: Sante  
Discussion: None  
All Voted Yes  
Motion Carried

Motion: Benjamin made a motion to appoint Thomas Talley to the BOR with a term beginning January 1, 2019 and ending December 31, 2020.  
Second: Flowers  
Discussion: None  
All Voted Yes  
Motion Carried

Motion: Benjamin made a motion to appoint John Dalrymple to the BOR with a term beginning January 1, 2019 and ending December 31, 2020.  
Second: Sante  
Discussion: None  
All Voted Yes  
Motion Carried

Motion: Benjamin made a motion to appoint Whitney Glass to the BOR as an alternate member with a term beginning January 1, 2019 and ending December 31, 2020.  
Second: Renken  
Discussion: None  
All Voted Yes  
Motion Carried

### **Selection of Salary Commission Members**

Motion: Benjamin made a motion to appoint Rich Mullins to the salary compensation committee with a term beginning January 1, 2019 and ending December 31, 2024.  
Second: Flowers

Discussion: None  
All Voted Yes  
Motion Carried

**Hidden Hills Development:**

The Hidden Hills Estates Private Road Maintenance Agreement was discussed at length.

Motion: Benjamin made a motion to table the agreement

Second: Renken  
Discussion: None  
All Voted Yes  
Motion Carried

**Smith's Chapel**

Sante indicated that the Smith's Chapel had been listed the prior week and multiple people looked at the property. Also, there were many calls. Most wanted to tear the building down or use it for commercial purposes. One offer was received from a township resident that wants to preserve the history of the building. The offer price was \$20,000.

Motion: Resolution 2018-32R was read aloud

Second: Flowers  
Discussion: None  
Roll Call: Flowers Y, Renken Y, Sante Y, Benjamin N  
Motion Carried

**Old Township Hall**

The board had a discussion as to the future of the old township hall building. The board agreed to discuss at the next meeting.

**2018-2019 Budget**

Motion: Benjamin made a motion to approve resolution 2018-33R as follows:

101-266-826	Legal-General	\$1,400
101-371-724	Electrical Labor	\$490
101-371-724.2	Building Wages	\$1,425
101-371-724.4	Plumbing Labor	\$100
101-410-826	PC Legal	\$1,420
101-850-860.2	Employee Medical	\$2,975
101-850-921.2	Roger's Cemetery	(\$35,000)
101-850-921.3	Internet Expansion	<u>\$75,000</u>
TOTAL	General Fund	\$47,810

Second: Renken  
Discussion: None  
Roll Call: Flowers Y, Renken Y, Sante Y, Benjamin Y  
Motion Carried

**Financial Reports:**

Flowers reports the township fund balances total \$631,162.49

**Approval of Checks**

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

Second: Renken

Discussion: Flowers indicates a check is needed for Dobberteen Inspections, Inc.

Amended Motion: Flowers makes an amended motion adding a check for \$788.00 to Dobberteen Inspections, Inc.

Second: Renken

Discussion: None

All Voted Yes

Motion Carried

Roll Call: Flowers Y, Renken Y, Sante Y, Benjamin Y

Motion Carried

**Adjournment:**

Motion: Sante made a motion to adjourn at 8:20pm

Second: Renken

Discussion: None

Motion carried unanimously

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