Milton Township Regular Board Meeting October 18, 2010

The regular meeting of Milton Township Board was called to order on October 18, 2010 at 7: 00 p.m. in the township hall with Supervisor Robert Benjamin presiding.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Supervisor-Robert Benjamin; Clerk-Michael Layher; Trustees-Robert Harvey and Sharon Ward. Absent: Treasurer-Linda DeBroka

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Robert Ziliak talked about the Smith Chapel leaves and trees, and offered someone who may donate services.

Virginia Kraft thought comments were better at the end of the meeting. Has Friends of Smith Chapel sign-up sheet to determine who may have any help to offer with different expertise.

Braden Green Thumb submitted late bid for snow plowing services that were kept same as last year.

Matt Lori and John Proos spoke briefly on their campaigns and what is going on with the State.

MINUTES:

Motion to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2010 regular meeting by Layher, and seconded by Harvey. *Motion passed*.

Motion to approve the minutes of the October 1, 2010 election commission meeting by Layher, and seconded by Harvey. *Motion passed*.

Amend October 12, 2010 minutes as follows: Change "Invited guests-Paul Sniadecki" to "Invited Participants-Paul Sniadecki-zoning administrator"; In public comments section remove Randy Griffin from first sentence and add Randy Griffin was in opposition of ordinance; in public comments section fourth point change "don't" to "doesn't". Motion to approve minutes as amended of the October 12, 2010 public hearing by Layher, seconded by Harvey. *Motion passed*.

COMMUNITY REPORTS:

- Niles/Buchanan/Cass Area Transportation member Paul Boggs reported that it was a short meeting gave staff reports.
- Zoning Administrator, Paul Sniadecki indicated receiving calls for land transactions for sales or purchases; one site plan reviewed; one variance request cancelled; and two land splits. Worked with planning commission on some conditional use issues.
- Planning Commission Chairman-Kelly Sweeney on track for future land use map.
- County Commissioner-Robert Ziliak reported that the Cass County Road Commission will begin sharing the services of the manager with St. Joseph County Road Commission. Also there will be an opening for a road commissioner for a 6-year term.

OLD BUSINESS:

• Township Security-Motion by Layher seconded by Ward to accept bid from T.C. Security for \$83.46 to add water detection to existing security system. Benjamin-yes; Harvey-yes; Layher-yes; Ward-yes. (*Motion carried.*)

- Reestablishment of Planning Commission-Motion by Layher seconded by Harvey to adopt Ordinance No. 2010-12 to confirm the establishment of planning commission with zoning authority. Harvey-yes; Layher-yes; Ward-yes; Benjamin-yes. (Motion carried.)
- Noise ordinance-Update Nuisance Abatement Ordinance-Motion by Layher seconded by Harvey to have a public hearing on November 16, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. for the community to discuss changes to nuisance abatement ordinance. (Motion passed.)
- Smith Chapel Leaves/Fallen Tree-Discussion of large tree on property that has been snapped on the top and the tree appears to be dying. Received bid for \$1,200 to remove tree and stump but no action taken. Smith Chapel committee to get other experts to look at tree and bring recommendations back to board. Also discussed leaves accumulating on property and asked Smith Chapel to take care of leaves if necessary.
- Community Center Rental-Community Center rental issued tabled until next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Building Inspector-Motion by Ward seconded by Harvey to continue with Wayne Hardin as building inspector with full compensation. Amendment to motion by Layher seconded by Harvey to establish that compensation for building inspector will be \$100/month and 80% of building permit fees collected. (*Motion passed*.)
- Awarding of Snow Plow Bid-Motion by Ward seconded by Harvey to set aside snow plowing bids from Advanced Technologies and Land Services and Ameri Green, LLC and accept bid from Braden Green Thumb Landscaping, Inc. as presented. Layher-yes; Ward-yes; Benjamin-yes; Harvey-yes. (Motion passed.)

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

• Review of Budget-Resolution 2010-13 motioned by Benjamin and seconded by Layher to move budget dollars from the following accounts:

\$ 300 from 101-101-943 \$ 300 to 101-101-815

\$250 increase in donations \$250 increase in 101-265-976

\$640 increase in ambulance household fees \$640 increase in 101-101-819

Ward-yes; Benjamin-yes; Harvey-yes; Layher-yes. (Motion carried.)

- Financial reports-Treasurer absent none presented.
- Approval of checks-Motion by Harvey seconded by Benjamin to approve checks #6690 through #6723. Benjamin-yes; Harvey-yes; Layher-yes; Ward-no. (*Motion carried.*)

Motion to adjourn by Ward seconded by Harvey. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Next regular board meeting will be held Monday November 15, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Michael Fayfer

Michael W. Layher Township Clerk