



Milton Township

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Unofficial Minutes for Milton Township Board of Trustees Regular Board Meeting Milton Township Hall - 32097 Bertrand St., Niles, MI Tuesday March 15, 2016 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, Trustee Kelly Sweeney

Community Reports:

Planning Commission Ex Officio Member

Sweeney reports the PC cancelled the March meeting due to weather conditions. He did indicate a public hearing for the new zoning ordinance is planned for May.

Board of Review: Benjamin reports only six appeals had been filed with the BOR and only two hours remained in their last session. Only two of the appeals were valuation challenges. Benjamin felt the low number, was in part a result of the Township's effort to improve the Assessor's property record cards.

Election Commission: Sante report the March 8th election was very successful. The election workers encountered no unusual circumstances. Turnout was at record levels for a Presidential Primary. Benjamin received feedback from a resident indicating the voting process flowed smoothly for them.

SMCAS: Renken reports SMCAS hired a new operations manager and thinks the person will be good for the ambulance service.

Fireboard: Renken indicated there is concern regarding the wording of the ballot for Ontwa Township's fire proposal.

Anyone wishing to speak to the board: Herb Brown questioned the board regarding the repaving of Follmer Road. Benjamin believes the project may have been cancelled.

Board Member Comments: None

Approval of Agenda: One items was added to the agenda, which was the setting of a special BOT meeting.

Approval of Previous Minutes

Motion: Sante made a motion to approve the 2/20/16 minutes as presented

Second: Sweeney

Discussion: None

Motion Carried Unanimously

Business with Attendees:

Benjamin reviewed with the board the Interlocal Fire Department Agreement between the Townships of Milton, Jefferson, and Ontwa. A lengthy discussion followed regarding this agreement. No action was taken.

Old Business:

Rental Updates

Flowers reports the income and expenses for the rental of the Township Hall has been as follows for fiscal year 2015-2016:

Income:	\$1,738.00
Expenses:	<u>\$625.11</u>
Net Income:	\$1,112.89

Sante reports that a verbal offer has been made for the purchase of the old township hall. The buyer would move the building to another location. Sante provided a summary of guidance received from MTA and an estimate of some of the costs that would be incurred by the township if the offer was accepted. A lengthy discussion occurred.

Motion: Renken made a motion authorizing the clerk to seek proposals for the sale and removal of the old township hall.

Second: Sweeney

Discussion: Benjamin indicated the information should be placed on the township web-site.

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

Motion Carried

Township Policy Updates (Tabled)

Risk Mitigation Response (Tabled)

New Business:

2016-2017 Budget and Supporting Resolutions:

Motion: Benjamin made a motion to approve the 2016-2017 budget as presented with a resolution number of 2016-04R. The board levied a fire millage and a Township Millage.

Second: Sweeney

Discussion: None

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

Motion Carried

Motion: Benjamin made a motion to approve the 2016 wage resolution with a resolution number of 2016-05R.

Second: Renken

Discussion: None

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

Motion Carried

Motion: Benjamin made a motion to approve the 2016 fee schedule with a resolution number of 2016-06R.

Second: Renken

Discussion: None

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

Motion Carried

Township Internet Services:

Benjamin presented a quote for township hall internet service from Midwest Energy. A lengthy discussion occurred regarding this quote.

Motion: Renken made a motion authorizing Benjamin to discuss further with Midwest the costs shown in the quote.

Second: Sweeney

Discussion: None

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

Motion Carried

Special Board Meeting:

Motion: Sante made a motion to set a special board meeting for Tuesday March 29th at 6:30pm for the purposes of approving any needed budget resolutions.

Second: Benjamin

Discussion: None

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

Motion Carried

Financial Report:

Review of Township Budget

Motion: Benjamin made budget resolution 2016-07R to be as follows:

Deputy Wages	+\$40.76
Grounds Keeper	+\$1,101.61
Mechanical Labor	+\$420.00
Electrical Labor	+\$420.00
Pension	+\$1,000.00
PC Consultant	+\$1,017.01
General Fund	-\$3,999.38

Second: Sweeney

Discussion: None

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

Motion carried

Financial Reports

Flowers reported the township funds total \$500,814.18.

Approval of Checks

Motion: Sante made a motion to approve the checks as written with the following ACH transfers to be added:

Aspire	\$97.54
John Hancock	\$540.89
John Hancock	\$782.81

Second: Sweeney

Discussion: None

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

Motion carried

Adjournment

Motion: Sweeney made a motion to adjourn at 8:20pm.

Second: Renken

Discussion: None

Motion carried unanimously

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