

Minutes of the Milton Township Board of Trustees August 20, 2012

Attendance

Present: Benjamin, DeBroka, Kronewitter, Renken, Ward

Public Hearing

Public hearing was called to order by Supervisor Benjamin at 6:30 PM.

This is a public hearing to discuss two ordinances: the Cost Recovery Ordinance and the Dangerous Building Ordinance.

No comments from the public on the Cost Recovery Ordinance.

No Comments from the public on the Dangerous Building Ordinance

Motion by Renken to adjourn, second by Kronewitter

Meeting adjourned at 6:31 PM

Regular Meeting

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

Approval of Agenda

Agenda was approved as presented.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Ward to approve the July 16, 2012 minutes as amended, second by DeBroka

Motion Passed

Motion by DeBroka to approve the July 18, 2012 election commission minutes as presented, second by Renken

Motion Passed

Community Reports

Joe Hamilton an Eagle Scout presented his project that he has been working on at Smith Chapel. The board also presented Joe a certificate of appreciation for his work and earning his Eagle Scout badge.

Zoning Administrator presented his written report to the board.

Planning Commission stated that an amendment to zoning section 14.14 has been sent to the county Planning Commission for approval. They also have a Public Hearing scheduled for September 10, 2012. The zoning audit from Williams and Works was also presented to the board.

Cass County Commissioner also reported that the county has had their tax foreclosure sale.

Interim Director Christopher Bolt of the Road Commission talked about speed limits and that a law in November of 2006 was passed that removed the provision for 25 MPH residential districts. He also stated that on May 8, 2012 thru May 10, 2012 a speed study was done on Midway Drive, and it was found that 85% drove 27 MPH and validates the 25 MPH limit for that area.

Old Business

Milton's Fire Coverage

In the board directed discussions with Niles Township that the Supervisor has had. It was discovered that Niles Township would be able to cover all of Milton Township. It is also the recommendation of the Supervisor that we do not change fire coverage as some insurance carriers would increase fees due to the change.

Edwardsburg Fire Chief Bruce Stack stated the average on scene time for Edwardsburg is 12 minutes, and he also explains how mutual aid works.

William Corbett, Connie Gard, Karen Shirk, Sandra Redman all spoke in favor of keeping Edwardsburg Fire for the eastern part of the Township. Sue Kronewitter did also comment that after Edwardsburg last ISO rating change her insurance did go up approximately \$200.

Motion by Benjamin to keep fire services the same, and direct the supervisor to work with the Edwardsburg fire board on an addendum to the Edwardsburg fire contract to show the correct fire lines, second by Renken

Discussion

Motion Passed

New Business

Kestrel Hills Road Rehabilitation

Christopher Bolt the Interim Manager of St. Joseph & Cass County Road Commission presented his findings for the roads in Kestrel Hills. The roads are 20 years old and in bad condition. Latest option from a May meeting was \$211,000.00 for the total overall cost with the county matching 70% for a township cost of \$152,000.00.

This would be done in 2 phases. Phase 1 would be an approximate cost to the township of \$44,962.00. This should be done before this winter to make sure it is structurally sounds. Phase 2 would be an approximate cost to the township of \$95,608.00.

He is requesting that the township approve up to \$45,000.00 for Phase 1.

Discussion

Motion by Benjamin to approve phase 1 up to \$45,000.00 for Kestrel Hills, second Renken

Roll call; Yes: Benjamin, DeBroka, Kronewitter, Renken, Ward; No: None
Motion Passed

SMCAS Ambulance Contract

Benjamin updated the board on the current state of the contract negotiations. SMCAS is asking that we split out the SAD cost over the next 5 years.

Appointment of Zoning Board of Appeals Member

Motion by Benjamin to appoint Patty Carr to the ZBA, second by Renken
Motion Passed

Appointment of Salary Compensation Commission Members

Discussion and tabled until next month

Purchase Replacement Shredder or Service

Discussion

Motion by Benjamin to have the clerk pick a shredding service, second by Renken

Roll call; Yes: DeBroka, Kronewitter, Renken, Ward, Benjamin; No: None
Motion Passed

Cost Recovery Ordinance

Motion by Renken to accept ordinance 2012-040 as amended with section 5b, second by Benjamin

Discussion, we should wait until the attorney has had time to review the ordinance.

Roll call; Yes: None; No: Kronewitter, Renken, Ward, Benjamin, DeBroka
Motion Failed

Dangerous Building Ordinance

Motion by Benjamin to table until next month, second by DeBroka
Motion Passed

Financial Report

Review of Township Budget for July and August

Clerk needs to provide the July budget at the next meeting.

Resolution 2012-39, by Benjamin to create a budget for fire millage at \$116,421.00 with Edwardsville 101-101-818 being set to 48,245.00 and Niles Township 101-101-818.1 being set to \$68,176.00, second by Renken

Roll call; Yes: Renken, Ward, Benjamin, DeBroka, Kronewitter; No: None
Resolution Passed

Resolution 2012-40, by Renken to move \$650.00 from Election Reimbursement giving \$550.00 to Election Programming 101-191-931.1 and \$100.00 to Election Legal Notices 101-191-901 then to move \$28,350.00 from savings to giving \$28,000.00 to Roads 101-101-969 and \$350.00 to Dust Control 101-101-969.1, second by DeBroka

Roll call; Yes: Ward, Benjamin, DeBroka, Kronewitter, Renken
Resolution Passed

Financial Report for July and August

The clerk is to get a hold of the auditor by next Friday, August 31, 2012 or escalate.

Approval of Checks

Motion by Renken to accept the checks as presented, second by DeBroka

Roll call; Yes: Benjamin, DeBroka, Kronewitter, Renken, Ward; No: None
Motion Passed

Board Member Comments

The clerk thanked the members of the Planning Commission that stayed and helped setup for the August 7, 2012 election.

Benjamin stated that the emergency warning siren is getting close to being put in. He also thanked the clerk candidates for sitting in on the risk assessment meeting.

Motion by Renken to adjourn, second by DeBroka
Motion Passed

Meeting adjourned at 9:44 PM