



Milton Township

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Official Minutes for Milton Township Board of Trustees Regular Board Meeting Milton Township Hall - 32097 Bertrand St., Niles, MI Tuesday June 21, 2016 7:00 P.M.

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

Present: Robert Benjamin, Clerk Steve Sante, Treasurer Susan Flowers, Trustee Eric Renken Trustee Kelly Sweeney

Community Reports:

Planning Commission Ex Officio Member: Sweeney reports the new zoning ordinance has been completed and there will be a public hearing on 6/28/16.

Other Committee Chairs:

SMCAS: Renken reports that the case against the former SMCAS Director will be going to trial. It is anticipated that the insurance company will reimburse for the loss.

Renken went on to report that operating funds are presently tight. Also, it was reported that he is now the chairperson of the board.

Fire Board: Benjamin is working with the Edwardsburg Fire Department to revise language in the contract. It is hoped that the contract will be completed for the next meeting.

Council on Aging: Flowers introduced a speaker from the COA, indicating it was an organization worthy of our support. The presenter gave a presentation on the services provided by the organization.

Scott Teeter is running for Circuit Court Judge and gave a short presentation.

Visiting Officials: None

Anyone wishing to speak from to the board: Ann Brown indicated there is an open house at the Smith's Chapel this Saturday, which is June 25, 2016 from 10am to 1pm.

Board Member Comments: Benjamin indicated there is considerable storm damage in the area. He also indicated there are board meetings for the Special Assessment Districts on Thursday June 23, 2006 at 7:00pm and 8:00pm.

Approval of Agenda

The following were added:

Appointment of a PC Member

Electrical Wiring

Approval of Previous Minutes

Motion: Sweeney made a motion to approve the May 7, 2016 minutes as presented.

Second: Flowers

Discussion: None

Motion carried unanimously

Motion: Flowers made a motion to approve the May 19, 2016 (SAD 2016-1) minutes as presented.

Second: Sweeney

Discussion: None

Motion carried unanimously

Motion: Benjamin made a motion to approve the May 19, 2016 (SAD 2016-2) minutes as amended.

Second: Flowers

Discussion: None

Motion carried unanimously

Business (W/Attendees): None

Old Business

Fire Services:

Benjamin explained to the public that changes that are occurring with the SAD districts. He also explained the Edwardsburg Fire contract will be for four years and the Niles Township Fire contract will be for eight years.

Rental Updates:

Flowers reported that the lights in the great hall have been repaired. The service person indicated they were not installed correctly. Flowers indicated she would try to get reimbursement from Fredrick Construction for the repair. Flowers also reported that Wayne Hardin is planning to repair the floor in the great hall. This should be at a minimal cost. She then went on to explain that there is limited storage for chairs and tables in the great hall and that a storage solution is needed.

Motion: Flowers made a motion to purchase two chair racks at a cost not to exceed \$500.

Second: Sweeney

Discussion: None

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

Each board member indicated if they were for or against allowing alcohol on township premises. Sweeney, Sante, and Renken are for allowing alcohol. Benjamin is opposed to alcohol in general, but does not want to restrict the rights of others. Flowers is opposed to allowing alcohol on township property.

Benjamin opened up comments to the public:

Ann Brown questioned if this would extend to the Smith's Chapel.

Kenneth Daniels indicated it would enhance rentals of the great hall.

Richard Kern thought the township should limit alcohol.

Bill Corbett indicated the township should try allowing it.

Motion: Sweeney made a motion that we approve alcohol on township property, excluding Smith's Chapel, on a trial basis through the end of the fiscal year.

Second: Renken

Discussion: Renken indicates it should be pending contract review

Motion to amend: Benjamin made a motion to amend limiting alcohol to beer, wine, and Champaign

Second: Sweeney

The initial vote was unclear, so a roll call was done.

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

Motion: Benjamin made a motion that we approve the amended motion

Second: Sweeney

Discussion: None

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

Law Enforcement Pilot

Benjamin received feedback from the Under Sheriff regarding the recent law enforcement pilot. On Mother's Day Weekend they did not focus on the Varner's area due to poor communication. Benjamin recommended we continue with the program with it starting in Mid-July and running for three months.

Benjamin: Benjamin made a motion to approve the expanded pilot with the Cass County Sheriff's Department for three months not to exceed 12 hours each month.

Second: Sweeney

Discussion: None

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

Motion: Benjamin made a motion that the supervisor be authorized to coordinate with the CCSD for the purposes of the pilot program.

Second: Flowers

Discussion: None

Motion Carried Unanimously

Sound Panels

Sante indicated that the cost of the sound panels that were approved in the previous month increased to a cost of \$3,366.

Motion: Sante made a motion that we purchase ten sound panes at a cost of \$3,366.

Second: Flowers

Discussion: None

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

New Business

Staffing Review

The groundskeeper requested that he be allowed to have an assistant, at his cost, help complete the tasks required by his employment with the township. Benjamin indicated that this would not be acceptable. He went on to request that his wife be able to volunteer to complete work on the township premises. Benjamin indicated this would be acceptable.

Benjamin went on to say that if anyone had issues regarding employees they should contact him.

Appoint PC Member

Benjamin made a motion appointing Karen Shirk to a four term on the PC.

Second: Sweeney

Discussion: Benjamin indicated one more position needs to be filled on the PC.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Electrical Wiring:

Benjamin indicated it was discovered that the light and HVAC system for the great hall are not connected to the generator. Benjamin recommended we allocate funds to get this rectified. Sante agreed to take care of the problem.

Motion: Benjamin made a motion authorizing the Clerk to pursue updating the electrical at a cost not to exceed \$7,500.

Second: Renken

Discussion: None

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

Review of Township Budget

Motion: Benjamin made a motion for budget resolution 2016-18R to be as follows:

MTA Dues	+\$121
Township Maintenance	+7,500
Sherriff's Patrol	+3,600
Event Manager	+500
Porta Potty	+\$339

Second: Sweeney

Discussion:

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

Financial Report

Flowers indicated the township funds total \$643,592.08.

Approval of Checks

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

Audimute \$3,366

Second: Flowers

Discussion: None

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

Adjournment:

Motion: Benjamin made a motion to adjourn at 8:25pm

Second: Flowers

Discussion: None

Motion Carried Unanimously