

Milton Township

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MILTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING at 7:00pm September 16, 2013

Township Board Members

Supervisor – Robert Benjamin, Clerk – Sue Kronewitter, Treasurer – Susan Flowers,
Trustee – Eric Renken, Trustee – Kelly Sweeney

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Meeting called to order at 7:00pm by Benjamin.
Pledge of Allegiance recited. BOT members present: Benjamin, Kronewitter, Flowers, Sweeney.
BOT members absent: Renken.

OTHERS PRESENT: Township Attorney.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENT: Benjamin asked to add into the minutes a letter presented by Spaulding Camp Grounds. Enbridge construction workers will be staying at the campground during the rest of the year. Our Zoning Administrator could find no reason the campground could not remain open for this request.

COMMUNITY REPORTS:

Planning Commission Ex-Officio, Sweeney – All members of the PC will be taking the Michigan Citizen Planner classes. Four will attend in person and 3 will be taking the class online. The sub-division ordinance will be a civil ordinance. He will be asking for a public hearing to be scheduled in October for the proposed sub-division ordinance.

ZBA Secretary, Kronewitter – Minutes for the ZBA hearing on August 26, 2013 are included in your packet. The sign variance request for Conrad Rd. was approved. ZBA has a hearing scheduled for Monday September 23, 2013 at 6:30pm.

NATS, Sweeney – There will be a joint meeting on September 30, 2013. He will be requesting what funds may be available for Milton.

Park Focus Group, Flowers – Two people from the township have been recruited.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: No changes.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Motion: Sweeney
Motion to approve the BOT regular meeting minutes of August 19, 2013, as amended.

Second: Flowers
Motion Carried.

Motion: Sweeney
Motion to approve BOT public hearing meeting minutes of August 19, 2013 as presented.

Second: Flowers
Motion Carried.

Motion: Flowers
Motion to approve BOT special meeting minutes of September 5, 2013 as presented.
Second: Sweeney
Motion Carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Review of township budget and treasurer report read.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR DUTIES RESTRUCTURING

Review of changes made given to BOT. More specifics will be available for October BOT meeting.

TOWNSHIP HALL BUILDING PROJECT

By Hebard - Pre-bid meeting at township hall, September 17, 2013 at 10:00 am to field bidder questions. Bid opening at township hall, September 26, 2013 at 2:00pm. Hebard would like to request a meeting with the Board of Trustees on October 3, 2013, to review the bids and organize the process. Of note, lots of bidder activity for the township building.

Motion: Benjamin
Motion to have a Board of Trustee meeting on October 3, 2013 at 6:30pm to award the bid for the township hall building project.
Second: Sweeney
All in Favor: YES - Motion Carried.

HESS-IFT

Cindy La Grow of Cass County Economic Development Corporation reports there is a business interest at the Hess Industries Building. She asked the board if there was support for a proposed IFT (Industries Facility Tax Exemption), and if, so she requests the BOT have a public hearing. La Grow will provide the necessary information and recommendations to the board by next week.

Motion: Benjamin
Motion to have Cindy La Grow work with the treasurer and clerk to prepare the proposed IFT, with support of the Board of Trustees.
Second: Flowers
All in Favor: YES - Motion Carried.

Motion: Benjamin
Motion to have a Public Hearing for an IFT on October 21, 2013 at 6:30pm.
Second: Sweeney
All in Favor: YES - Motion Carried.

SUB-DIVISION ORDINANCE

As presented is a civil ordinance. Eventually to be incorporated in our Zoning Ordinance.

Motion: Sweeney
Motion: have a public hearing for the Sub Division Ordinance on October 21, 2013 at 6:00pm.
Second: Benjamin
All in Favor: YES – Motion Carried.

APPOINTMENT OF PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER

Motion: Benjamin
Motion: To appoint Karen Shirk to Planning Commission.
Second: Sweeney
All in Favor: YES
Those Opposed: – YES
Motion Carried 3-1.

APPROVAL OF CHECKS

Motion: Kronewitter
Motion to approve checks as presented (8402-8442) in the amount of \$77,647.70.
Second: Flowers
ROLL CALL VOTE: Benjamin-Yes, Flowers - Yes, Kronewitter- Yes, Sweeney- Yes, Renken (absent)
Motion Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Flowers
Motion to adjourn.
Second: Sweeney
All in Favor: YES - Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at: 7:34 pm
Respectfully submitted,

Sue Kronewitter
Clerk, Milton Township

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