



Milton Township

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Minutes for Milton Township Board of Trustees Regular Board Meeting Milton Township Hall - 32097 Bertrand St., Niles, MI Tuesday October 17th, 2017 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:

Sweeney reports that the P.C. had a public hearing to revise section 3.08 (7) of the zoning ordinance to allow structures less than 960SF.

Also the P.C. had a special land use request for a pole barn to be built that exceeded the allowable limit of 6,000. The request was to allow a pole barn of 8,000SF.

SMCAS

Renken reports that the township needs to make a decision on the buy-in option for SMCAS. The board discussed contacting the auditor regarding this issue. Also discussed, was the need for a survey on the former community center and old township hall, as these buildings may be part of the buy-in discussions.

Fireboard

Renken reports the meeting was very short and there were no significant items to report. He did indicate the awards banquet was scheduled for October 25th.

Visiting Officials:

David Mann was present at the meeting and is running for State Representative. He would serve Milton Township and spoke on his qualifications for the position.

Board Member Comments: None

Public Comment: Brett Thompson voiced his support for medical marijuana and asked that the board approve it in the township.

Approval of Agenda:

Add: Power Washing
Hall Pricing
Smith's Chapel

Approval of Previous meeting minutes:

Motion: Sweeney made a motion to approve the 9/19/17 minutes as written

Second: Renken

Discussion: None

Motion Carried Unanimously

Auditor Report: Tabled

OLD BUSINESS

Rental Update: No update provided

Multi-Use Path

Benjamin questioned Sweeney on the availability of state grants to complete the MUP. Sweeney had no update.

Benjamin recommended to Sweeney that a plan for the MUP be put on the township website, once its design is complete.

NEW BUSINESS

Flu Shots

Motion: Benjamin made a motion to cover the costs of flu shots for employees and family members at a cost not to exceed \$180.

Second: Flowers

Discussion: None

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

Medical Marijuana:

A draft ordinance was reviewed by the board. Catherine Kaufman, whom is the township attorney provided consultation to the board on the issues related to the document. A very lengthy discussion occurred and the following was discussed:

The township wants to stay rural in nature

The township wants to support the farming community

There are no commercial areas in the township that would support provisioning centers

The board then agreed that it wanted to proceed with approving an ordinance.

Motion: Benjamin made a motion to approve ordinance 2017-01 which will allow 1 Class A growers, 1 Class B grower, 1 Class C grower, and 3 processors, 0 safety compliance facilities, 0 secure transporters, and 0 provisioning centers.

Second: Renken

Discussion: None

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

Motion Carried

Cass County Under Sheriff:

Under Sheriff Clinton Roach arrived at the meeting and spoke on the crime element associated with Marijuana. This was a response to the medical marijuana ordinance being passed.

Snow Removal RFP

Motion: Sweeney made a motion to send out the RFP for 2017-2018 snow removal with a deadline of 11/17/17.

Second: Renken
Discussion: None
All Voted Yes
Motion Carried Unanimously

Power Washing

Three bids were included in the board packet and Sweeney recommended we go with the quote from Bob Clayton.

Motion: Sweeney made a motion to accept the Clayton bid with the following work to be done: Power wash exterior of building, clean exterior and interior glass of windows and doors, Power wash OTH, Clean exterior and interior glass of windows and doors

Second: Renken
Discussion: None
Roll Call: Renken Y, Flowers Y, Sante Y, Sweeney Y, Benjamin Y
Motion Carried Unanimously

Township Hall Pricing

Benjamin recommends not changing the pricing at this time.

Motion: Benjamin made a motion to table until March budget talks begin.

Second: Renken
Discussion: None
All Voted Yes
Motion Carried Unanimously

Smith’s Chapel

Sante provided a report on possible options for Smith’s Chapel. To board asked that Sante contact the Smith’s Chapel Historical Society and see if they would have interest in purchasing the property. Sante to work with the Township Attorney to determine the restrictions on the property with regard to ownership.

Review Of Township Budget

Motion: Benjamin made budget resolution 2017-15R

PC Open House	\$58.00
External Audits	\$2,064.00
Assessor Software	\$500.00
Event Manager Pay	\$400.00
Siren Maintenance	\$75.00
Electrical Labor:	\$100.00
PC Legal Notices	\$162.00
Insurance	\$197.00

These are to be offset by the general fund in the amount of \$3,556

Second: Sante

Discussion: None

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

Motion Carried

Financial Reports:

Flowers reports that the township funds total \$576,654.20

Approval of Checks

Motion: Sante made a motion to approve the checks as written Second: Renken

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Discussion: None

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

Motion Carried

Adjournment

Motion: Renken made a motion to adjourn at 8:18pm.

Second: Sweeney

Discussion: None

Motion carried unanimously

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