



# 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 April 18, 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:**

**Planning Commission Ex Officio Member:** Sweeney reports the PC is planning to review a contract with Williams and Works. Sweeney went on to report that the P.C. will be having public hearings for changes to the zoning ordinance on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017. It is the hope of the P.C. that the revisions will then be sent to Cass County for review.

**Election Commission:** Sante reports there will be an Election for residents living in the Edwardsburg School District on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017.

**SMCAS:** Renken reports that SMCAS did not approve the contract for the rental of the OTH. They want more time to review it and anticipate approving it at a later date. Renken went on to report that income exceeds expenses in the previous fiscal year by \$138,000.

**Edwardsburg Fire Department:** Benjamin reports that Mike Layher has been hired by the Fire Department to audit all three townships. He is tasked with calculating what each township should be paying to them and comparing it with what was actually paid.

Eric Renken has been appointed as Chairman of the Fire Board.

**NATS:** Flowers reports that NATS approved Phase III of out Multi-Use path.

**Visiting Officials:** Bob Ziliak reports the Historic Courthouse is having its last preservation meeting Thursday April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 4:00pm. IT then hopes to make decisions on how to proceed with the building.

He went on to say that the County is in contract negotiations with the correctional offices and patrol officers.

**Anyone wishing to speak to the board:** None

**Board Member Comments:** Benjamin reports that Enbridge is having a meeting at the Milton Township Hall on pipeline safety Thursday April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 6:00pm.

Also discussed were some of the complaints around the township.

**Approval of Agenda:** Two items were added to the agenda. Moratorium.

Motion: Benjamin made a motion to add Domestic, Sexual, & Abuse Services to the agenda  
Second: Sweeney  
Discussion: None  
All voted yes except Renken  
Motion Carried

**Rental Updates:** Sante provided an update on the Great Hall Floor. A representative of the flooring manufacturer came to the Hall to look at the floor. He indicated that he would get back to us regarding anything the manufacturer would be willing to do to remedy the poor condition of the floor.

Electrical upgrades were made at Smith's Chapel. The capacity of the electrical system is now much greater.

**Multi-Use Path:** There was a discussion on a bill sent to the township for Phase II engineering of the Multi-Use path. The board discussed that the bill did not appear to be correct.

**Sheriff Update:** Sheriff Riek Behnke was at the meeting with Under Sheriff Roach they arrived at the meeting late and provided an update to the township. The Sheriff indicated that there would be a pill drop at Howard Township on Saturday April 22<sup>nd</sup> as well as here in Milton Township on May 6<sup>th</sup>. He went on to say that pills can always be brought to the CCPD and COA. The Sheriff went on to discuss updating the 911 center

### **Business with Attendees**

Motion: Benjamin made a motion to fund police coverage on the Saturday and Sunday of Mother's Day, which is May 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>.  
Second: Sante  
Discussion: None  
Roll Call: Flowers Y, Renken Y, Sante Y, Sweeney Y, Benjamin Y  
Motion Carried

### **Playground**

The board discussed having wood chips placed around the playground equipment. A quote was provided by Sweeney. No action was taken

Motion: Benjamin made a motion to approve resolution 2017-08R, which is giving approval to seek a PAR plan grant.  
Second: Sweeney  
Discussion: None  
Roll Call: Flowers Y, Renken Y, Sante Y, Sweeney Y, Benjamin Y  
Motion Carried

The board had a discussion on the six bids received for lawn care. Ultimately the board took no action, but authorized Sweeney to call all of the bidders and discuss their quotes.

Motion: Sweeney made a motion setting a special meeting for April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 7:00 pm to discuss and select a quote.

Second: Renken

Discussion: None

Motion carried as all voted yes

### **Moratorium**

Motion: Sweeney made a motion to place a moratorium on all subdivision development until July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017

Second: Renken

Discussion: The moratorium is being put in place as a private road ordinance was inadvertently left out of the new zoning ordinance

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

Motion Carried

### **Domestic, Sexual, & Abuse Services**

Motion: Flowers made a motion to table this item

Second: Sweeney

Discussion: None

Motion carried as all voted yes

### **Financial Report**

Motion: Benjamin made budget resolution 2017-09R as follows:

Sheriff Patrol	+800.00
Park Improvement	+1,400.00
Supervisor Equipment	-\$2,200.00

Second: Sweeney

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

Motion Carried

### **Financial Reports**

Flowers reported the township funds total \$562,141.67.

### **Approval of Checks**

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

Mr. Handyman	\$456.27
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Second: Renken

Discussion: None

Motion carried as all voted yes

**Adjournment**

Motion: Renken made a motion to adjourn at 8:57pm.

Second: Sweeney

Discussion: None

Motion carried unanimously

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