

Milton Township

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**MILTON TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES PUBLIC HEARING at 6:00pm
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING at 7:00pm**

March 18, 2013

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BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Supervisor - R. Benjamin, Clerk - S. Kronewitter, Treasurer - S. Flowers, Trustee - E. Renken, Trustee - K. Sweeney

OTHERS PRESENT: 11 members of the public

PUBLIC HEARING MEETING – PUBLIC COMMENT

Comments were made by audience members regarding the roads of Kestrel Hills, Gumwood Road, and Lloyd Lane. Police Protection would cost a mill if offered within the township. The Road commission will work on entrances of Kestrel Hills with a possible special assessment. There are problems with the line of sight going east and west. Members of the audience felt these costs should be to the developers and not the township. Concerns were made by audience why it has taken over 16 years to work on the roads within Kestrel Hills. Why is the SMCAS Ambulance housed here and how the Fire Contracts were approved.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE PUBLIC HEARING

Motion: Renken
Motion to Adjourn.

Second: Sweeney

All in Favor: YES - Motion Carries

Public Hearing Meeting adjourned at: 6:42pm.

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OTHERS PRESENT: Zoning Administrator, Tim Gray of SMCAS, Bob Ziliak, Cass County Commissioner.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Virginia Kraft announced the Smith Chapel Historical Commission is having a meeting on April 13, 2013 at 10:30am at the Chapel.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: Benjamin explained how the meeting tonight would continue. He gave an update on the server room and telephone system. Tri-County Head Start will be leaving the township September 1, 2013.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Sniadecki included his report in the board packet. He is working on site plans for accessory buildings. The ZBA will be having a hearing March 25 on a property that has three homes dating to the turn of the century.

PLANNING COMMISSIONER/EX OFFICIO

The planning commission is having a meeting on March 11 to discuss condominiums. There will be two public hearings at their meeting of April 1, 2013.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER:

Saturday the commissioners had a workshop discussing the strategy for the County Intergovernmental Forum to be held April 30, 2012. Hazardous Waste Day will be May 19, 2013 at the Cass County Fair Grounds from 9:00am-NOON. They will be taking the same items as last year. There will be charges for taking tires.

SMCAS

The renovations should be done the end of this week. Planning an open house but do not have an official date. They will not be placing their fuel tank in the compound used by the Road Commission. Back to their original plan which will contain a barrier and a 6 foot fence.

TANKS FOR SMCAS

Motion: Renken
Motion to approve the initial agreement for fuel tanks for SMCAS pending attorneys contract.
Second: Sweeney
All in Favor: YES - Motion Carries

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Motion: Sweeney
Motion to approve the minutes of March 7, 2013 as presented.
Second: Flowers
All in Favor: YES - Motion Carries

REVIEW OF TOWNSHIP BUDGET & TREASURERS REPORT GIVEN

Township treasurer and clerk to make sure the shared revenue from April 2012 is included in the total amount reflected as income on the general ledger report.

TOWNSHIP BUDGET 2013-2014

Motion: Benjamin
Motion to approve the 2013-2014 Budget Resolution 2013-0318-2R
Second: Renken

ROLL CALL VOTE: Benjamin – Yes, Flowers – Yes, Kronewitter – Yes, Renken - Yes, Sweeney - Yes.
Motion Carries 5-0.

2013 WAGES RESOLUTION

Motion: Benjamin

Motion to approve the 2013 Wages Resolution 2013-0318-3R

Second: Sweeney

ROLL CALL VOTE: Flowers – Yes, Kronewitter – Yes, Renken - Yes, Sweeney – Yes, Benjamin – Yes.
Motion Carries 5-0.

ENBRIDGE CONSENT FOR FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION

Attorney discussed the contract regarding public rights. Whereas how Enbridge will pay us to use our roads, and who to call. This document has been developed by MTA and the advice of our attorney is to adopt and execute this document.

Motion: Sweeney

Motion to approve the Consent for Facilities Construction contract with Enbridge provided the attorney will have the contact names within the final document.

Second: Flowers

ROLL CALL VOTE: Kronewitter – Yes, Renken - Yes, Sweeney – Yes, Benjamin – Yes, Flowers – Yes.
Motion Carries 5-0.

TREASURERS SAFE & CASHBOX

Motion: Flowers

Motion to approve purchasing Treasurers safe and cashbox as presented.

Second: Renken

ROLL CALL VOTE: Renken - Yes, Sweeney – Yes, Benjamin – Yes, Flowers – Yes, Kronewitter – Yes.
Motion Carries 5-0.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL 2013-2014 LAWN MAINTENANCE AND SNOW REMOVAL

Discussion: to place proposal on the website and an ad in South Bend Tribune's legal section.

Motion: Sweeney

Motion to approve placing the Request for Proposal of the 2013-2014 Lawn Maintenance and Snow Removal out for bid.

Second: Benjamin

ROLL CALL VOTE: Sweeney – Yes, Benjamin – Yes, Flowers – Yes, Kronewitter – Yes, Renken – Yes.
Motion Carries 5-0.

PDF CONVERTER SOFTWARE APPROVAL:

Discussion – money is available in the current budget to purchase the software for the Zoning Administrator.

COMMENTS

Supervisor announced the Michigan State University Extension will be having a free workshop where you can learn about a regional Community Food System. A Workshop will be held at the Milton Township Hall, Thursday March 28 at 7:00pm. Kronewitter announced the Cass County Library is having many online college classes at no cost to those who have a library card in the county.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Renken
Motion to Adjourn.

Second: Sweeney

All in Favor: YES - Motion Carries

Meeting adjourned at: 8:06pm

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Kronewitter
Clerk, Milton Township

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