



# 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 May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016 7:00 P.M.**

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

**Present:** Robert Benjamin, Treasurer Susan Flowers, Clerk Steve Sante,

**Absent:** Trustee Eric Renken, Trustee Kelly Sweeney

## **Committee Reports**

### **Planning Commission**

No report given, as Sweeney was absent. Benjamin did note that a special meeting has been set for the PC on 5/24/2016 at 7:00pm.

Terri Ellis spoke at the meeting. Mr. Ellis is running for County Sheriff and he reviewed his 35+ year career in law enforcement.

**Public Comment:** Mr. Mudd questioned the board on the availability of someone to take his zoning complaint.

**Board Member Comments:** None

### **Approval of Agenda**

The board approved the agenda as presented.

### **Approval of Previous Minutes**

Motion: Benjamin made a motion to approve the 4/19/16 minutes as amended.

Second: Flowers

Discussion: None

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: Flowers made a motion to approve the 4/30/16 minutes as presented.

Second: Sante

Discussion: None

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: Benjamin made a motion to approve the 5/3/16 meeting minutes as amended.

Second: Flowers

Discussion: None

Motion Carried Unanimously

**Old Business:****Fire Services:**

Benjamin reported that the resolution for the fire districts will be capped at 1 mill. Raising of the millage will take board action.

Benjamin also reported that the new contract with Niles Charter Township, for fire service from their fire department will be at eight years and will include no rate increases. The Edwardsburg contract will run for four years without rate increases.

There will be a public hearing on the fire districts on May 19<sup>th</sup> at the Township Hall.

**Rental Updates**

Benjamin reported that Midwest Connections wants to host an event at the Township Hall to review information regarding the new internet service being installed in the township.

Motion: Benjamin made a motion allowing Midwest Connections the use of the Township Hall for a forum at no charge.

Second: Sante

Discussion: None

Motion Carried Unanimously

**Policy Updates:** Tabled

**Risk Mitigation Response:** Tabled

**Law Enforcement Pilot:**

An update was not provided by the sheriff. It appears the program had no impact. The update will be moved to the June meeting.

**New Business:****Township Building Cleaning:**

Several quotes were reviewed by Sante. No board action was taken regarding these quotes.

**Additional Sound Panels and Sound:**

Sante reviewed a quote from Audimute and a lengthy discussion occurred regarding the quote.

Motion: Flowers made a motion to purchase ten sound panels at a total cost of \$3,250.

Second: Sante

Discussion: None

Roll Call: Flowers Y, Sante Y, Benjamin Y

**Noise Complaints:**

Benjamin has received many noise complaints lately. He discussed the need for a noise ordinance in the township.

**Groundskeeper:**

A lengthy discussion occurred regarding the Groundskeeper Position.

Motion: Benjamin made a motion to increase the Grounds Keeper pay to \$12,576 starting June 1, 2016.

Second: Sante

Discussion: A condition of the pay increase is the Grounds Keeper must sign his contract. Also, he must submit a monthly log of hours worked, duties performed, and location of work performed.

Roll Call: Flowers Y, Sante Y, Benjamin Y

**Budget**

Sante made budget resolution 2016-13R as follows:

Pension Fee	+\$1,250.00
FICA	+\$600.00
Township Hall Maint.	+\$3,250.00
Payroll Expenses	-\$1,200.00
General Fund	-\$3,900.00

Second: Benjamin

Discussion: None

Roll Call: Flowers Y, Sante Y, Benjamin Y

**Financial Report:**

Flowers reports the township funds total \$616,290.13.

Approval of Checks:

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

\$3,250.00	Audimute
\$49.69	Carl Higley

Second: Benjamin

Discussion: None

Roll Call: Flowers Y, Sante Y, Benjamin Y

**Adjournment:**

Motion: Benjamin made a motion to adjourn at 8:44pm

Second: Flowers

Discussion: None

Motion Carried Unanimously