

# Milton Township

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## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MILTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

APRIL 18, 2011 AT 7:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Milton Township board was called to order on April 18, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the township hall with Supervisor Robert Benjamin presiding.

### ROLL CALL

- Present: Supervisor-Robert Benjamin; Treasurer-Linda DeBroka; Deputy Clerk-F. Rubalcaba; Trustees-Don Kronewitter and Sharon Ward.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

- The question was asked about the response time for the fire department. Benjamin noted that the Niles Fire Chief will be at the May board meeting and he will invite the Edwardsburg Fire Chief as well to answer questions. A resident asked about the rental of the community center; the repair of the water heater will have to be done before the building can be rented.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- Supervisor asked that "Representatives" be added to the agenda.

### MINUTES

- Motion to approve the minutes of the public hearing for the 2011-2012 budget by Ward, second by DeBroka. Motion passed. Motion to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2011 regular meeting by DeBroka, second by Ward. Motion passed.

### COMMUNITY REPORTS

- No report from Niles/Buchanan/Cass Area Transportation member Kronewitter.
- Zoning Administrator Paul Sniadecki reported that 3 site plans have been submitted and one house is being built in Kestrel Hills which will be featured in the Parade of Homes. There have been 7 zoning ordinance complaints issued one of which was resolved. Sniadecki reported on the new items posted on the website: the newsletters; the meetings of the Milton Township Citizens Advisory Group and the work being done by the Cass County Road Commission.
- Planning Commission Chairman, Kelly Sweeney reported that the master plan is done and new census data has been added. There will be an open house on May 14, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon for residents to review the master plan and make their comments. The commission requested that the board approve a moratorium on the use of medical marijuana in Milton Township.
- County Commissioner, Robert Ziliak announced a drug drop on April 30, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.; hazardous and electronic waste will also be collected. The reapportionment committee approved changing from 15 county commissioners back to 7 with a population of approximately 7400 for each district. The change will

take effect in November, 2012. District No. 5 will cover Milton Township and the southern half of Howard Township.

- Smith Chapel Historical Association member Ann Brown reported that the Smith Chapel will be painted by the end of June with the work being donated by the Hope Community Church of Niles. There will be 2 open houses—June 11 and August 13 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

#### OLD BUSINESS

- Motion to approve Ordinance No. 2011-01 Indiana-Michigan Power Company Electric Franchise Ordinance by Kronewitter, second by DeBroka. Roll Call vote: All ayes – Motion passed.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- Board reviewed policy of conducting roll call votes. Will continue rotating sequence of names.
- Lawn maintenance bids were reviewed. Motion by Kronewitter to accept STC Design bid- (dies for lack of a second). Motion by DeBroka, second by Ward to accept Braden Green Thumb Landscaping bid. Roll call vote: DeBroka-Aye; Kronewitter-No; Ward-Aye; Benjamin-Aye. Motion passed.
- Motion by DeBroka, second by Ward to accept the agreement between Milton Township and The Smith Chapel Historical Commission. Roll call vote: All ayes-Motion passed.
- Planning Commission Chairperson requested that the township board adopt an ordinance to place a moratorium on regulating medical marijuana. Because of the ambiguity of the State of Michigan statute, and because the courts have not made an absolute decision as to the role of the townships and because the planning commission needs additional time to consult with the attorney motion made by Benjamin to adopt Ordinance No. 2011-02 imposing a 180 day moratorium on the use of medical marijuana; second by DeBroka. Roll call vote: All ayes—Motion passed.
- Motion by Kronewitter, second by DeBroka to give permission to Benjamin to send out a request for proposals for a gas tankless water heater to be installed in the community center. Motion passed. The board requested that the clerk determine how many window fans would be needed in the community center for use in the summer.
- Motion by Benjamin, second by Ward to appoint Eric Renken as representatives to the Edwardsburg Fire Dept and the Edwardsburg Ambulance Board. Motion passed.
- Motion by Kronewitter, second by Benjamin to accept the Edwardsburg Fire Dept. budget of which the Milton Township amount is \$44,284.78. Motion passed.
- Financial reports-Treasurer presented general fund account balances.
- Approval of checks— Motion by Benjamin, second by DeBroka to approve checks #6955 through #6987 and all ACH debits as printed, in addition to release check #6928 to mechanical inspector Swanstrom in the amount of \$2803.50. Roll Call vote: All ayes-Motion passed.
- Motion to adjourn by Kronewitter, second by DeBroka. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Flena Rubalcaba

Deputy Clerk

Approved at the Milton Twp. Board of Trustees Meeting

May 16, 2011