

Minutes of the Milton Township Board of Trustees September 17, 2012

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Benjamin at 7:00 PM

Attendance

Present: Benjamin, DeBroka, Kronewitter, Renken, Ward

Public Comment

Virginal Kraft mentioned 2 things happening at Smith's Chapel. One October 16 at 7:00 PM the Cass County Historical Society will hold their monthly meeting at Smith's Chapel. On October 28 at 4:00 PM the Southwestern Michigan College Acapella Choir will hold a concert at Smith's Chapel, admission will be \$5.00 per person.

Richard Gerberth had asked why the original contracts from the T-Mobile suit for the wireless tower were not turned over to the Planning Commission for their review. This is in regards to the Verizon Wireless

Approval of Agenda

Agenda was approved as presented.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Renken to approve the August 20, 2012 minutes as amended, second by DeBroka
Motion Passed

Community Reports

Zoning Administrator presented his written report to the board.

Planning Commission had two public hearings. One was for the Verizon Conditional user that is on the agenda for tonight.

Cass County Commissioner reported the Cass County will have a passenger tire collection at the fair grounds on November 7, 2012. More details to come.

The October 2, 2012 Edwardsburg Fire department meeting will be at the Edwardsburg Village Hall.

Old Business

SMACS Ambulance Contract

The board has 2 contracts presented to them.

Motion by Renken to accept the service contract between SMACS and Milton Township amended, second by Kronewitter

Discussion

Motion to amend the current motion by Benjamin, strike the paragraph on page 3 for the period of April 1, 2013 and then change the next paragraph from reading, "instead all remaining" to "for all periods". Second by Renken

Discussion

Roll call; Yes: Benjamin, DeBroka, Kronewitter, Renken, Ward; No: None
Amendment Passed

Discussion on the original now amended motion

Roll call; Yes: Kronewitter, Renken, Benjamin; No: DeBroka, Ward
Motion Passed

Motion by Benjamin to accept the lease contract between SMACS and Milton Township with the following changes, in 2B the data will read March 31, 2021 instead of March 31, 2012, in 3B remove "and cable services" in paragraph 16, remove the additional \$, second by Kronewitter

Discussion

Roll call; Yes: Kronewitter, Renken, Benjamin; No: Ward, DeBroka
Motion Passed

Cost Recovery Ordinance (from July 2012)

Zoning Administrator gives a brief overview of the ordinance and why we should have it.

The township attorney discusses the ordinance and does make some suggestions for changes. The attorney does agree that we should have this ordinance.

Public Comments, Richard Gerberth asks how the costs are determined and where does the money collected go? The township attorney responds saying that a designee most likely the fire chief would determine the cost. The money goes right back to the person that performed the services. This is not a way for the township to make money.

Motion by Benjamin, to setup a committee including our two fire board representatives, the two fire chiefs or their representative and the Zoning Administrator to draft up an ordinance and send it the attorney for review before sending it to the board, second by Renken

Roll call; Yes: Renken, Ward, Benjamin, DeBroka, Kronewitter; No: None
Motion Passed

Dangerous Building Ordinance (from July 2012)

Zoning Administrator gives a brief overview of the ordinance and why we should have it. This ordinance is to protect the health, safety and general welfare of the people and the neighbors of these properties.

The township attorney advises that we should pass this ordinance. This ordinance dovetails directly into Michigan Housing Code.

Discussion

Motion by Kronewitter to accept ordinance 2012-050, as presented, second by Renken

Roll call; Yes: Benjamin, Kronewitter, Renken; No: Ward, DeBroka

Motion Passed

New Business**Conditional Use Application – Verizon Wireless**

Benjamin stated that Kronewitter has to step out for this agenda item.

The Planning Commission presented their findings from the public hearings. They voted 6-1 to amend the special use permit and to include 3 stipulations.

A Verizon representative explained the changes they are requesting.

Benjamin has requested a special board meeting for September 19, 2012 at 6:30 PM to give the other members of the board more time to review the documentation.

2012-2013 Snow Plow Bid Process

Motion by Benjamin for a request for proposal for snow plowing, with the following changes: opening of the bids to October 10, 2012 at 6:00 PM and the delivery deadline to October 10, 2012 at 1:00 PM, second by Kronewitter.

Motion Passed

Zoning Ordinance Amendment Article XIV, Section 14.14

Planning Commission presented their changes.

Motion by Renken to adopt Zoning Ordinance 2012-060, as presented, second by Kronewitter

Roll call; Yes: Renken, Ward, Benjamin, DeBroka, Kronewitter; No: None

Motion Passed

Smith's Chapel Painting Project

Motion by Benjamin to deny the request for proposal until the next board is in place, second by Kronewitter
Motion Passed

Township Training Policy

Motion by Benjamin to accept the training policy as presented, second by Renken
Motion Passed

Township Reimbursement Policy

Motion by Benjamin to accept the reimbursement policy as presented, second by Renken
Motion Passed

Financial Report

Review of Township Budget for July, August and September

Resolution 2012-41 presented by Benjamin, to increase the Ambulance Assessment 101-101-826.1 \$4,604.65, to increase Election Mileage 101-191-861 \$58.38 and to increase Smith's Chapel heat 101-265-923.2 \$40.58 all from savings, second by Renken

Roll call; Yes: Benjamin, DeBroka, Kronewitter, Renken, Ward; No: None
Resolution Passed

Financial Report for July, August and September

The financial reports were accepted as presented.

Approval of Checks

Resolution 2012-42 presented by Benjamin, to add a budget line item for \$60.00 for Loss, money to come out from savings, second DeBroka

Roll call; Yes: DeBroka, Kronewitter, Renken, Ward, Benjamin; No: None
Resolution Passed

Motion by Renken to accept the checks with addition of check 7693 for \$110.00 to Smith's Chapel Historical Society and check 7692 for \$60.00 to balance the change drawer, second by DeBroka

Roll call; Yes: Kronewitter, Renken, Ward, Benjamin, DeBroka; No: None
Motion Passed

Board Member Comments

Benjamin announced that the emergency siren is up and has power. It should be operational by September 28, 2012. The siren is controlled by Cass County Sheriff Department and will be tested the first Saturday of each month.

Cass County Sheriff will be having a pill drop off on September 29, 2012 from 10:00 AM -- 2:00 PM at the township hall.

Motion by Renken to adjourn, second by DeBroka

Motion Passed

Meeting adjourned at 10:06 PM