

Milton Township Meeting  
Draft Minutes  
December 11, 2023

Members present: C. Weinzapfel, J. Beebe, L. Atkinson, J. Renis and B. Pharo

Also present: Attorneys B. Derman, Chief J. Ball, Sheriff K. Hoch, B. Hefferan and 6 audience members

C. Weinzapfel called the meeting to order at 7 pm and the Pledge was recited

**Agenda Approval**

Addition: Add PC and ZBA Appointments for 2024 to Supervisor's Report

Motion to approve the agenda as amended by L. Atkinson/B. Pharo. Motion carried.

Approval of regular meeting minutes of November 13, 2023

Change: Update change of adjournment time to 7:35 instead of 6:35 pm.

Motion to approve as amended by J. Renis/B. Pharo. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:**

None

**Presentation by Mike Gaylord from COLI regarding Broadband/ARPA funds: Final Payment**

Gaylord said his contract is finished and described the roads that are finished.. L. Atkinson asked to verify total cost. B. Derman explained L. Atkinson may have to come back with final questions depending on what the government wants for the final ARPA report.

**Sheriff's Report**

As presented by Sheriff Kevin Hoch

89 total events for November. Update on personnel and training. Update on snowmobile patrol.

Sheriff discussed yearly numbers and staffing process.

**Fire Department Report**

As presented by Chief J. Ball

9 calls for service in November. Information in packet reviewed. Discussion of old hydraulic tool set for sale. J. Ball asked for board to approve listing in Brindle Mountain Apparatus, for us for a 10% fee on the final sale price.

Motion to approve by B. Pharo/C. Weinzapfel to allow J. Ball to list the old hydraulic equipment with Brindle Mountain Apparatus. Motion passed. 5-0

**EMS Report**

There is a report in the packet.

### **Zoning Report**

There is a report in the packet

### **Planning Report**

As presented by B. Hefferan

The planning commission met last week and are reviewing the draft of the master plan, which is available on the township's website. Next meeting is January 3. STRs have been referred to S.

Kopriva. Large business owner in the township struggling with housing for employees reached out. Subcommittee designated to meet with owner.

### **Antrim County Report**

As presented by B. Hefferan

County has approved Brownfield development in Bellaire, after approval by village and Forrest Home township. Jen Wright runs Grass River Natural Area and was approved for a grant to refurbish the boardwalks.

### **Attorney's Report**

As presented by B. Derman

The township board needs to authorize Riverside Title to release the final ARPA payment to COLI. Update on large scale renewable energy bills. These were approved by state and will take effect in 2024. Update on a potential bill regarding more splits per 10 acres. Discussion of Great Lakes Energy easement request on Waring Road.

Motion by B. Pharo/J. Renis to approve the final ARPA payment of \$22,819.95 for COLI.

Motion carried.

Roll call:

B. Pharo: Yes

L. Atkinson: Yes

C. Weinzapfel: Yes

J. Renis: Yes

J. Beebe: Yes

Motion carried. 5-0

### **Supervisor's Report**

As presented by C. Weinzapfel

A. ER Youth Program Banners: Chain O Lakes Baseball representatives, Amber and Erin, made presentation to hang temporary banners for fund raising.

Motion by B. Pharo/J. Beebe to allow temporary banners, sized 3x5 for baseball and softball. This will only be allowed for community non-profits and there will be a form to request this in the future.

Motion carried. 5-0

B. PC and ZBA Appointments for 2023

Planning Commission

Motion to reappoint both Joe Renis and Noel Peters, term ending 1/1/27 by B. Pharo/L. Atkinson.  
Motion carried. 5-0

No term was established for Jim Standerfer when he was appointed. It should run from 10/1/22 to 1/1/25.

Motion to approve term for Jim Standerfer, term ending 1/1/25 by J. Beebe/B. Pharo. Motion carried.  
5-0

### **Library Report**

A report is provided in the packet.

### **Unfinished Business**

#### **A. Request to place a digital sign for 35 mph speed limit is being considered for SW Torch Lake Drive**

Final approval is through County Road Commission. ACRC is looking to create policy with township input. The board will wait for ACRC to draft policy to review.

### **New Business**

#### **A. Appointment of Deputy Clerk, Andrea Krakow**

#### **B. Approval of Zoning Ordinance Amendment 2023-02: Placement of Solar Farms**

Discussion regarding township responsibilities vs. property owners rights. C. Weinzapfel said he doesn't disagree with B. Pharo, but approval gives the planning commission the ability to make changes, as needed.

Motion by B. Pharo to send ZO 2023-02 back to the planning commission. The motion fails for lack of support.

Motion to approve ZO 2023-02 by L. Atkinson/J. Renis.

Roll Call:

L. Atkinson: Yes

C. Weinzapfel: Yes

J. Beebe: Yes

B. Pharo: No

J. Renis: Yes

Motion carried. 4-1

### **Public Comment**

J. Mensing asked regarding Mill Creek School moving toward a charter school. The structure was explained by M. McAlpine.

### **Board Comments**

Welcome to Janet Beebe!

### **Approval of Bills**

Motion to approve by J. Beebe/J. Renis. Motion carried. 5-0

Motion to approve two bills awaiting paperwork:

1. National Hose Testing Specialties \$604.00
  2. Water Systems Management \$610.98
- Motion by B. Pharo/J. Renis. Motion carried 5-0

There will be a special board meeting tomorrow to explore options with the Brentonwood SAD.

Meeting adjourned by order of the chair at 8:16 pm.

These minutes are subject to approval at the January 8, 2024 meeting. A copy of these minutes are available at [miltontownship.org](http://miltontownship.org)

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Beebe, Clerk