

Synopsis  
Milton Township  
Meeting Minutes  
May 13, 2024

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

Members absent: B. Pharo, excused

Also present: Attorney B. Derman, J. Peterson, Sheriff Hoch, J. Ball, B. Hefferan and 26 audience members

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

**Consent Agenda:**

- A. Approve agenda as presented
- B. Approve draft minutes dated April 8, 2024
- C. Treasurer's Report
- D. Approval of Bills

**Motion** to approve the consent agenda by Beebe/Atkinson

Roll Call

Weinzapfel: Yes

Renis: Yes

Atkinson: Yes

Beebe: Yes

**Motion carried 4-0**

**Public Comment:**

Fred Gulick commented on the minutes from last month. Noted that he read a notice to the board, not a handout.

**Sheriff's Report**

As presented by Sheriff Kevin Hoch

Hoch discussed the concerns with drugs in our county and what the sheriff's department is doing to combat this issue. 97 calls for service in April.

**Fire Department Report**

As presented by Chief J. Ball

6 calls for service for April. Update on personnel. Update on apparatus insurance. Update on MDA Drive \$1533.76 was collected on Clean-Up Day. Update on truck committee. Update on 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary open house June 2, 2024 from 1pm-4pm at Station 2.

**EMS Report**

There is a report in the packet.

## **Zoning Report**

### A. Zoning Fee Schedule

Tabled until June meeting

### B. Changing short term rental compliance monitoring service

Peterson said we are currently using Host Compliance. The service has deteriorated. For less than \$300 additional annually, she would like to switch to Avenu Insights and Analytics. Atkinson asked if other municipalities nearby use service? Yes.

Motion by Atkinson/Renis to switch providers from Host Compliance to Avenu Insights and Analytics for short term rental compliance services.

Roll Call:

Beebe: Yes

Renis: Yes

Weinzapfel: Yes

Atkinson: Yes

**Motion carried 4-0**

## **Planning Report**

As presented by B. Hefferan

Hefferan discussed the open house on the draft master plan. The zoning office is putting together the results and get the revised plan to the township in the next couple months.

## **County Report**

As presented by B. Hefferan

Hefferan explained that the Public Safety Center would not be on the ballot at this time.

## **Attorney's Report**

As presented by B. Derman

### A. Great Lakes Energy Easement Request

Derman said GLE will put the main power line at the end of Waring Road underground and take down the poles. Waiting on documents to be finalized.

Update on boat ramp and parking lot repair at Waring Road – DNR is scheduling improvements for this fall or early spring.

Brettonwood SAD: Materials have been turned over to Varnum. This will be coming back to the township board next month for the concept to proceed with that matter.

## **Supervisor's Report**

As presented by C. Weinzapfel

A. Attorney Update: Derman is retiring shortly and the township is looking to hire a new firm. A meeting will be scheduled with Thaddeus Morgan.

B. Baseball porta potty: Gmoser will place two more porta potties over at the baseball diamond at no cost to the township.

## **Library Report**

As presented by L. Atkinson. In the packet.

### **Unfinished Business**

- A. Brettonwood Shores SAD: Update by Joe Slonecki, engineer, representing Wade Trim: Many of the numbers didn't change.

David Sawin asked what steps we need to take from the HOA perspective. Weinzapfel discussed the options available. There is an option for a flat rate cost. As soon as that goes through, Weinzapfel will contact them and get things going.

- B. Feasibility sewer study: Update from Joe Slonecki of Wade Trim provided a feasibility study regarding sewer around the north end of Elk Lake - from Cherry Ave, Elk Tip to Easley. Weinzapfel asked if this is both sides of Cherry? It could be one side or the other, presumably it would be on the west side as this is where the majority of the hookups would be. The estimate Wade Trim worked up has three inch main, which is larger than needed to establish costs. They looked at gravity sewer, but due to site conditions, this wouldn't work. J. Slonecki discussed the various options discussed in the study. The recommendation is to go with a STEP system for cost savings. They also looked at connecting to the Elk Rapids treatment facility or creating a townships owned facility. The estimate for the STEP system is a little over \$10M. Discussion of treatment facility question. It would be about \$1M to upgrade the Elk Rapids facility to handle our wastewater. The cost to each property owner for the recommended system is estimated to be around \$500 per month for 30 years.

Discussion ensued. Clarification of the study and what it means, the next steps will be communications to the property owners within the proposed district. Once the board knows the level of interest, with the estimated costs, there would be more discussion.

### **New Business**

Hazard Mitigation Plan Resolution 2024-12: Matt Adamek from Antrim County Emergency Management said every five years the county has to approve the plan for any natural disaster that could occur, per FEMA. The community helped to create this plan, which helps to limit the damage that could occur during a disaster. Township must adopt plan or have a plan by October.

**Motion** to approve Resolution 2024-12 by Atkinson/Renis.

Roll Call:

Atkinson: Yes

Renis: Yes

Weinzapfel: Yes

Beebe: Yes

**Motion carried 4-0**

#### July 4<sup>th</sup> Toilets and Totes

TLPA has been covering the cost of all of the trash totes and porta johns at the Torch River Bridge over the Fourth of July and is no longer going to do so. The township has been asked to provide trash totes and porta johns. The estimate was \$2500 for totes (garbage) and \$600 for porta johns for the 4 days.

**Motion** by Atkinson/Beebe to approve up to \$3100 for toilets and totes at the Torch River Bridge for the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday covering four days.

Roll Call:

Weinzapfel: Yes

Atkinson: Yes

Renis: Yes

Beebe: Yes

**Motion carried 4-0**

Computer Replacement Schedule. We are overdue to replace computers and replacement is \$3442.42. With shipping of \$70. The price includes migrating data.

**Motion** by Renis/Atkinson for \$3512.42 to replace computers, shipping and migrating data.

Roll Call:

Atkinson: Yes

Beebe: Yes

Renis: Yes

Weinzapfel: Yes

**Motion carried 4-0**

Commission on Aging: Judy Parliment discussed the COA program and the opportunities available to county residents.

Janet Beebe is now a notary and will notarize by appointment.

#### **Public Comment**

Fred Gulick gave notice regarding public utility franchise. He also discussed the township sewer ordinance.

Joyce Grammar asked if our voting registrations have been accounted for and up to date? Beebe said we have been diligently attending to this in the clerk's office. The State of Michigan has specific steps that need to take place and it takes time. Elections will continue to involve paper ballots and our tabulators.

The Antrim County Conservation District introduced themselves and presented information about the services they offer, including boat wrap recycling. Their 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary will be celebrated July 24<sup>th</sup> at the Antrim Conservation District.

**Board Comment**

Derman reminded board to approve Chris to sign the Great Lakes Energy Easement after appropriate amendments made.

**Motion** to grant Weinzapfel permission to sign Easement Work Order 340-22 after final changes are made by Derman made by Renis/ Beebe

Roll Call:

Beebe: Yes

Renis: Yes

Weinzapfel: Yes

Atkinson: Yes

**Motion carried: 4-0.**

Scheduled Future Meetings

Next board meeting is Monday, June 10, 2024 at 7 pm.

Meeting adjourned by order of the chair at 8:56 pm.

These minutes are subject to approval at the June 10, 2024 meeting. A copy of these minutes are available at [miltontownship.org](http://miltontownship.org).

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Beebe, Clerk