

Draft  
Milton Township  
Special Board Meeting Minutes  
October 20, 2025

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

Also, present: M. Vermetten, S. Kopriva, J. Petersen, and 19 audience members

Weinzapfel called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm and the Pledge was recited.

**STR Ordinance Update:**

S. Kopriva explained the changes that were made after the last special board meeting and the public hearing. Board discussed changes and reviewed ordinance. More changes were suggested, including cleaning up some language and combining some points. Enforcement was made into its own section, as was Violations. Enforcement officer's role were brought up and discussed. Seeking legal guidance as to what they are allowed to do. Attorney explained that simply eliminating STRs can make township vulnerable to lawsuits. Suggested money spent on enforcement may be a better option, at this time, instead of spending it on legal fees. Discussion on village STRs having different guidelines than residential STRs, with the explanation being that village encompasses a mixture of uses, including commercial.

**Public Comment:**

D. Watkins brought up points that STRs were a commercial activity that has been ruled against by the Michigan Supreme Court. Asked if homesteading can be used as a guideline for allowing STRs.

G. Bokerman stated that the village allowed more rental use than residential and that it was causing more congestion and less community and less desirability in the village neighborhoods.

D. Fitzpatrick felt that the ordinance should be simplified. Also stated that licenses should be eliminated over time.

B. Sullivan suggested that having only one year of no rentals with a revocation of the license was not enough time.

**Closed Session:** Attorney explained that closed session was not appropriate at this time because there is no pending litigation. Beebe asked about legal communication made to board and Vermetten said legal counsel should be responding. No motion needed to have that happen.

**Public Comment:** No comments.

Meeting adjourned by order of the chair at 3.23 pm.

These minutes are subject to approval at the November 17, 2025 meeting. A copy of these minutes are available at MiltonTownshipMI.gov.

Respectfully submitted,  
Janet Beebe, Clerk