

Draft
Milton Township
Meeting Minutes
January 19, 2026

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

Also present: B. Hefferan, J. Petersen, and 1 audience member.

Weinzapfel called the meeting to order at 9:00 am and the Pledge was recited.

Motion to approve the agenda by Veliquette/Renis. **Motion carried** 5-0.

Motion to approve the consent agenda by Atkinson/Weinzapfel.

Roll call:

Renis: Yes

Atkinson: Yes

Beebe: Yes

Veliquette: Yes

Weinzapfel: Yes

Motion carried 5-0.

Public Comment on Agenda Items: none.

Sheriff's Report: Provided in packet. Highlighted by Weinzapfel. 1583 runs for 2025.

Fire Department Report: Provided in packet. Highlighted by Weinzapfel, 14 calls for service for December. 132 calls for the year. There were 103 the year prior. 50/50 DNR Grant for PPE has been received. New truck chassis is still in process.

EMS Report – Provided in packet. 17 calls in December.

Zoning Report: STRs in process.

Planning Commission Report: Weinzapfel thanked Hefferan for his work as the Planning Commission Chair. Neil Warner has been selected as the new Planning Commission Chair.

County Board Report: As provided by Hefferan. There are weekly meetings for the public safety center. Information being gathered about spillway in Elk Rapids. Hefferan to meet with Alpena personnel to discuss issues they had when building their new jail. Discussion of recycling bins overflowing during the holidays, as well as the conditions of the bins.

Library Report: Provided in the packet.

Unfinished Business

Insurance: Weinzapfel is working on getting new bids.

Enforcement Officer: Policies, wages, and responsibilities – meeting with zoning to discuss objectives. Waiting for information to be reviewed by attorney when compiled.

Fire station finance options: Two bids were provided and pricing was not easily comparable. Asking for more information to discuss further.

New Business

LD #26-01 Hayden Land Combination:

Lot Merger Discussion. **Motion** to approve Lot Merger #26-01 [05-12-231-005-00 and 05-12-710-003-00] by Veliquette/Atkinson.

Roll Call:

Veliquette: Yes

Atkinson: Yes

Renis: Yes

Beebe: Yes

Weinzapfel: Yes

Motion carried.

FLOCK cameras: The cost is \$3,000 for the cameras and then \$3,000 per year. Veliquette asked regarding if this is for budget planning? Do we own the camera? Who replaces it? The costs need to be understood better. Weinzapfel/ Veliquette to look for answers.

Zoning map amendment #2025-05 (Wells): Will be addressed next month, as Zoning Administrator is not in attendance today. Veliquette said he has questions that should be addressed. Discussion of questions regarding permitted uses.

Motion to table #2025-05 until the February meeting by Renis/Atkinson.

Roll Call:

Atkinson: Yes

Beebe: Yes

Renis: Yes

Veliquette: Yes

Weinzapfel: Yes

Motion carried 5-0.

Zoning ordinance amendment #2025-02 (taxes paid) is still in the process of being reviewed.

Salary Resolutions

Resolution #2026-02: Salary for the Supervisor for 2026-2027: BE IT RESOLVED, that as of April 1, 2026 with the salary for the Supervisor shall be **\$34,479.00**. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be submitted to the electors at the Annual Meeting at which time the electors may modify the amount.

Motion to approve by Atkinson/Beebe.

Roll Call:

Veliquette: Yes

Beebe: Yes

Atkinson: Yes
Renis: Yes
Weinzapfel: Yes.
Motion carried 5-0.

Resolution #2026-03: Salary for the Clerk for 2026-2027 BE IT RESOLVED, that as of April 1, 2026 with the salary for the Clerk shall be **\$40,611.25**. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be submitted to the electors at the Annual Meeting at which time the electors may modify the amount.

Motion to approve by Atkinson/Veliquette.

Roll Call:
Atkinson: Yes
Renis: Yes
Veliquette: Yes
Beebe: Yes
Weinzapfel: Yes
Motion carried 5-0.

Resolution #2026-04: Salary for the Treasurer for 2026-2027 BE IT RESOLVED, that as of April 1, 2026 with the salary for the Treasurer shall be **\$40,611.25** for collecting WINTER and SUMMER taxes and \$85 per ZBA meeting attended, as a ZBA alternate member. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be submitted to the electors at the Annual Meeting at which time the electors may modify the amount.

Motion to approve by Veliquette/Renis.

Roll Call:
Veliquette: Yes
Renis: Yes
Beebe: Yes
Atkinson: Yes
Weinzapfel: Yes
Motion carried 5-0.

Resolution #2026-05: Salary for the Board Trustee Position for 2026-2027 BE IT RESOLVED, that as of April 1, 2026 with the salary for the Trustee shall be **\$309.08** per monthly meeting attended and \$55.00 per special meeting attended. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be submitted to the electors at the Annual Meeting at which time the electors may modify the amount.

Motion to approve Atkinson/Beebe.

Atkinson: Yes
Beebe: Yes
Renis: Yes
Veliquette: Yes
Weinzapfel: Yes
Motion carried 5-0.

Planning Commission/ Zoning Board of Appeals Appointments

Motion to approve Joe Meriilat and Neil Warner through 2028 for Planning Commission by Renis/Atkinson.

Roll call:

Beebe: Yes

Renis: Yes

Veliquette: Yes

Atkinson: Yes

Weinzapfel: Yes

Motion carried 5-0.

Motion to approve the ZBA appointments for another three years for Dave Kopkau, as member, and Liz Atkinson, as alternate, through 2028 by Veliquette/Beebe.

Roll Call:

Veliquette: Yes

Beebe: Yes

Atkinson: Yes

Renis: Yes

Weinzapfel: Yes

Motion carried 5-0.

Motion to approve the resignation of Jim Standerfer from the Planning Commission by Atkinson/Veliquette.

Roll Call:

Rennis: Yes

Atkinson: Yes

Beebe: Yes

Veliquette: Yes

Weinzapfel: Yes

Motion carried 5-0.

Motion to approve Neil Warner as the Chair of the Planning Commission by Renis/Atkinson.

Roll Call:

Veliquette: Yes

Atkinson: Yes

Renis: Yes

Beebe: Yes

Weinzapfel: Yes

Motion carried 5-0.

Public Comment – J. Tollefson discussed the speed limits on North West Torch Lake Drive.

Board Comment: None

Scheduled Activities/ Future meetings

Next board meeting is Monday, February 16, 2026 at 9 am

Budget Workshop is rescheduled for Wednesday, January 21, 2026 at 9 am.
Budget Hearing / Annual Meeting is Wednesday, March 11 2026 at 9 am.

Adjournment by order of the chair at 9:36 am.

These minutes are subject to approval at the February 16, 2026 meeting. A copy of these minutes is available at MiltonTownshipMI.gov.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Beebe, Clerk