

Draft
Milton Township
Board Meeting
February 16, 2026

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

Also present: K. Hoch, B. Hefferan, N. Warner, J.Cram, and 4 audience members.

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

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

Motion to approve the consent agenda by Renis/Beebe

Renis: Yes

Atkinson: Yes

Beebe: Yes

Veliquette: Yes

Weinzapfel: Yes

Motion carried 5-0.

Public Comment on Agenda Items: none.

Sheriff's Report: As presented by Sheriff Hoch. 72 calls for service in January and discussed recent arrests. Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians provided a grant to be used for FLOCK cam. Update on VSU program and need for volunteers.

Fire Department: No report

EMS Report – Provided in packet. 9 calls in January.

Zoning Report: J. Cram presented report. 7 permits to date. STR applications and permits are being processed. Ordinance Officer job description is in process.

Planning Commission: As presented by N. Warner: Update on two special use permits that were approved in February. Next month two public hearings. Would like to start a discussion regarding data centers.

County Commission: As presented by B. Hefferan: Update from the Health Department regarding changes to the health code which was prompted by a septic system in Central Lake. Updates on the public safety center on preliminary figures. Need another member for Planning Commission.

Unfinished Business

Insurance: Still waiting on information

Enforcement Officer: In progress.

Fire station finance options: 2 quotes: Waiting for information.

Flock Cameras: Resolution: From county, being reviewed.

Zoning Map Amendment: #2025-05 (Wells): Special Meeting on Wednesday February 25, 2026 at 9:30 am.

New Business

Elk Rapids/ Milton Township Sewer Agreement/Actions: Atkinson discussed the current sewer situation. Milton Township has 11 property owners that have not connected yet. Per state requirements, sewer agreement/ ordinance, they had five years to hook up, which was October, 2025. Elk Rapids expects Milton Township to enforce it. Atkinson described potential enforcement options to discuss with Elk Rapids Township.

Motion by Atkinson/Veliquette to have our attorney work with the attorney from Elk Rapids Township to come up with enforcement language and terms that are mutually acceptable for the 11 properties that aren't connected to the sewer. **Motion carried 5-0.**

MTA Principles of Governance: This was sent by MTA. No action taken.

Agreement for Property Management Service: Township/Conservancy Agreement for Maplehurst: This is a three-year agreement. **Motion** by Veliquette/Renis to approve the Township/Conservancy Agreement for Maplehurst

Roll Call:

Veliquette: Yes

Atkinson: Yes

Renis: Yes

Beebe: Yes

Weinzapfel: Yes

Motion carried 5-0.

Zoning Deputy Position: This is being reviewed.

Public Comment – none.

Board Comment:

Weinzapfel explained scam that is affecting people who apply for special use public hearings. Milton Township citizens are getting fake bills from, what appears to be, the planning commission. Board members discussed possible solutions to remove personal information from the website.

Township Clean Up Day are April 25 and August 22.

Motion to approve the GFL contract for two township clean-up days by Beebe/Weinzapfel. Discussion regarding pricing. Veliquette asked Weinzapfel to push back on this pricing. This costs the township \$44K per year.

Motion retracted by Weinzapfel/Veliquette. Motion carried 5-0.

Veliquette asked about the FLOCK cameras regarding community concerns about surveillance. Questions regarding the security of FLOCK should be directed to the County Sheriff's department.

Scheduled Activities/ Future meetings

Next board meeting is Monday, March 16, 2026 at 9 am.

Special meeting for ZOA #2025-05 (Wells) is Wednesday, Feb. 25, 2026 at 9:30 am.

Budget Hearing / Annual Meeting is Wednesday, March 11 2026 at 9 am.

Adjournment by order of the chair at 9:48 am

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

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Beebe, Clerk