

Draft  
Milton Township  
Board Meeting  
April 20, 2026

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

Also present: J. Cram, J. Petersen, K. Hoch, B. Hefferan, and 9 audience members.

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

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

**Motion** to approve the consent agenda as presented by Renis/Veliquette.

Renis: Yes

Veliquette: Yes

Atkinson: Yes

Beebe: Yes

Weinzapfel: Yes

**Motion carried** 5-0

**Public Comment** on agenda items only:

T. Martina said that he would like guidance regarding written comments for a public hearing. Weinzapfel explained letters were received and reviewed.

B. Connelly, M. Reinick, and E. Overbeck expressed opposition to ZOA #2026-01.

T. Dowker explained his request for ZOA #2026-01

**Mark Nettelton Phone Call:**

Board called Bond Attorney Mark Nettelton for follow up questions to pursuing funding for the Fire Station renovation. Discussion for next step regarding bond/ millage. Need to decide on municipal advisors. Most likely will be on November 2026 ballot.

**Sheriff's Report:** Provided by Sheriff Hoch. 99 calls for service in March. The sheriff provided updates on recent arrests and investigations, staffing, and FLOCK cameras. Will provide presentation in May meeting.

**Fire Department Report:** Provided in the packet. 4 calls for service for March. L. Ball is the 2024 Firefighter of the Year. The chief is working on selling extrication tools and received an offer for \$12,800.

**Motion** to approve the sale of the extrication tools for \$12,800 by Renis/Veliquette.

Roll Call

Veliquette: Yes

Atkinson: Yes

Renis: Yes

Beebe: Yes

Weinzapfel: Yes  
**Motion carried 5-0**

**EMS Report** – Provided in packet.

**Zoning Report:**

ZOA #2026-01: J. Cram gave an overview of the zoning amendment procedure and process. Clarified ZOA #2026-01. Discussion regarding the ZOA #2026 and the PRD ordinance. J. Cram will bring some revision options to the next board meeting in May.

ZOA #2026-02: J. Cram gave an overview of the zoning amendment. This amends the special land use procedures and says when an application comes for special use, there is an introduction to the planning commission and allows them to get more information before scheduling a public hearing.

**Motion** to approve ZOA 2026-02 by Atkinson/ Veliquette.

Roll Call

Atkinson: Yes

Veliquette: Yes

Beebe: Yes

Renis: Yes

Weinzapfel: Yes

**Motion carried 5-0**

J. Cram gave a brief overview of the monthly report included in the packet.

**Planning Commission:** no meeting in April.

**County Commissioner:** B. Hefferan presented information regarding County Equalization Department. Update on public safety center planning. Update on the special assessment district for the repair of the Elk Rapids Spillway, waiting on Grand Traverse County for the special assessment. Encouraged board members and township members to actively participate in the meetings to discuss the repairs of the aging dams.

**Library Report:** Provided in the packet.

**Unfinished Business**

Insurance – update: Another bid is coming in.

Enforcement Officer – J. Cram presented draft ordinance for review. There will be a public hearing on May 18<sup>th</sup>.

Fire Station Finance options –

**Motion** to approve PMF, Municipal Advisor, to move forward with discussions by Atkinson/Veliquette.

Roll call:

Veliquette: Yes

Renis: Yes

Atkinson: Yes  
Beebe: Yes  
Weinzapfel: Yes  
**Motion carried 5-0**

FLOCK cameras – K. Hoch will present an official proposal from the sheriff’s department indicating costs and where it will be placed in Milton Township in May meeting.

Zoning deputy position: Cram is working on amending the job description. This will be ready for the next meeting.

Metro Act Permit Application: 186 Networks

**Motion** made by Renis/ Veliquette, to approve the requested Metro Act Right of Way Telecommunications permit amendment for 186 Networks to include all public roads within Milton Township.

Discussion: Utilities will be underground.

Roll call:  
Veliquette: Yes  
Beebe: Yes  
Atkinson: Yes  
Renis: Yes  
Weinzapfel: Yes  
**Motion carried 5-0**

**New Business**

Sewer Letter for Attorney: Draft letter from attorney reviewed. Changed deadline date to May 5.

Budget Amendments:

**Motion** to approve budget amendments as presented by Veliquette/Beebe.

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

Request from Antrim County to temporarily close boat launches: no action taken.

**Public Comment:**

B. Connely commented on the density issue regarding the ZOA #2026-01.

D. Gray spoke about looking to the future.

**Board Comment:**

Weinzapfel read a thank you note from the youth soccer program and a donation of \$500.

The basement of the township offices is flooded due to a blocked culvert. Weinzapfel is working with the road commission to try to get the culvert clear. The furnace may need repair.

Next board meeting is Monday, May 18, 2026, at 9 am.

Adjournment by order of the chair at 11:39 am.

These minutes are subject to approval at the May 18, 2026, meeting. A copy of these minutes is available at [MiltonTownshipMI.gov](http://MiltonTownshipMI.gov).

Respectfully submitted,  
Janet Beebe, Clerk