

Draft  
Milton Township  
Board Meeting  
May 18, 2026

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

Also present: K. Hoch, B. Hefferan, P. Williams, J. Cram, J. Petersen, and 26 audience members.

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

**Motion** to allow Trustee Veliquette to chair the meeting by Beebe/ Atkinson. **Motion carried 4-0.**

**Motion** to approve the agenda by Atkinson/Renis. **Motion carried 4-0.**

**Motion** to approve Consent Agenda by Renis/Atkinson.

Atkinson: Yes

Renis: Yes

Beebe: Yes

Veliquette: Yes

**Motion carried 4-0.**

**Public Comment on agenda items only:**

T. Martina: Spoke against ZOA 2026-01

J. Spevacek: Spoke against ZOA 2026-01

B. Wilson: Spoke against ZOA 2026-01

B. Conolley: Spoke against ZOA 2026-01

**Elk Rapids District Library Presentation:**

Library Director Williams provided the annual report.

**Sheriff's Report:** As presented by Kevin Hoch provided an update on the statistics for April. 85 calls for service. Update on personnel. Update on LEAAP programs. Update on deputy awards. Update on FLOCK Cameras.

**Fire Department:** 8 incidents in April. 41 for 2026.

**EMS Report** – 17 calls in April for Milton Township.

**Zoning Report:**

**ZOA 2026-01 Public Hearing:** J. Cram gave history ZOA 2026-01. In addition to the zoning application, also presented ZO# 2026-03, which would place a moratorium on future PRDs in the AG district.

**Motion** to open the public hearing by Veliquette/Renis. **Motion carried** 4-0.

Public Hearing:

Tony Martina: Spoke against ZOA 2026-01

Andrew Hogarth: Spoke against ZOA 2026-01

Chris Conger: Spoke against ZOA 2026-01

Simon Martina: Sought clarification of ZOA 2026-01 as written.

Butch Wilson: Spoke against ZOA 2026-01

Tad Dowker: applicant, spoke in favor of ZOA 2026-01 and gave history on the amendment.

Ken Flannery: Spoke against ZOA 2026-01

Joyce Grammer asked if and where modular homes are allowed.

Amy Bay: Spoke against ZOA 2026-01

Correspondence was received and provided to the board.

**Motion** to close public hearing by Veliquette/Beebe. **Motion carried** 4-0.

Board discussed ZOA# 2026-01.

**Motion** to deny ZOA# 2026-01 by Renis/Veliquette.

Roll call:

Renis: Yes

Atkinson: Yes

Beebe: Yes

Veliquette: Yes

**Motion carried** 4-0.

Discussion on ZO# 2026-03 the moratorium on PRDs. Veliquette expressed interest in knowing the impact of Public Act 58.

**Motion** to approve ZO# 2026-03 by Atkinson/Renis. Renis explained this would be referred back to the PC for additional review.

Roll Call:

Atkinson: Yes

Renis: Yes

Beebe: Yes

Veliquette: No

**Motion carried** 3-1.

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

**County Board Report:** Hefferan gave an update on the Building Department. Update on Ballot Proposal for 911 August 4<sup>th</sup>, which is a renewal. Update on recycle bins for site improvements.

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

**Unfinished Business:**

**Insurance** – update: Information is being submitted.

**Enforcement Officer:** Job descriptions and requirements are being reviewed.

**Motion** to approve the posting of the position of Zoning Enforcement Officer by Veliquette/Renis.

Roll Call:

Veliquette: Yes

Renis: Yes

Atkinson: Yes

Beebe: Yes

**Motion carried 4-0.**

**Zoning Administrator Deputy** position. Information was received late. Board would like time to review.

**Fire Station Finance Options:** Options and next steps are being reviewed.

**Flock Cameras:** Discussion regarding the resolution from MDOT. Discussion of expectations of board. Beebe will work with attorney on resolution.

**Sewer Hook Up SAD:** Closely monitoring connections.

**New Business:**

**Liquor License:** The Sandbar Lodge – will review further with zoning.

**Elk Rapids District Library Board Resignation and Appointment:**

Liz Atkinson has resigned from the Elk Rapids District Library Board. Veliquette commended Atkinson's time and dedication to the board.

**Motion** to accept the letter of resignation by Veliquette/Renis. **Motion carried 4-0.**

**Motion** to accept Amy Blanke as the new representative from Milton Township on the Elk Rapids District Library Board by Beebe/Renis. **Motion carried 4-0.**

**PC / BOR Training Pay**

Beebe provided a policy draft and explained it is being reviewed by attorney. Pay structure for training will be meeting wages for 1-3 hours and \$25/ hour for anything above this. Mileage should also be included. The attorney is reviewing this language. Beebe suggested approving this draft, pending recommendations from the attorney.

**Motion** to approve PC/BOR Training pay based on approval by the township attorney by Veliquette/Atkinson. **Motion carried 4-0.**

**Memo of Understanding: Spillway**

B. Hefferan provided a report regarding the Elk Rapids Spillway.

**Motion** to approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Antrim County, the Village of Elk Rapids, Elk Rapids Township and Milton Township to fund alternatives analysis study for rehabilitation of the Elk Rapids Spillway by Atkinson/Beebe.

Roll Call:  
Atkinson: Yes  
Beebe: Yes  
Renis: Yes  
Veliquette: Yes  
**Motion carried 4-0.**

**Land Division Direction of PA 58 of 2025**

A. Jenema and J. Cram gave an overview of PA 58. Provided options for next steps. Will review and discuss at next board meeting.

**Penchura proposal** for picnic tables.

Tables need to be replaced. Penchura picnic tables were used at another park and have held up nicely. **Motion** to approve the purchase of two Penchura picnic tables by Veliquette/Renis.

Roll Call  
Veliquette: Yes  
Renis; Yes  
Atkinson: Yes  
Beebe: Yes  
**Motion carried 4-0.**

**Public Comment:**

- B. Connolly questioned J. Cram's motivation in assisting applicants.
- D. Meyer thanked the board for reviewing these difficult issues.
- D. Ginther thanked J. Petersen and L. Atkinson for their help.
- J. Peterson asked the board to revisit the deputy zoning administrator pay today.

**Board Comment:**

Members discussed the pay for the Deputy Zoning Administrator.

**Motion** to approve \$30/hour for the Deputy Zoning Administrator position by Beebe/Veliquette starting May 1, 2026.

Roll Call:  
Beebe: Yes  
Veliquette: Yes  
Renis: Yes  
Atkinson: Yes  
**Motion carried 4-0.**

Next board meeting is Monday, June 15, 2026, at 9 am.

Adjournment by order of the chair at 12:02 pm.

These minutes are subject to approval at the June 15, 2026 meeting. A copy of these minutes is available at MiltonTownshipMI.gov.

Respectfully submitted,  
Janet Beebe, Clerk