

MILLEN TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: July 5, 2021

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: Millen Township Hall

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

2. Roll Call

a. **Board:** Supervisor Dennis Smith, Clerk Cathy Ostrander, Treasurer Barbara Bartlett, Trustee Scott Kosal, Trustee Jeff Somers

b. **Other Officials:** Terry Small, Rich Gillies, Mike Davio, Lorne Webb

3. Public Comments not on the agenda-none.

4. Reports

a. Clerk:

i. Motion to approve meeting minutes, June 7, 2021 Millen Township Board Meeting Motion by Somers, 2nd by Kosal and motion carries.

ii. FOIA Request 42—00001 from True North Law. Clerk's copy to minutes file.

b. Treasurer:

i. General Income Fund: \$88,653.73

ii. Road Fund: \$161,816.35

iii. Fire Fund: \$

iv. Total: \$250,470.08

v. Motion to accept Treasurer Report, subject to audit. Motion by Kosal, 2nd Somers and motion carries.

vi. Motion to pay bills, subject to board's post-audit policy authorizing payment: Checks #11162 - 11202; Wages, EFPTS, Consumers, FOE, Alcona County Review, Barton City Fire Dept., Dust Control Reimbursements, Stout Mowing, Everett Leeseburg (Burials), Lappan Agency, Alcona County Road Commission, Park Supplies Reimbursement. Motion by Kosal, 2nd by Somers and motion carries.

vii. Treasurer and Clerk Balance – yes.

c. Road Committee

i. Cemetery (Burns Road) – No additional work in that area for tree trimming.

ii. 2021 Road Project Progress – Jewell Lake, Cordes, Trask Lake/Kohler road projects all have been completed. Walker road has been surveyed and staked. Board members commented on the nice work on the roads. County Road Commission has really did a great job!

d. Zoning/Planning

i. Unlicensed vehicles stored in yards – Davio. Some vehicles being removed.

ii. Jewell Lake Dr. Fire Damaged Property – Davio. No contact with fire damage.

iii. Davio attended county meeting to discuss legal proceedings. Davio would like to review Millen Township specific process with our Township attorney, Justin Wilson, on steps to complete process (letter, citation, court proceedings). Board approves Davio to meet with Attorney Justin Wilson. Request made to invite Justin to the next board meeting in August (Davio to contact). Supervisor Smith asked about the process for sending letters. Smith asks that the property on Burgess Street property at the corner with junk vehicles in the yard be sent a registered letter on violation and request clean-up. Supervisor Smith to talk to Bevins on Millen Street regarding vehicle.

- iv. Ordinance updates – Gillies. 2021 1-02, County has 30 days to review before ordinance is automatically promoted to Township Board for review and decision.
- v. NEMCOG discussions on ordinances.
 - 1. Short Term Rental Properties – 2021-03. July 19 meeting. August 16 meeting with Public Hearing and Committee review. Kosal brought up that there is no “grandfather” clause.
 - 2. Tiny House – Ordinance written -2021-01; 2021-02. At County waiting review.
 - 3. Gravel – Current amendment is not changing.
- vi. Z&P Appeals – Membership updates to replace Hoornstra and Dorr. Kosal appointed at last Township Board Meeting to Planning Commission (non-voting member); Somers appointed to– Zoning Board of Appeals. Kosal asked clarifying question on need for ZBA to three voting members to reach a quorum. Gillies to contact MTA on voting rights and send update to the board.
- e. Cemetery Sexton Update – Barb Bartlett
 - i. A headstone was added and Cremains buried.
 - ii. Shelly and Rocky Riffenbark – made and installed non-potable water sign to properly mark the pump. Thank you to the Riffenbarks for the sign donation and commitment to the community!
- f. Fire Department – Chief Cordes (not present, no update)
- g. County Update – Terry Small –
 - i. Buildings are now open to the public. New temperature reading equipment is being utilized.
 - ii. Commented that ordinance reviews will take the 30 days on most ordinances.
 - iii. Short Term rentals planned to be reviewed at next meeting.
 - iv. Gypsy Moth – Oscoda County passed a spraying millage proposal. Supervisor Smith requested that Terry Small take forward the Township request for an Alcona County wide ballot on Gypsy Moth spraying.

5. Unfinished Business

- a. ARPA – Forms just released this week on ARPA Funding. Meeting on County broadband plan is the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Kosal/Bartlett attending the county broadband meeting. Township is still trying to have the townships join together with a county wide plan.
- b. Barb to send the latest ARPA forms to the board for review.
- c. Grants – NEMCOG decision in August.
- d. 2022 Gypsy Moth Spraying – Kosal contacted “Al’s Tree Service”. Lewiston example passed millage to address the issue. Consider adding to the election in 2022.
- e. Risk Control Manager (M. Gombos) Park/Cemetery Review - Smith/Ostrander. Meeting held 6/24/2021. No Park Ordinance in Millen Township. Board sees need to create one. Start by reviewing the examples sent of Park Ordinance sent in the large email from Mike Gombos. Ostrander to make hard copies for the Board of Gombos’ attachments. Email did not include the attachments. Notes from Smith/Ostrander to be entered into the minutes.

6. New Business

- a. **MTA – Millen Township Principles of Governance** – Township review and signing of commitment.
- b. **Supervisor Smith** – July 27 MTA Millen Township to host meeting at 6pm. Denny to coordinate food.
- c. **Treasurer Bartlett** – Tax item on the BC Bar and Grille. There is a personal property tax that has not been paid in four years. Barb to pull summary of past due taxes for next meeting review.

7. **Public Comments** – Lorne Webb joined the meeting. Mr. Webb lives on M72 just west of Gross Pointe Rd. Reason to come to the meeting is poor quality broad band. Expressed concerns that are shared by all Board members. Kosal informed of the current work going on with the potential for ARPA funds and the County broadband meetings. Kosal thanked Mr. Webb for joining the meeting and showing concern for the community.
8. **Adjourn-** Motion to adjourn by Kosal 2nd by Somers and motion carries.

***Next Meetings:** July 19, 2021 (3rd Monday of month at 7:00) - Zoning and Planning
July 27, 6:00 pm, MTA/Alcona County Township Meeting at the BC Park Pavilion
August 2, 7:00 pm - Township Board Meeting

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Clerk, Cathy Ostrander