

MILLEN TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: Monday, December 6, 2021

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: Millen Township Hall

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

2. Roll Call

a. **Board Members:** Supervisor Smith, Treasurer Bartlett, Trustee Somers, Trustee Kosal, Clerk Ostrander

b. **Others:** Mike Davio, Dr. Turek

3. Public Comments – Add comments to the vaccine mandate resolution proposal.

4. Reports

a. Clerk:

- i. Motion to approve meeting minutes, November 1, 2021. Motion to approve by Kosal, 2nd by Somers and motion carries.
- ii. 2022 Meeting Calendar Proposal. Motion to approve schedule for 2022 by Kosal, 2nd by Somers and motion carries. Meeting Calendar posted at the Township Hall and website for public viewing.

b. Treasurer:

- i. General Income Fund: \$104,947.57
- ii. Road Fund: \$53,241.16
- iii. Total: \$158,188.73
- iv. Motion to accept Treasurer Report, subject to audit motion by Somers 2nd by Kosal. Motion carries.
- v. Motion to pay bills, subject to board's post-audit policy authorizing payment: Checks #11312 - 11334; Wages, EFPTS, Consumers, FOE (rent), Stout Mowing, Quill, Alcona County Road Commission, Alcona County Review, Alcona County Treasurer, Election Source, Q4 Internet Reimbursement (Clerk& Treasurer), Rick's Tree & Stump Removal. Motion by Kosal, 2nd by Somers and motion carries.
- vi. Treasurer and Clerk Balance – yes.
- vii. Budget updates – Road project adjustments. See budget file.

c. Road Committee

- i. Cemetery Tree Removal along Burns Road. Work completed this past week. Board to review Cemetery grounds.
- ii. All road improvements have been completed and invoices paid.
- iii. Bartlett raised concern that a tree has fallen on Walker Road near Elmer Wohlfeil Trl. along snowmobile trail. Supervisor Smith to review with County Road Commission.

d. Zoning/Planning

- i. Blight/Unlicensed vehicles stored in yards – Davio
 1. Burgess Road blight – One vehicle remains that owner is repairing. Yard still needs cleanup/improvement.
 2. 1600 Walker Road Blight – Owners are cleaning up property and plan to build a pole barn starting in January. Sand backfill has been added to property.

- ii. Jewell Lake Dr. Fire Damaged Property – Davio. Owner stated that he will be tearing down the house. Owner has been informed that timing is approaching 2 years.
- e. Cemetery Sexton Update – No grounds updates due to winter time of year. Old records are being reviewed and updated in filing system.
- f. Fire Department – Chief Cordes – No update.
- g. Alcona County -T. Small. Small called Supervisor Smith and PILT letter was filed by Small with the County. Alcona County does not intend to return the PILT funds.

5. Unfinished Business

- a. Unpaid Taxes - Personal Property Tax of BC Bar is still outstanding and will be reviewed at the next meeting. J. Scott and Smith reviewed current status. Owner intends to submit payment and working with Tax Agent to file proper tax forms.
- b. Dr. Robert Turek - Vaccine Mandate Resolution 2021-007 – Board Vote. Attorney Wilson does not support the Township resolution vote. Email documentation to be sent to Dr. Turek. Board will not move forward with resolution based on the legal recommendation. Ostrander to send Dr. Turek written attorney communication upon receipt.
- c. Mr. Ron Siegel – All Band. No other updates.
- d. ARPA –Project and Expenditure Report, Due April 30, 2022. Bartlett discussed process with the auditor. Treasury will be reviewing spending requirements. Update to follow on decisions and criteria in next 3 weeks. Township may be able to spend on projects other than broadband.
- e. Grant – Park Tree Trimming status/documentation. File with photos, invoice and check stub completed by Ostrander and to be sent to Kosal for Grant Documentation/Reimbursement Form.
- f. Updates to Risk Manager Recommendations
 - i. Park Use Agreement Attorney feedback/review/approval. Motion to accept the agreement based on the attorney by Kosal with 2nd by Somers. Motion carries. Form to be available on website and filed with minutes.
- g. ~~Pavilion #2 Damage~~ (Table until Springtime)
- h. Barton City Park – Snowmobile Parking/Trailhead by Alcona County Parks & Rec. w/special use agreement. Waiting for return of Park Agreement (11/4/2021) and copy of insurance from Ken Kosal-Parks & Rec representative. As of 12/6/2021 Millen Township Park agreement was signed by Ken Kosal. Insurance endorsement to be provided by Parks & Rec insurance based on Township Agreement.
- i. Park Manager Replacement – Karen Sutton proposed. Board accepts nomination for new Park Manager. Ostrander to update contract for 2022.

6. New Business

- a. Countywide Township Supervisor Meeting attended by Supervisor Smith.
 - i. Noise Ordinance discussed. Townships to discuss with Sheriff to determine if county would like to proceed with such an ordinance.
 - ii. Offensive signs in yards discussed. Exploring options to remove signs with explicit language while not violating free speech.
 - iii. Discussion on ARPA funding and use of any additional highspeed internet at the State level.

7. Public Comments

- a. Dr. Turek thanked the board for considering the vaccine resolution. Interested in any updates as County is considering resolution.

- b. Dr. Turek also questioned the PILT funds being held by the County. He was present at the discussion at the County meeting. He stated that there was not much discussion at the County level when they held the funds. No information was provided for the basis of the no vote at the County level. Dr. Turek stated not to give up at the County level and he would help support returning the funding.
- c. Supervisor Smith wished everyone a Happy New Year and thanked for the Board and Community support during a difficult 2020 year.

8. Adjourn – Motion by Kosal to adjourn and 2nd by Bartlett. Motion carries.

***Next Meetings:** *January 3, 7:00 pm - Township Board Meeting*

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Clerk, Cathy Ostrander