

MILLEN TOWNSHIP
2023-2024 PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING & BOARD MEETING
MINUTES

Date: March 6, 2023
Time: 6:45 PM
Place: Millen Township Hall

• **Budget Hearing- 6:45 p.m.**

1. **Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**
2. **Roll Call** – Board: Supervisor Dennis Smith, Treasurer Barb Bartlett, Clerk Cathy Ostrander, and Trustee Jeff Somers. Absent – Trustee Scott Kosal
 - a. Others: Rich Gillies, Rod Cordes, Bob and Chris Stankowisz
3. **Public Comments not on the agenda** - None
4. **Property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget** – Millage levied in support of the Budget Proposal 2023-2024. Motion to accept the appropriations Resolution 2023-09 Motion by Jeff Somers, 2nd Bartlett. Motion carried.
5. **Truth in Taxation Review and signature by Supervisor Smith** – Completed and signed.
6. **Adjourn Budget Hearing** – Motion to adjourn by Ostrander, 2nd Bartlett. Meeting adjourned.

• **Board Meeting- 7:00 p.m.**

1. **Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**
2. **Roll Call**
 - a. Board: Board: Supervisor Dennis Smith, Treasurer Barb Bartlett, Clerk Cathy Ostrander, and Trustee Jeff Somers. Absent – Trustee Scott Kosal
 - b. Other Attendees: Rich Gillies, Rod Cordes, Bob and Chris Stankowicz, Mike Davio,
3. **Public Comments** – None.
4. **Resolutions for Vote**
 - a. **Resolution of Wages 2023-08** – Motion to approve by Somers, 2nd by Bartlett. Roll call – Ayes: Somers, Bartlett, Ostrander, Smith; Nay – None. (Kosal – Absent)
5. **Reports**
 - a. Clerk:
 - i. Motion to approve meeting minutes Township Board February 6, 2023.
 - ii. Motion to approve meeting minutes Township Budget Planning Meeting February 21, 2023
Motion to approved both meeting minutes as presented made by Somers, 2nd by Bartlett. Motion carried.
 - b. Treasurer:
 - i. General Income Fund: \$105,999.39
 - ii. Road Fund: \$90,086.05
 - iii. Fire Fund \$0
 - iv. ARPA Fund \$19,694.42
 - v. Total: \$215,779.86
 - vi. Motion to accept Treasurer Report, subject to audit. Motion to accept the report subject to audit by Somers, 2nd Ostrander. Motion carried.
 - vii. Motion to pay bills, subject to board’s post-audit policy authorizing payment: Checks # 11693-11709 ; Wages, EFPTS, Consumers, FOE (rent), Assessor, USPS (Clerk PO Box), BC Fire Dept., MTA, Alcona

County Review, Barb Bartlett (Cemetery/Treasurer Supplies). Motion to accept by Somers, 2nd by Bartlett. Motion carried.

- viii. Treasurer and Clerk Balance - yes
- c. Road Committee: Smith commented that the seasonal load limits are now in place. Smith also is expecting Campbell to schedule the road review early spring to determine potential road projects.
- d. County Commissioner: T. Small. Absent – No update.
- e. Zoning/Planning: Gillies
 - i. Gillies: Thanks to Jeff Somers for all the updates and formatting corrections to the Zoning Manual.
 - ii. Ostrander: Is there an original copy of the Zoning map used for the Zoning Manual? Gillies and Cordes suggested to review with NEMCOG if Gillies or Davio don't have a good copy. Jeff to also review if one could be created which provides a clear expanded view.
 - iii. Supervisor Smith would like to have Rich address the set back and noise level for Solar Panel utilizing the Gustin ordinance amendments. Should we include in Millen Solar Ordinance? (Gillies). Expect that it is a 50 ft. setback using NEMCOG input. Rich to follow up.
 - iv. 1600 Walker Road – Living in camper and multiple unlicensed vehicles, junk cleanup. Davio to investigate and contact property owner.
 - v. Fowler and Stout – Property has abandoned vehicles. Owner died and estate must remove junk vehicles. Davio to send a letter to owner.
- f. Cemetery Sexton Update: B. Bartlett -
 - i. Green burials – reviewed with the MTA. Feedback that as long as the Maple Ridge Cemetery ordinance states that a vault is required means not green burials are permitted. Vaults have been a requirement. Item closed.
 - ii. Everett Leeseberg has appropriate insurance for cemetery work proposed. Item closed.
- g. Fire Department: Chief Cordes
 - i. New pagers and AED just received.
 - ii. Building construction still moving forward.
 - iii. Chief is applying for a grant for traffic equipment and requesting support from Supervisor Smith by the means of a letter.
 - iv. Chief meeting with DNR and Feds. Comments that no people to work seasonal jobs this year.
 - v. Chief commented on new equipment cost. New emissions requirements driving cost up.
 - vi. Smith asked about training requirements to put out electric vehicles. Chief Cordes is familiar with unique requirements.

6. Unfinished Business

- a. PILT Payment from Alcona County. Timing expected to be April or May 2023. (Item tabled)
- b. Unpaid Taxes - Personal Property Tax of BC Bar- Forms due 2/21/2023 to Randy Thompson. Barb sent 2019 – 2022 back taxes to residence with return receipt. Owners received. Assessor did not receive forms to date, but forms may be submitted during BOR in March.
- c. ARPA Grant– Project Planning
 - i. Park Ballfield Fence Post Repairs and Bleachers repair of wooden seats. – (Tabled until Spring)
 - ii. Stump Removal at the rear of the ballpark leftfield fence is required to clean up area. – (Tabled until spring) New homeowners are in the home. Stump removal to be quoted.
 - iii. Remaining ARPA Grant Funded Project Proposals, Repaint the upper Pavilion – 2023 when weather permits. - (Tabled until Spring)
 - iv. Supervisor Smith suggested adding some type of lighting in the BC Park such as mercury vapor lighting. Table until spring.
- d. Bartlett informed the Board that Alcona Schools pays the Township \$3.00/parcel for collection the summer taxes. Should the AMA be charged for collection on their behalf? Hawes Supervisor Cordes suggested to ask Marlena MacNeil and get feedback from Alcona County Township Supervisors/Treasurers. Barb to send

email to Marlena. Barb checked with the treasurer of the County and the MTA. Feedback is that Township may not charge the AMA due to special needs. Item closed.

7. **New Business** – None
8. **Public Comments** – None.
9. **Adjourn** – Motion to adjourn by Somers, 2nd Bartlett and Motion carried.

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

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Clerk Cathy Ostrander