

MILLEN TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: May 1, 2023

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: Millen Township Hall

1. **Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance** – Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm and Pledge of Allegiance recited by all present.
2. **Roll Call**
 - a. Board: Barb Bartlett-Treasurer, Cathy Ostrander-Clerk, Dennis Smith-Supervisor, Jeff Somers – Trustee, Scott Kosal-Trustee
 - b. Other Attendees: Terry Small, Rich Gillies, Mike Davio, Mark Keller
3. **Public Comments** – None.
4. **Reports**
 - a. Clerk:
 - i. Motion to approve meeting minutes Budget Hearing and Township Board Meeting April 3, 2023. Motion to approve by Bartlett, 2nd by Somers. Motion carries.
 - b. Treasurer:
 - i. General Income Fund: \$109,718.34
 - ii. Road Fund: \$99,621.07
 - iii. Fire Fund \$0
 - iv. ARPA Fund \$19,694.42
 - v. Total: \$229,033.83
 - vi. Motion to accept Treasurer Report, subject to audit. Motion by Somers, 2nd by Kosal. Motion carries.
 - vii. Motion to pay bills, subject to board's post-audit policy authorizing payment: Checks # 11742 - 11760; Wages, EFPTS, Consumers, FOE (rent), BCIA, BS&A (software), Everett Leeseberg, Baird, Cotter& Bishop. Motion by Somers, 2nd by Kosal. Motion carries.
 - viii. Treasurer and Clerk Balance - Yes
 - c. Road Committee: 2023 Project Proposals from Alcona County Road Commission input
 - i. ML#2301 – Stout Rd. Single Seal Coat w/Fog Seal, M-72 South to Fowler Rd (\$34,191.00)
 - ii. ML#2302 – Trask Lake Rd. Single Sealcoat w/Fog Seal; Stout Rd East 0.92 miles and from Cordes Rd east 0.72 miles to Sanborn Rd common sections 4, 5, 6 of Millen Twp. (\$20,399.00). Hawes pays equal amount.
 - iii. ML#2303 – Walker Rd Recycled Asphalt Millings Sanborn Rd. to Bean Hill Rd. (\$34,461.00 =75% Twp. Contribution). Millings will not be available next year.
 - iv. Total \$10,570.00 remaining balance if all three projects are approved out of the \$99,621.07 Road. Huron Forrest \$7,000 deposit will be added to leave balance at \$17,000. RC recommends addressing the ML2301 & ML2302 this year to preserve the road integrity of the road and avoid the potential complete road replacement.
 - v. Motion by Kosal to accept the three proposals as written. 2nd by Somers. Motion carries.
 - d. County Commissioner: T. Small. Smith commented on Consumers recertification of the Alcona County dams and the cost to rebuild \$11 billion. In summary, the power from the dams is no longer supporting the cost to maintain the dam to the proper standards. Should the dams be closed? Consumers Energy is reviewing the cost to clean up the dams. DNR is also involved in the decision.
 - e. Zoning/Planning: Gillies
 - i. Final review of Zoning Manual for publication approval in June P&Z Meeting.

- ii. Solar Ordinance – Per Gillies similar ordinances state that 45 dB should be the standard which helps keep the structure distance from the lot line. NEMCOG touring a facility to determine if the distance from lot line should be greater than 50 ft. Adam Brege from County is contact.
 - iii. 1600 Walker Road – Living in camper and multiple unlicensed vehicles, junk cleanup. No change.
 - iv. Fowler and Stout Rd.– Property has abandoned vehicles. Owner died and estate must remove junk vehicles. Davio to send a letter to owner. Registered letter to be mailed 4/4/23 to the owners (Cleveland) and receive return receipt 4/6/23. Letter state 45 days for required response. No change this week at the property. Bartlett reviewing for phone number of owner to Davio.
 - v. Complaint of building on 577 Kohler Rd. property and encroachment concern. No survey completed by owner making the complaint.
- f. Cemetery Sexton Update: B. Bartlett
- i. One burial this past weekend.
 - ii. Reviewing with Everett to update the Cemetery sign work as a priority.
 - iii. Expansion should start with corner markings first and preliminary layout for grave markers.
 - iv. Additional burials to take place in the next few weeks.
 - v. Cemetery clean-up will be completed prior to Mother’s Day Weekend.
- g. Fire Department: Chief Cordes – No update.

5. Unfinished Business

- h. Unpaid Taxes - Personal Property Tax of BC Bar – No updates.
- i. ARPA Grant– Project Planning
 - i. ARPA Report Filing with Auditor - Completed
 - ii. Park Ballfield Fence Post Repairs and Bleachers repair of wooden seats. – Seats completed. Dug out benches replaced tops with 2x8’s. Repair of fence to be placed out for bid.
 - iii. Stump Removal at the rear of the ballpark leftfield fence is required to clean up area. New homeowners are in the home. Stump removal to be quoted. Smith to mark stumps for bid mow that snow has cleared. – On going.
 - iv. Remaining ARPA Grant Funded Project Proposals, Repaint the upper Pavilion. Reviewing wood replacement requirements prior to painting.
 - v. Supervisor Smith suggested adding some type of lighting in the BC Park such as mercury vapor lighting. Requesting bid from electrical companies. Working with Electrician on detail recommendation.
- j. Lower Concrete Refurbishing – Pickle ball, other? Ostrander to get measurements and bid from *ProSurface* the company used by Alpena Apex for pickle ball court surfacing. – ProSurface response fully booked for 2023. Other options to be investigated.
- k. Noise Ordinance Agreement from Sheriff Stephenson. Next steps with Attorney review – Smith to request attorney review. Sent to Attorney 5/1/23.
- l. L-4029 Review (Ostrander)/Tax Processing due date processing (Bartlett) – Completed and sent to County.
- m. Smith – Asked Terry Small about the upcoming Rural Internet Meeting in Mio, April 20th. Terry Small to review for attendance. No significant update. Still working with utility companies using existing infrastructure.

6. New Business –

- a. Spring cleanup completed at the BC Park. Thanks to the following for participation: BC Bar, BC Store, Corky Brown, Betty Conner, Ruthann Couperthwaite, Naomi Cox, Tom Davis, Bill Howard, Mark Keller, Brenda Lange, Paul Lauth, Mark Malanyn, Trish Miller, Cathy Ostrander, Jim Pangonis, John Sinkowski, Dennis Smith, Roy Somers, Ron Stout & Stout’s Lawn Service, Karen Sutton, Rob Sutton, Janice Welt.
- b. Ball diamond will be “drug” in prep for the little league baseball team weekly games/practices.
- c. Picnic tables moved from the cement to other areas in the park for better utilization, including playscape and horse areas.

- d. Details on Road Milage Renewal for 2024 to be discussion on revenue generation from current tax base and support of future road projects.
- e. Need water system check completed at the BC Park. Supervisor Smith to contact Cox Plumbing.
- f. Clerk to run advertisement on the park rental in Alcona County Review.

7. **Public Comments** – None

8. **Adjourn** – Motion to adjourn by Kosal, 2nd by Somers. Motion carries and meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

****Next Meetings:***

May 15, 6:30 pm - Planning and Zoning

June 5, 7:00 pm- Millen Township Board Meeting

**** Minutes respectfully submitted by Clerk, Cathy Ostrander*