

MILLEN TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: November 6, 2023

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: Millen Township Hall

1) Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

2) Roll Call

a. Board: Barb Bartlett-Treasurer, Cathy Ostrander-Clerk, Dennis Smith-Supervisor, Scott Kosal-Trustee, Jeff Somers – Trustee

b. Other Attendees: Rich Gillies, Richard Hawes-Alcona Community Schools, Mike Davio

3) Public Comments – Richard presented the detail of the 2023 Bond Proposal. Millage 2.2 mill raising \$20 million over 20 years. Election is Tuesday November 7th.

4) Reports

a. Clerk:

i. Motion to approve meeting minutes Township Board Meeting October 2, 2023. Motion by Kosal to accept, 2nd by Somers. Motion carried.

b. Treasurer:

i. General Income Fund: \$100,611.51

ii. Road Fund: \$20,778.76

iii. Fire Fund \$0

iv. ARPA Fund 7,510.16

v. Total: \$128,900.43

vi. Motion to accept Treasurer Report, subject to audit. Motion to accept subject to audit by Somers, 2nd by Kosal. Motion carried.

vii. Motion to pay bills, subject to board's post-audit policy authorizing payment: Checks # 11934-11960; Wages, EFPTS, Consumers, FOE (rent), VISA, Stout's Lawn, Lincoln Hardware, Mike's Computer Repair (Treasurer printer), Alcona County Road (sign), Wolverine Well & Plumbing, Quill, Election Source, Alcona County Review, Ostrander Reimbursement (office supplies), Alcona County Treasurer. Motion by Kosal, 2nd by Somers. Motion carried.

viii. Treasurer and Clerk Balance - Yes

c. Road Committee:

i. Ross Road due to rough condition. Kosal to call resident. Kosal has updated owner. Item closed.

ii. Speed study with Campbell. Waiting on the lines to complete. Lines completed this past week. Due to lateness of lines, study pushed to next May.

iii. Trask Lake Road near Verner Drive– Speed reduce Sign to be placed by the County Road Commission.

d. County Commissioner: T. Small (Out due to medical)

i. PILT payment received at 25% of payment. Requesting 50% PILT. Supervisor Smith returned to the County Commissioner's meeting after presenting in October. Board voted down the 50% PILT, but agree to the 25% PILT funding for fiscal year 2024. Board must request the funding every year. Terry Small to represent Millen Township at next year's request.

e. Zoning/Planning: Rich Gillies

i. County Commissioner September 6 reviewed the Solar Ordinance without feedback. Next steps. No feedback from Commissioner's on the Solar Ordinance. Solar Ordinance therefore passes by procedure. HB5120 and HB 5121 for State of Michigan to take over all local ordinances. Clerk to assign resolution number for vote at the December meeting.

- ii. 1600 Walker Road –to add a manufactured home and more cleanup to follow. Home in place, but under construction.
- iii. Fowler and Stout Road – Property has abandoned vehicles. Property cleanup is improving. Removed over 14 vehicles. Property improvement. Item closed.
- iv. Pine Street complaint of garbage. Jamie Rathorne (new owner) is working on cleanup. No update.
- v. Trask Lake Road- Edgewood has family living in a 5th Wheel. No update.
- vi. Trask Lake/Kohler – Davio to review property for building updates without permit. No update.
- vii. Complaint - Dogs barking on Jewell Lake Drive. 4-5 dogs are in the yard barking during the day. Kosal has counted 6 dogs at a single time which exceed zoning for number of dogs (4 is limit). Sending letter.
- viii. Potentially condemned trailer on Jewell and Burgess. Bartlett to review tax roll for owner. Barb to provide copy to Mike Davio.
- f. Cemetery Sexton Update: B. Bartlett
 - i. Shed to be worked in two weeks.
 - ii. Markers have been quoted. Markers to be ordered. Once lots are marked they would be available for sale once layouts are reviewed by Board.
 - iii. Sale for 2 lots in old area.
- g. Fire Department: Chief Cordes. Chief Cordes working the new training. No additional update.

5) Unfinished Business

- a. Unpaid Taxes - Personal Property Tax of BC Bar – Summer 2019 open. Bartlett presented letter documenting request for unpaid taxes. No response from owners.
- b. ARPA Grant– Project Planning
 - i. *Repair of fence behind ball field, to be placed out for bid. Tabled until receive bids. Township seeking more fencing contractors. No update – tabled.*
- c. Kosal – Seasonal verses no maintenance roads, what are the roads definitions and maintenance? Smith to review with Campbell. Seasonal Road – no snow removal, 2 blading per year, travel at your own risk.
- d. Park Pavilion well pump requires a major repair – Pump repair was paid. BCIA and FOE made significant donations to support repair.
 - i. 1.5 yards of Concrete to be added back in front of the pavilion. Smith to pull cost together.
- e. Cox Plumbing has completed the seasonal winterizing. Cook shack has also been closed for the season.

6) New Business

- a. Winter News Letter Review – Submit for printing. Include with tax bill mailing.
- b. Randy Thompson (Assessor) will be out on medical and he has subcontracted Lauren Desonia will complete the 25% audit of properties. She currently works in equalization.
- c. Randy Thompson BOR combined with Hawes Twp. Marva Dorr, Jane Freiburger – Gary Boyd is alternate. Location is Hawes Twp (VFW Hall). Two from Millen Township and Two from Hawes Twp. One will be the receiving board.
- d. Cost for School Election – Kosal request to submit for reimbursement
- e. Bartlett – Assessor and Bartlett did not match on the 100% PRE tax reports. Thanks to Kathy and Randy Thompson for working diligently to match the reports.
- f. Alcona County Parks and Rec Trail has sent request to lease the BC Park rental for Snowmobile trail head. Supervisor Smith plans to review the lease prior to signing agreement again with Gary Somers and/or Ken Kosal on end of lease cleanup. Past two years have resulted in gravel being pushed up in areas that require Township additional work to move gravel.

7) Public Comments –

- a) Richard Hawes asked if the Fire Department Building is completed yet. Members in the room believe that the building is close.
 - b) Richard asked what is PILT? Payment in Lieu of Taxes where revenue is paid for the Federal land. 65% of Millen Township land is Federal Land and the tax money is paid to the County and not distributed to the townships.
- 8) Adjourn** – Motion by Kosal to adjourn, 2nd by Somers. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

****Next Meetings:***

December 4, 7:00 pm – Millen Township Board Meeting

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