

MILLEN TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: May 6, 2024

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: Millen Township Hall

1) Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

2) Roll Call

a. **Board** – Barbara Bartlett-Treasurer, Cathy Ostrander-Clerk, Denny Smith-Supervisor, Scott Kosal-Trustee

Absent – Jeff Somers-Trustee

b. **Other Attendees** – Rich Gillies, Terry Small, Missy Cordes

3) Public Comments –

a. BCIA presented **Resolution 2024-07 BCIA Non-profit Designation**. Motion to approve by Kosal, 2nd by Ostrander. Roll call vote: Aye – Ostrander, Smith, Bartlett, Kosal. Nays – None. Motion carried.

b. BCIA plans to have a raffle of a deer blind at the July 4th Park Events and drawing around Labor Day as a fund raiser.

c. Missy commented on the Alcona Fun Run on May 4th stating it was a success by raising \$9602. This money will be split between Harrisville and Barton City for Fireworks. Participation in the event tripled since last year with 79 vehicles and 173 people. Plan to spend \$7000 on fireworks this year in Barton City so this single event covered more than half of the cost of Fireworks. Other fund raising is still on going.

4) Reports

a. Clerk:

i. Motion to approve meeting minutes Township Board Meeting April 1, 2024. Motion by Kosal to accept, 2nd by Bartlett. Motion carried.

b. Treasurer:

i. General Income Fund: \$133,752.22

ii. Road Fund: \$78,928.92

iii. Fire Fund: \$6,287.98

iv. ARPA Fund \$7,510.16

v. Total: \$226,479.28

vi. Motion to accept Treasurer Report, subject to audit. Motion to accept the report by Kosal, 2nd by Ostrander. Motion carried.

vii. Motion to pay bills, subject to board's post-audit policy authorizing payment: Checks #12075-12095; Wages, EFPTS, Consumers, FOE (rent), Alcona County Review, BC Fire Dept., McFadden Contracting, Bauer, Florip& Wodja PCL, BSA Software, BCIA, Alcona County Review. Motion to pay the bills by Kosal, 2nd by Bartlett. Motion carried.

viii. Treasurer and Clerk Balance - Yes

c. Road Committee: No updates on the contracts yet. Smith to follow up with Road Commission in the morning as Hawes Twp. has already received and signed their contracts.

d. County Commissioner: T. Small.

i. Waste Management will make Alcona part of a regional group to make a plan for EGLE of which company is going to pick up the waste and where it will go. Discussion on County wide recycling bins. State mandated waste plan being revised to include more "green" plan. No plan for cost to come from the general funds in the County.

ii. Kosal asked about broadband update. Answer is no update been disclosed on the PIE and G agreement.

iii. PILT discussion with County in August.

e. Zoning/Planning: Rich Gillies/Scott Kosal

i. **Property Complaints**

- I. Pine Street complaint of garbage. Jamie Rathorne (new owner) is working on cleanup. Smith drove past this week and still an issue. Smith and Kosal to review and document.
- II. Trask Lake Road- Edgewood has family living in a 5th Wheel. Fifth wheel still in place.
- III. Potentially condemned trailer on Jewell and Burgess.
- IV. 1600 Walker complaint on garbage and used unlicensed vehicles in the yard.
- V. 914 Jewel Drive – Property has a tree fallen through window and door.
- VI. Kosal commented that more land use permits being issued recently.
- VII. Kosal reviewed process of condemning property with Harry Harvey.
- VIII. Civil infraction review has been made by Smith and Kosal. Review with attorney on actions to be taken and putting this in a stand-alone ordinance. Kosal to review Clerk's record for Civil Infraction ordinance history prior to review with the township attorney.
- IX. Gillies working with NEMCOG on Short Term Rental ordinance.
- X. Neil Drive property, owner Patrick Allen deceased, under review for property taxes based on property value which has been unkempt over the past years since owner passed.

ii. Zoning Board Meeting Updates – Nothing additional, next meeting May 20th at 7pm.

f. **Cemetery Sexton Update: B. Bartlett**

- i. Spring cleanup is in process and will be ready for Mother's Day weekend.
- ii. Second bid for lot markers showing savings that could be utilized in the cemetery other projects. Flag pole refurbish (paint, new lines) under review.
- iii. Shrubs are still being planted on the graves. Barb to contact owners and review maintenance ordinance to allow for cemetery mowing. Please no permanent plantings.

g. Fire Department: Chief Cordes – no update.

5) Unfinished Business

- a. Oak tree on the back of ballfield fence line needs removal.
- b. Leftfield area private property owners would like to get variance. South East corner is 5 ft. to park line. Registrar of deed to be contacted on property details by Bartlett.
- c. Mike Gombos – MTA Par Plan Risk Associate to be contacted by Smith to walk through Park.
- d. Ball Field Fence Post Grant Project - \$5000 grant received. Kosal to review additional funds to be used on the remaining portion of the fence.

7) New Business

- a. Resolution 2024-07 BCIA Non-profit Designation –Missy Cordes (see opening remarks)
- b. Property at corner of Ball Field (see 5b).
- c. Sabrina McGirr email – Assessing. Smith to close the loop on the email.
- d. No Dogs in Pickle Ball court sign. Shelly's Shirt Shack has been contacted to create signs.
- e. C&S Dust Control Advertisement both in the Tax Newsletter and Alcona County Review.
- f. Summer Newsletter Draft Review – Kosal to create pie-chart for 2024-2025 Budget
- g. Primary Election Reimbursement - \$3036.74 has been requested from the State of Michigan.
- h. Supervisor Smith – went to County wide meeting, highlights discussion on elections driving excessive costs to the Township and County.
- i. L4029 required for tax roll.
- j. Next County-wide Township meeting will July 23 at 6pm Millen Township BC Park Pavilion. October 26 at Hawes Township Fire Hall.

8) Public Comments –

- a. Terry Small announced he is running for County Commissioner again representing Millen Twp.

b. Gillies asked that an extra meeting for P&Z in July to enable work to be completed on ordinance updates. Under review pending NEMCOG and attorney feedback. Idea is to keep five meetings and adjust as appropriate for timing and not add any additional meetings.

9) Adjourn – Motion by Kosal, 2nd by Bartlett. Meeting adjourned at 8:16 pm.

***Next Meetings:** *May 20, 7:00 PM Zoning Board*
 June 3, 7:00 PM Millen Township Board Meeting

Minutes respectfully submitted by Cathy Ostrander, Clerk