

# MILLEN TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

## Minutes

Date: January 6, 2025

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: Millen Township Hall

### 1) Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

### 2) Roll Call

- a. **Board** – Barbara Bartlett-Treasurer, Mary Somers-Clerk, Denny Smith-Supervisor, Jeff Somers-Trustee, Scott Kosal-Trustee
- b. **Other Attendees** – Marcy Hammer, Wayne McGregor

### 3) Public Comments

– Marcy Hammer asked whom she needed to talk to about making a proposal to change the name of the park from Millen Township Park to the Andy and Naomi Cox Memorial Park. It was suggested that she submit a formal petition in front of the board, at which time it would be brought forward to the township attorney and then voted on by the board if it was determined that it could be done. Marcy stated that she would draft the petition and letter and drop it off.

### 4) Reports

#### a. Clerk:

- i. Motion to approve meeting minutes Township Board Meeting December 4, 2024. Motion by Kosal, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bartlett. Motion carried.

#### b. Treasurer:

- i. General Income Fund: \$119,408.38
- ii. Road Fund: \$33,058.64
- iii. Fire Fund: \$0
- iv. ARPA Fund \$0
- v. Total: 152,467.02
- vi. Motion to accept Treasurer Report, subject to audit. Motion to accept subject to audit by Somers, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kosal. Motion carried.
- vii. Motion to pay bills, subject to board's post-audit policy authorizing payment: Checks #12323-12345; EFPTS, Everett Leesberg, wages, FOE (rent), Alcona County Review, Consumers, VOIDED Check 12338, Lincoln Hardware, Visa, Barton City Fire Department, Election Source, VOIDED Check 12344, Alcona County Treasurer. Motion to pay the bills by Somers, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kosal. Motion carried.
- viii. Treasurer and Clerk Balance – yes

#### c. Road Committee-

- i. Speed study results – New signs. Smith spoke to Jesse Campbell. Waiting for MSP drive review to update to 35 MPH, 25 MPH in the curve near Richardson Rd, still no signed TCO. Signs to then be posted. Smith received document from Jesse Campbell that the State Police has some discussion to put up speed limits signs increasing to 40 MPH. Smith has gone back and requested the increase to be 35 MPH and 25 in the curves. A suggestion was brought up to install solar powered radar signs, they are roughly \$3,000 apiece and there would be two installed. This could be funded using road improvement funds, there was also a suggestion to approach Hawes township about splitting the coast, as well as looking into community impact grants.

#### d. County Commissioner: T. Small. Absent, no update

#### e. Zoning/Planning: Rich Gillies/Scott Kosal. No updates to discuss other than those in new business

#### f. Cemetery Sexton Update: B. Bartlett. A downstate funeral home contacted Barb about bringing up a military plaque that they would like to put up in the cemetery and it was referred to Everett.

#### g. Fire Department: Chief Cordes. Absent, no update

### 5) Unfinished Business

- a. BC Bar Property Tax – No update
- b. MTA Par Plan Risk Grant potential for rubber mulch. Grant application rejected. Re-apply at the next grant cycle, this will be done.
- c. The MHISDA Grant for Zoning/Master Plan Rewrite has been approved. Will need to have a separate budget line item to enter and report status of funds on a quarterly basis.

**6) New Business –**

- a. The Master/Zoning contract with NEMCOG was reviewed. A motion to approve the contact was made by Somers and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kosal. A roll call vote was conducted, Kosal (Yes), Somers, J (Yes), Somers, M (Yes), Bartlett (Yes), Smith (Yes). Contract was signed, emailed and mailed, awaiting to hear from NEMCOG regarding schedule.
- b. Reviewed and Approved Millen Township Resolution 2025-01 Poverty Exemption, resolution was signed and will be emailed to Randy Thompson and posted on web-site.
- c. Reviewed and Approved Millen Township Resolution 2025-02 Asset Level Test for 2025, resolution was signed and will be emailed to Randy Thompson and posted on web-site.
- d. Swore in Debra J. Kilbourn as Deputy Treasurer on 1/4/2025
- e. Minimum wage has been raised to \$12.48 effective 1 February 2025, will update on Millen Township Wage sheet.
- f. Budget meetings were set for February 12, 2025 @ 7:00 pm (initial workshop) and February 19, 2025 @ 7:00 pm (finalization) at the Millen Township Hall.
- g. Budget Hearing was set for March 3, 2025 @ 6:45 pm at the Millen Township Hall
- h. Bill Thompson asked for the township to donate \$1,000 toward the County Recycle and Clean-up, which the board has not donated towards over the past years and it was recommended that we not donate again this year.
- i. Received an email from Joan Fackler stating that she was a certified Assessor, we took her information and put it on file.
- j. Received a letter from Alcona Community Schools requesting that the Township collect the district's summer school property taxes, which we will do.
- k. Millen Township Board of Review personnel are trained and are all set for the year 2025.
- l. Requested that Lappen insurance be contacted regarding the insurance and to ensure that the bonding is approved.

**7) Public Comments - None**

**8) Adjourn –** Motion to adjourn by Somers, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kosal. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm

**\*Next Meetings:** *Monday, February 3, 7:00 pm – Millen Township Board Meeting*  
*Wednesday, February 12, 7:00 pm - Budget Planning Meeting*  
*Wednesday, February 19, 7:00 pm - Budget Planning Meeting*  
*Monday March 3, 6:45 pm - Public Budget Hearing and 7:00 pm - Township Board Meeting*

*\*\*\* Meeting Minutes respectfully submitted by Clerk, Mary Somers \*\*\**