

MILLEN TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: June 2, 2025
Time: 7:00 PM
Place: Millen Township Hall

1) Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

2) Roll Call

- a. **Board** – Barb Bartlett-Treasurer, Mary Somers – Clerk, Denny Smith – Supervisor, Jeff Somers-Trustee, Scott Kosal-Trustee
- b. **Other Attendees** – Terry Small, Rich Gillies, Deb Kilbourn & Graig Kilbourn, Rodney Cordes

3) Public Comments – None

4) Reports

- a. Clerk:
 - i. Motion to approve meeting minutes Township Board Meeting May 5, 2025. Motion by J. Somers, 2nd by Kosal. Motion carried
- b. Treasurer Balance reports as of May 31, 2025:
 - i. General Income Fund: \$140,523.00
 - ii. Grant Income Fund: \$5,500.00
 - iii. Road Fund: \$92,405.54
 - iv. Fire Fund: \$0
 - v. ARPA Fund: \$0
 - vi. Total: \$238,428.54
 - vii. Motion to accept Treasurer Report, subject to audit. Motion by J. Somers to accept subject to audit 2nd by Kosal. Motion carried.
 - viii. Motion to pay bills, subject to board's post-audit policy authorizing payment: Checks #12436-12468 from 5/2/25-6/1/25; US Treasury, Everett Leeseberg, Karen Sutton, Consumers Energy, Election Source, Alcona County Review, BS&A Software, Theresa Collins, Sheryl Smith, Mary Somers, Barton City Fire Department, UHY LLP CPA, Wages, Earl Remilong, Brighthouse, FOE (Rent). Motion by Kosal, 2nd by J. Somers. Motion carried.
 - ix. Treasurer and Clerk Balance - Yes
- c. Road Committee:
 - i. Received a bid from Road Commission to lay gravel on Bean Hill Road from Task Lake Road to Walker Road. The bid was for \$52,596.00, the township pays 75% which is \$39,443.00.
 - ii. Received a bid from Road Commission to pave Louis Lane and build up the shoulder. The bid was for \$23,800.00, the township pays 75% which is \$17,850.00.
 - iii. There was discussion about both projects, however following the discussions a motion was made by Kosal to pay for both, and 2nd by Bartlett. All those in favor were YES. Motion carried. This will leave approximately \$35,000 in the road fund until winter tax bills are collected and we currently do not have any other projects upcoming.
- d. County Commissioner: T. Small
 - i. Alcona County Prosecutor Tom Weichel has announced his retirement later this year and Alcona County Treasurer Cheryl Franks has turned in her resignation paperwork for later this year.
 - ii. The Forrest Service wants to go forward with their project of taking down the old building and the mess hall building at Sprinkler Lake, they do want to keep a couple buildings there as possible camping cabins and possible campsites. There is a local organization headed by Chris Angle that wants to keep the area going and keep those buildings in place. The Forrest Service is not looking to keep the area going due to budget cuts. There was a mention by the Commissioner about the township taking over Sprinkler Lake area and making it a campground. It was also mentioned by

Kosal that Chris Angle was looking to propose that the township take over this area. There was discussion about this and there will need to be more and we would need to see a proposal with regards to the township taking this over.

- e. Zoning/Planning: Rich Gillies/Scott Kosal
 - i. There were not enough members at the Zoning Board Meeting in May to have a quorum due to illness, so the minutes were read but not approved. There will be another meeting June 16th and hopefully enough to have a quorum.
 - ii. A violations/complaints list has been generated most of which are Article 13 and Article 24. There is some missing information on the owner of the property regarding correct name and address. Once that information is provided letters will be going out to those individuals that have violations and/or complaints.
 - iii. June 17th is the next meeting for the Master Plan/Ordinance re-write.
 - iv. A total of 3 zoning permits were issued last month.
- f. Cemetery Sexton Update: B. Bartlett – Full burial on June 3rd and cremation on June 5th as well as a Head Stone going in. Supervisor made it a point to thank Barb on her work as the Township Sexton and taking care of the cemetery.
- g. Fire Department: Chief Cordes
 - i. Alcona Ambulance is now using the Fire Hall giving the crew someone to rest rather than on the roadside areas.
 - ii. On the 4th of June two guys from the Fire Department will be taking the county medical first responder's test.
 - iii. There have been several county classes held at the fire hall classroom.
 - iv. Received the DNR Grant that was applied for.
 - v. Currently well ahead of normal on fire calls, but about normal for emergency calls.

5) Unfinished Business

- a. BC Bar Property Tax – No update. A letter was sent to Attorney which was sent to owner. Have not heard anything.
- b. MTA Par Plan Risk Grant potential for rubber mulch. Grant application rejected. Re-apply at the next grant cycle, this will be done. Grant resubmitted on 3 February 2025, which was for 100 bags at a cost of \$1,600, expect to have answer by May 1st. Received paperwork stating we have been approved for \$1,460, awaiting check. Must be completed within 6 months. We pay first and then submit that it has been completed then will receive funds.

6) New Business

- a. Security Bond for Sexton was discussed. Received a information that the Sexton could receive \$5,000 bond for a cost of \$255 for 3 years. A motion was made by J. Somers to approve the bond, and 2nd by Kosal. All those in favor were YES. Motion carried.
- b. Summer Newsletter was reviewed and will be forwarded to Alcona County Review for printing and will be sent off with the Summer Taxes.
- c. Received a Right of Way Telecommunications permit for Bright Speed asking for us to approve it, however it does not show what they actually are doing and there is no description of what it is to be done within the permit. A motion to deny the permit was made by Kosal until we receive more information, and 2nd by J. Somers. All those in favor were YES. Motion carried.
- d. A request for reimbursement for pickleball equipment in the amount of \$42.38 was submitted by Mrs. Smith. A motion was made by J. Somers to reimburse the expense, and 2nd by Kosal. All those in favor were YES. Motion carried.
- e. Barb is awaiting the tax database to finalize the taxes and once received will them out.
- f. Barb is also awaiting a check to be cashed by Rosemarie Apple in the amount of \$10.68 for a tax overpayment which was issued in February. Will research more on what actions can be taken.
- g. Barb has also been working with Huron Community Bank to get our CD information to show up on our month statements so that it can be tracked for auditors.

7) Public Comments – None

8) Adjourn – Motion by J. Somers, 2nd by Kosal. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:44 pm.

****Next Meeting:*** July 7th, 7:00 PM Millen Township Board Meeting

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