

MILLEN TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: January 5, 2026

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** – Jim Dorr, Gordon & Sue Cryderman

3) Public Comments – None

4) Reports

a. Clerk:

i. Motion to approve meeting minutes from the Township Board Meeting held on December 1, 2025. Motion by Kosal, 2nd by M. Somers. Motion carried

b. Treasurer Balance reports as of December 31, 2025:

i. General Income Fund: \$142,660.72

ii. Grant Income Fund: \$2,500.00

iii. Road Fund: \$51,955.84

iv. Fire Fund: \$6,412.13

v. ARPA Fund: \$0

vi. Total: \$203,528.69

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 #12618-12637 from 12/2/25-1/1/26; US Treasury, Consumers, Alcona County Review (Winter Newsletter & Tax Prep), Brighthouse (Pension), Wages, Voided Checks 12632-13634, FOE (Rent), Mary Somers (internet), Barb Bartlett (internet). Motion by Bartlett, 2nd by Kosal. Motion carried.

ix. Treasurer and Clerk Balance - Yes

c. Road Committee:

i. Nothing new to report.

d. County Commissioner: T. Small (absent). Supervisor Smith stated that at the County Commissioner's meeting on 17 December the board which had previously had a motion to give 50% of the PILT grant money to the townships but had tabled it due to not having their budget approved, brought it up at the meeting again and voted to give ZERO PILT money to the townships.

e. Zoning/Planning: Rich Gillies/Scott Kosal

i. Next meeting to discuss the continuation of the rewrite is Wednesday, January 7th and the focus will be the Master Plan.

ii. The first Blight Letters will be going out this week. A total of six letters will be sent out.

iii. Supervisor Smith asked if there was a permit for a garage that had gone up on Walker Road. Kosal stated that he would look into it.

f. Cemetery Sexton Update: B. Bartlett

i. Nothing new to report.

g. Fire Department: Chief Cordes (absent)

5) Unfinished Business

a. BC Bar Property Tax – No payment received this month.

b. Light at the park for the flag pole. Supervisor Smith removed bird debris and the circuit is working so will work on a light.

- c. Disposal of computers, J. Somers has for action waiting on the recycle date to be provided.
- d. Township Planning Commission Ordinance 002-2025 signed, posted on website and was advertised in Alcona County Review, published on December 10, 2025.
- e. Verizon has not replied back to Kosal on the permit and no payment has been received for their request to put more antennas on the tower near Bean Hill Road and M-72.

6) New Business

- a. Alcona County Annual GIS Data & Cost Sharing Agreement was signed and returned to County. Kosal has concerns about if it is going to provide us with what information we want. He is going to research further and contact the county.
- b. MTA Training for Board of Review members is going to be held at the Fire Department conference room February 6th, Supervisor Smith and 3 other members are registered and will attend.
- c. Review and approved Millen Township Poverty Exemption Resolution 2026-01. A motion was made by J. Somers to except the Resolution and 2nd by Kosal. A roll call vote was conducted to adopt Millen Township Resolution 2026-01; Smith (YES), M. Somers (YES), Bartlett (YES), Kosal (YES), J. Somers (YES). Resolution was signed will be emailed to the Assessor and posted to the township website.
- d. Review and approved Millen Township Asset Level Test Resolution 2026-02. A motion was made by J. Somers to except the Resolution and 2nd by Kosal. A roll call vote was conducted to adopt Millen Township Resolution 2026-02 Wages; Smith (YES), M. Somers (YES), Bartlett (YES), Kosal (YES), J. Somers (YES). Resolution was signed will be emailed to the Assessor and posted to the township website.
- e. J. Somers made a motion to revise Township Resolution for Wages to change the minimum wage to reflect the new state requirement (\$13.73), 2nd by Kosal. A roll call vote was conducted to adopt Millen Township Resolution 2026-03 Wages; Smith (YES), M. Somers (YES), Bartlett (YES), Kosal (YES), J. Somers (YES).

7) Public Comments.

- a. A question was asked by a member of the public as to what is PILT money? Supervisor Smith provided an answer stating that PILT money is Payment in Lieu of Taxes that townships are supposed to receive from the Federal Government for property that is not privately owned and that taxes are not collected. It was explained that Township's operate by collecting property taxes and when US Department of Forestry property is not taxed there is no income that the township receives and over 65% of Millen Township is Federally owned property. So that money that the Federal Government gives to the County and when it is not giving to the township is significant towards the township budget. Further information was provided; however, the question was answered regarding PILT money and the member who asked the question was satisfied.
- b. A question was asked by a member of the public as to what is MTA Training for Board of Review members? Supervisor Smith stated that Millen Township along with Hawes Township have combined into one board of review and that Millen Township provides 3 members to sit on the Board along with 3 members of Hawes Township. This saves the township's time and money. The board of review is where individuals can bring up any disagreements that they may have with their taxes. The training is a requirement for the board members and needs to be conducted every two years. Along with the members the individual that greets individuals also needs to be trained, that is why we are sending 4 individuals. Further information was provided; however, the question was answered and the member who asked the question was satisfied.

8) Adjourn – Motion by J. Somers, 2nd by Bartlett. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm.

***Next Meetings:** February 2, 2026, 7:00 PM Millen Township Board Meeting

February 9, 2026, 7:00 PM Millen Township Initial Budget Planning Meeting

February 23, 2026, 7:00 PM Millen Township Final Budget Planning Meeting

March 2, 2026, 6:45 PM Public Budget Meeting & 7:00 PM Board Meeting

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