

MILLEN TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: April 6, 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** – Rich Gillies, Rodney Cordes, Missy Cordes, Gordan Cryderman

3) **Public Comments** – None

4) **Reports**

a. Clerk:

i. Motion to approve meeting minutes Budget Hearing Meeting March 2, 2026.

ii. Motion to approve meeting minutes Township Board Meeting March 9, 2026.

I. Motion to approve all meeting minutes as presented by Kosal, 2nd by Bartlett. Motion carried.

b. Treasurer Balance reports as of March 31, 2026:

i. General Income Fund: \$161,787.18

ii. Grant Income Fund: \$2,500.00

iii. Road Fund: \$100,932.79

iv. Fire Fund: \$0

v. ARPA Fund \$0

vi. Total: \$265,219.97

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 #12681-12699 from 3/2/2026-4/1/2026; US Treasury, Alcona County Review (Budget Hearing, Board of Review, Receipt booklets), Consumers, Mary Somers (Stamps), Barton City Fire Department, Visa (Cole's Appliance, Beacon, Clerk & Treasurer Quickbooks), Wages (to include BOR), FOE (rent). Motion by Bartlett, 2nd by M. Somers. Motion carried.

ix. Treasurer and Clerk Balance - Yes

c. Road Committee: None

d. County Commissioner: T. Small – None

e. Zoning/Planning: Rich Gillies/Scott Kosal

(1) The Master Plan is with NEMCOG to be made public for review. There will be a public meeting on May 18th, at 6:30 PM. Following that meeting the Master Plan will be ready for the Board to make the final review and approve it.

(2) Kosal provided an update on blight violation letters, and said that of the original letters sent, all but 1 issue has been resolved. Also, he has been contacted by everyone with regards to the 7 new letters and individuals are working to correct issues.

(3) Kosal brought and proposed changes/updates to zoning fees, Resolution 2026-05. A copy of the resolution was provided to the board to review. A proposal by Kosal was made to adapt it, which was 2nd by J. Somers. A roll call vote was conducted to adopt Resolution 2026-05; Smith (YES), M. Somers (YES), Bartlett (YES), Kosal (YES), J. Somers (YES). Motion passed. The Resolution will be published in the Alcona County Review and 30 days after will be recorded.

- f. Cemetery Sexton Update: B. Bartlett
 - (1) All the fallen tree branches have been removed from the cemetery
 - (2) Bartlett, provided a memo for Spring Clean-up that she requested to be put in the Alcona County Review at a cost of \$135 (there is a budget line-up so no vote was needed). She is also going to post laminated copies of the memo throughout the cemetery.
 - (3) Everett is ready whenever needed for burials.
- g. Fire Department: Chief Cordes
 - (1) There were 11 medical calls in February and 13 medical calls in March.
 - (2) The fire station was utilized during the power outage after the ice storm. They are looking for volunteers to sit at the station when it is open during these emergency situations.
 - (3) The State for the first time in a long time has contacted Air Support for fire fighting this year, due to a lot of placing going to be difficult to get to due to the number of downed trees.

5) Unfinished Business

- a. BC Bar Property Tax – No update and no payment received.

6) New Business

- a. Randy Thompson, has turned in a letter informing the board that he is resigning effective 31 March 2026.
- b. Supervisor has been in contact with Sarah Gohl who as agreed to take over the role as Assessor, and she has agreed to continue this year at the agreed wages that the board agreed on for 2026-2027, however she did mention that she would be looking at reviewing the contract for the next year. A motion was made by Bartlett to hire Sarah Gohl as the Assessor, 2nd by M. Somers. All in favor, motion passed.
- c. It was also brought up that Sarah would be purchasing a new computer and the cost would be shared with Hawes Township, since she is going to also be the Assessor them that township. The cost of the computer was as \$1,400, a motion was made by Bartlett to pay Hawes Township \$700 which was half of cost of a new computer, 2nd by M. Somers. Roll call vote: Smith (YES), M. Somers (YES), Bartlett (YES), Kosal (YES), J. Somers (YES). Motion passed.
- d. Clerk received a request from BCIA for an ad in the 4th of July newsletter. A motion was made by J. Somers to run the same ad as in the past at a cost of \$90, 2nd by M. Somers. All in favor, motion passed.

7) Public Comments –

- a. Missy Cordes mentioned to the board that she is no longer the President of the BCIA, however she is still assisting and looking for volunteers for the 4th of July. Also, she mentioned that the BCIA will be submitting paperwork to the board for alcohol sales at the park for the 4th of July, and that the board will sign a resolution for this.
- b. Missy also mentioned as the Register of Deeds that there are a number of old books that they are getting repaired. She also, mentioned that there have been a lot of property fraud going on, and there was a call that came in from the county. It was asked what can people do to protect themselves and she said they over a program at her office call property Fraud Alert which will monitor individual's name for documents that have been recorded using your name, she also said you can go to www.propertyfraudalert.com and sign up to get an alert.

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

***Next Meetings:** *May 4, 2026, 7:00 PM Millen Township Board Meeting*
 June 1, 2026, 7:00 PM Millen Township Board Meeting

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