

Millington Township Regular Board Meeting August 19, 2024

Regular meeting called to order at 6:00pm at the Millington Township Hall by Supervisor R. Loomis. Also present L. Jaruzel, A. Green, S. Keinath and J. Sabgash

There were 7 guests in the audience.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Loomis, support by Sabgash to approve the agenda.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried

Motion by Keinath, support by Jaruzel to accept the regular meeting minutes from July 15, 2024.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried

Treasurer's report was presented. Thank you

Motion by Loomis, support by Sabgash that bills be paid as presented:

General-	\$	18,942.00
Fire-	\$	8,206.15
Police-	\$	36,459.08
Refuse-	\$	26,639.63
Murphy Lake Weed	\$	5,279.33
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Total	\$	95,526.19

Ayes: Green, Jaruzel, Keinath, Sabgash and Loomis Nays: none Motion carried.

Millington Township Fund Balances ending July 31, 2024

FUND	MIF SWEEP MONEY	MARKET SAVINGS
General	\$ 425,514.12	
Cemetery Trust Fund	2,101.94	
Fire	171,656.32	\$39,107.01
Police	306,242.24	
Refuse	42,241.68	
Murphy Lake Weed Control	18,512.49	
Capital Projects – Buildings	34,853.59	
Capital Projects - Machine & Equipment	13,476.37	
Trust & Agency	6,606.60	
Fire Damage Escrow Fund	10,575.00	
Tax Collection Fund	19,743.57	
IFT Tax Collection Fund	1,743.85	
IFT Tax Collection Fund	(19,738.13)	
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	\$ 1,033,529.64	\$39,107.01

Public Comment: None

New Business:

Hemingway Grave Plots – Debbie Olmsted (daughter) spoke on behalf of her mom and asked if the Board would consider allowing the sale of the extra plots that were sold to them back in the beginning of August. The Board discussed the Cemetery Ordinance and the intent of what the ordinance is referring to when it comes to the sale of extra plots and the grave lot limit.

Limestone for Murphy Lake Rd – Limestone needs to be added to the end of the asphalt to the county line (east on Murphy Lake Rd). There will be an added cost of \$4,058.65.

A. Green step out of meeting @ 6:20pm

Cemetery Sexton Hourly or Salary – discussion on whether the Sexton's should be hourly or salary. Staying salary would help them during the slower winter months, hourly would help them account for their time. If the budget allows, maybe a pay increase could possibly help with filling the open Sexton position.

Solar Ordinance – Twp Board may want to consider putting in a temporary moratorium until the State Laws go into effect (November) to help keep things balanced with State and Local Laws. Would want to include a clause specifically regarding removal of solar equipment in the event of damage to equipment.

Conex Storage Containers – The Planning Commission would like some direction on which way the Twp Board would like to go, amend the ordinance or keep it the way it is. A draft amendment has been put together, we could include requirements such as setbacks, location and the look of the container. (follow the requirements in section 12.02). Shipping containers are becoming more popular as we do have some in our Twp now.

Thumb Area Narcotics Monetary Contribution – Twp needs to check with Twp Attorney to see if we can make a contribution.

Administrative Assistant Pay – Loomis proposed a pay increase for Admin Assistant.

Zoning Administrators Report – 28 zoning permits have been approved so far this year. Zoning Admin attended 2 trainings through MTA, put together a procedure checklist for special land use permits, drafted a proposed ordinance amendment regarding the conex storage containers, drafted an ordinance amendment for Section 22 and policy and procedure for Civil Infractions (waiting on public hearing). Informed Twp Board of another ordinance amendment regarding setting a deadline of when someone can apply to appeal a Planning Commission/Zoning Administrator decision to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Zoning Administrator asked the Twp Board to consider increasing her stipend.

Old Business:

Public Comment: Wayne Jaruzel – Possible solar power location going in on the corner of Milliman and Birch Run Rd.

A. Green back @ 6:56pm

Action Items:

Motion by Loomis, support by Sabgash to allow the Hemingway's all 6 plots that were purchased.
Motion withdrawn

Motion by Loomis, support by Sabgash to allow Kay her 3 allowed plots, Bruce 3 plots and Lynette 2 plots (Bruce and Lynette's plots would be advanced sales).
Jaruzel – no, Green – no, Sabgash – yes, Keinath – no, Loomis – yes Motion denied

Motion by Loomis, support by Sabgash to table the advance sale of plots to Bruce Hemingway and Lynette Love until they can come before the Twp Board and make the request in person. Refund will be decided once a decision is made about the advance sale of plots.
Keinath – yes, Green – yes, Loomis – no, Jaruzel – yes, Sabgash – yes Motion carried

Motion by Keinath, support by Loomis to approve the extra cost for Limestone on Murphy Lake Rd for \$4,058.65.
Sabgash – yes, Keinath – yes, Green – yes, Jaruzel – yes, Loomis – yes Motion carried

Motion by Loomis, support by Keinath to direct the Planning Commission to move forward with the ordinance amendments to allow shipping containers to be used as storage containers.
Ayes – All Nays – None Motion carried

Motion by Green, support by Jaruzel to table the Thumb Area Narcotics monitory contribution until next meeting after talking to Twp Attorney.
Ayes – All Nays - None

Motion by Loomis, support by Green to increase the Administrative Assistants pay by \$2 per hour taking the pay from \$12.50 to \$14.50 starting Tuesday August 20, 2024.
Jaruzel – yes, Green – yes, Keinath – yes, Loomis – yes, Sabgash – abstain Motion carried

Motion by Keinath, support by Jaruzel to amend the Agenda to add the following to the action items, moratorium about renewable energy, renewable energy ordinance amendments and cemetery ordinance amendments.
Ayes – All Nays – None Motion carried

Motion by Jaruzel, support by Sabgash for a moratorium to be imposed on any and all siting, establishing, installing, constructing of renewable energy facilities as well as any issuing of any permits until the ordinance is amended.
Ayes – All Nays – None Motion carried

Motion by Keinath, support by Loomis to direct the Planning Commission to make the amendments to the renewable energy ordinance.
Ayes – All Nays – None Motion carried

Motion by Keinath, support by Green to have the Zoning Administrator draft a Cemetery ordinance amendment to remove the last line "No advance sale of lots before time of need unless approved by the Millington Township Board". And to clarify the total of a 3 grave lot limit.
Ayes – All Nays – None Motion carried

Supervisors Report: Thank you

Clerk spoke on behalf of resident Tina Jolly as she is unable to attend the Board Meetings due to her work schedule. T. Jolly is disgusted with the new trash bins and the cost increase to refuse on the property taxes. The bins are ugly and an inconvenience to the elderly in our community.

Motion by Loomis, support by Sabgash to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 7:32PM.

Jackie Sabgash, Township Clerk

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