

Millington Township Regular Board Meeting March 15, 2024

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

There were 23 guests in the audience.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Loomis, support by Keinath to add the following items to the agenda after the appointment of William Bushaw, ZBA member appointment, Refuse refund, and Schedule of Fees.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried

Motion by Loomis, support by Jaruzel to approve the agenda with the 3 additional agenda items

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried

Motion by Keinath, support by Jaruzel to accept the minutes for the February 19, 2024 regular scheduled meeting with the following correction, Parcel number 017-008-625-0100-04 is a primary residence do not remove refuse from tax bill.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried

Treasurer's report was presented. Thank you

Motion by Jaruzel, support by Green that bills be paid as presented:

Loomis protested the attorney fees (Review of correspondence regarding Fall's SLUP, Attorney attending the ZBA meeting on February 20, 2024 and phone conference with ZA on ZBA issue) in the amount of \$2,528.15.

General-	\$	96,670.01
Fire-	\$	12,069.10
Police-	\$	21,448.83
Refuse-	\$	26,802.84
Murphy Lake Weed Control	\$	875.00
Fire Damage	\$	15,009.00
Tax Collection	\$	55,135.39
IFT Tax Collection	\$	118.85
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Total	\$	228,129.02

Ayes: Keinath, Green, Jaruzel and Sabgash Nays: Loomis Motion carried.

Millington Township Fund Balances ending February 29, 2024

FUND	MIF SWEEP MONEY	MARKET SAVINGS
General	\$ 484,378.40	
Cemetery Trust Fund	2,101.85	
Fire	274,492.49	\$39,102.09
Police	165,774.04	
Refuse	(150,442.89)	
Murphy Lake Weed Control	8,504.55	
Capital Projects – Buildings	34,849.12	
Capital Projects - Machine & Equipment	13,471.23	
Trust & Agency	6,528.96	
Fire Damage Escrow Fund	10,075.00	
Tax Collection Fund	884,114.75	
IFT Tax Collection Fund	2,472.94	
IFT Tax Collection Fund	(19,038.61)	
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	\$ 1,717,281.83	\$39,102.09

Public Comment:

Jim Cobb – why didn't we send out a survey or hold a town hall meeting to get the general public's opinion on STR's

Paul Martin – enforce the current ordinance

Jessi Fall – spoke on behalf of Laurie Taylor, L. Taylor sent a letter calling for the resignation of Allen Green.

Penny Hall – voiced concerns about the safety of the Lake community with STR's in the LR district

Paul Dudley – nothing in articles 5, 6 or 7 about STR's, STR's do fall in the single-family dwellings under Principal uses Permitted.

Peggy Maschke – Murphy Lake is a public lake, STR's are a good thing and will bring business to our community.

Sherry Morris – requesting to be grandfathered in, having to operate under a SLUP she feels that the bullying and intimidation will continue from those who oppose STR's.

Mark Morris – Everyone needs to be held accountable when it comes to the ordinances; some stipulations need to be put in place to protect the STR's from false accusations.

John Booko – supports the idea of having a survey (for or against) STR's, he put together a personal "survey" using the GIS map of Murphy Lake and the signatures on a petition that went around Murphy Lake (opposing STR's)

Pam Hall – supports having a survey, would like to know how to get her questions answered regarding STR's

New Business

Motion by Loomis, support by Jaruzel to appoint William Bushaw as the Township member at large for Southern Link Trail Way.

Ayes: All Nays: none Motion carried

Motion by Loomis, support by Keinath to appoint the Zoning Board of Appeals alternate Kassie Burns as the new Zoning Board of Appeals member.

Ayes: All Nays: none Motion carried

Motion by Loomis, support by Keinath to nominate Emory Close as the Zoning Board of Appeals alternate.

Ayes: All Nays: none Motion carried

Motion by Keinath, support by Loomis to refund parcel 017-013-000-0400-00 for 3 years of refuse in the amount of \$526 and refund parcels 017-033-000-1650-00 and 017-035-000-0300-00 for 1 year of refuse in the amount of \$240 each.

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

Motion by Sabgash, support by Loomis to accept the Millington Township Fee Schedule with the addition of a \$50 fee for Construction started without a Zoning permit. Ayes: All Nays: none Motion carried

Motion by Keinath, support by Jaruzel to accept the road work bid for \$149,154.78 with a discount of \$ Ayes: Loomis, Sabgash, Green, Jaruzel and Keinath Nays: none Motion carried

Motion by Loomis, support by Keinath to accept option 3 of giving the Clerk additional duties (Administrative Assistant duties) and receive extra compensation for 20 hours of training per week for \$15 per hour. Other elected officials statutory duties are not be performed by the Clerk. Ayes: Jaruzel, Keinath, Green and Loomis Nays: none Abstain: Sabgash Motion carried

A. Green spoke about looking for someone to help maintain the Millington Welcome signs, R. Loomis will speak with the Lions Club.

A. Green informed the Board about a letter read at the ZBA meeting on February 20, 2024 submitted by Laurie Taylor calling for Green's resignation. Green attempted to reach out via social media and received no response back as he was looking for feedback regarding L. Taylors letter. Green will not be resigning.

Old Business

Ed Maschke and Luanne Jaruzel presented the changes the Planning Commission has made to the ordinance amendments, changed the STR's to require a special land use permit instead of being listed under "Principal uses Permitted" and changed the percentage of STR's allowed in the Lake Residential District from 15% down to 10%. The will be moving forward with this draft and present the draft to the Tuscola County Planning Commission and then will bring it back to the Millington Township Board for final approval.

Public Comment:

- Jim Cobb – asked for L. Jaruzel to show the people the State Law that says that STR's cannot be outlawed in Michigan.
- Sherry Morris – expressed her concern with having Emory Close serve as an alternate on the Zoning Board of Appeals.
- Penny Hall – it is important to always go back to the rules and follow the ordinance.
- Peggy Maschke – asked for clarification on the hierarchy of all the Boards.
- Paul Dudley – the draft ordinance looks good
- John Booko – his findings from the personal survey out of 120 homes 67 homes would like to keep the existing ordinance and not allow STR's and 53 homes were undecided.
- Ed Maschke – a survey would not hold up in court and the Township attorney said he would not recommend a survey.
- Wayne Jaruzel – the gravel pit was operating on Sunday which violates their SLUP
- Pam Hall – does the Board even consider the People's opinions, does it even matter what the People of the Township want.
- Carmen Corcoran – Millington is a beautiful little community, doesn't like how the Lake community is divided, can we all just agree to disagree.
- Mark Morris – is the Board going to consider grandfathering in the STR's that are already established.
- Emory Close – the Township Board is responsible for the divide in the Lake community.

Zoning Administrators Report: provided a current list of all permits issued for 2024, reviewed the draft ordinance amendments and stated the importance of adhering to the original ordinance language and made some recommendations for the draft amendments. On behalf of a request from the ZBA chair asked the Board to consider having the Township attorney attend the ZBA meeting on March 20, 2024.

Motion by Keinath, support by Jaruzel to have the attorney attend the ZBA meeting on March 20, 2024. Ayes: Green, Sabgash, Keinath, Jaruzel and Loomis Nays: none Motion carried

Loomis read a letter explaining his position on the Millington Township Boards decision to appeal the approval of the special land use permit for the campground/mud bog on Irish rd and since the Township Board appealed the SLUP the cost associated with the appeal is being paid for by the Township which is the tax payers money and he does not support that.

Supervisor's Report. Thank you.

Motion by Loomis, support by Jaruzel to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:19PM.

Jackie Sabgash, Township Clerk

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