

Millington Township Regular Board Meeting November 18, 2024

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

There were 9 guests in the audience.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Keinath, support by Jaruzel to approve the agenda with the following additions, add Blake Erlenbeck before the discussion on moratorium on storage containers, add Facebook page discussion after Treasurer Tax Collection seminar and add Planning Commission appointments after Facebook page.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried

Motion by Keinath, support by Loomis to accept the regular meeting minutes from October 21 and special meeting minutes from October 28, 2024 as presented

Ayes: 4 Nays: 1 Motion carried

Treasurer's report was presented. Thank you

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

General-	\$	19,212.24
Fire-	\$	15,189.91
Police-	\$	17,213.29
Refuse-	\$	26,639.63
IFT Tax Collection	\$	83.18
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Total	\$	78,338.25

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

Millington Township Fund Balances ending October 31, 2024

FUND	MIF SWEEP MONEY	MARKET SAVINGS
General	\$ 413,408.73	
Cemetery Trust Fund	2,101.99	
Fire	153,413.07	\$39,109.96
Police	247,600.00	
Refuse	(37,836.72)	
Murphy Lake Weed Control	13,234.22	
Capital Projects – Buildings	34,856.37	
Capital Projects - Machine & Equipment	13,479.56	
Trust & Agency	7,154.04	
Fire Damage Escrow Fund	10,075.00	
Tax Collection Fund	19,743.57	
IFT Tax Collection Fund	3,279.64	
IFT Tax Collection Fund	(19,738.13)	
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	\$ 860,771.34	\$39,109.96

Public Comment:

Wilfred Alvord- Voiced his issue with the vulgar political signs south of the Village limits on M-15.

Emory Close- Thanked A. Green Trustee and J. Sabgash Clerk for the time they served on the Township Board.

New Business:

Blake Erlenbeck – spoke about his Eco Project he is working on for his Boy Scout Troop. He would like to put an outdoor food donation box in Millington. The Township Board suggested he speak to the Village of Millington as well, pick a location (possibly near the fire hall) and get some dimensions on the size of the food donation box. The Board asked him to come back to another Township Meeting with updates on his project.

Discussion on Moratorium on Storage Containers – The Planning Commission has been discussing the uses of Storage Containers (shipping container/Conex containers) whether to allow them or prohibit them. They would like to hold a Public Workshop to give the public an opportunity to voice their input on the matter, possibly at the January 13, 2025, Planning Commission meeting. The Planning Commission would like to know if the Township Board would consider placing a moratorium on the use of storage containers along with enforcement until they a decision is made.

Accepting Tax Payments – The Treasurer is asking for the Boards permission to allow the office staff (Loarh, Jackie and Carrie) to collect tax payments. Treasurer asked Supervisor if he would be comfortable collecting tax payments. The Supervisor does not want to collect tax payments. The Treasurer stated the Supervisor can give the resident(s) an envelope for their payment and then payment then be placed in the drop box.

MTA Training for New Officials – MTA has a training in Frankenmuth on December 17, 2024, for New Officials. The Board discussed that all Board members should consider attending the Training.

Board of Review Appointments – The Supervisor informed the Board of the people he will be appointing for the Board of Review they are as follows: Nila Schmandt, Larry Jensen and Nathan Ptaszenski. Nathan was given the opportunity to speak to the Board as to why he is interested in the Board of Review.

Treasurer Tax Seminar – The Treasurer is seeking approval from the Board to send two (2) people to the Tax Seminar on November 25, 2024, with the cost of \$160 per person.

Facebook Page – The Board discussed what the Facebook page would be used for. The page would be for information only and would not allow commenting and use this page as a way for the public to gain access to the livestream Board meetings once that is up and running. The Clerk stated that she could get the page set up and manage the page as well.

Planning Commission Appointments – The Treasurer questioned what happened to appointing the Planning Commission Members at this meeting as the Supervisor stated at the last meeting the appointments would take place at the November meeting. The Supervisor stated that he does have two (2) people he will be appointing, and he would like them to be at the meeting when the appointments take place. One of the appointees couldn't attend the November meeting due to prior obligations, therefore the Supervisor would like to hold off until both appointees could attend the meeting.

Zoning Administrators Report – T. Daenzer submitted a report on all Zoning Permits issued, Special Land Use Permits issued and Complaints that have been issued warning notices (see attached). Some complaints are within the Village Limits, the Zoning Administrator will check with the Village about issuing those notices. The Board said to hold off on sending the warning notices to the Village residents until we get an answer from the Village Zoning Administrator.

Old Business:

Draft Inspection Form – The Clerk created a draft inspection form to be used when conducting inspections for special land use permits and the Gravel Pit.

Cemetery Rules & Regulations Ordinance Amendment – The Planning Commission reviewed and approved the amendments and sent it to be reviewed by the Tuscola County Planning Commission, no additional recommendations were given.

Ordinance Amendment of Section 19.02 Appeals – The Planning Commission reviewed and approved the amendments and sent it to be reviewed by the Tuscola County Planning Commission, no additional recommendations were given.

Public Comment:

Paul Dudley: Are the signs around Murphy Lake going to get addressed. The Zoning Administrator stated that there isn't an ordinance specific to the purpose of those signs. These would fall under the fact that we have a permissive ordinance so if they are not specifically allowed they are strictly prohibited. The warning notices have been drafted and presented to the Board. It was his understanding that the special land use permits for the short-term rentals would be following the requirements listed in the amended ordinance, unless other conditions were included by the Planning Commission. In the actual permit it has extra requirements that were never discussed. The Supervisor stated he spoke with the Planning Commission Chair and the Planning Commission will revisit that.

Lorraine Martin – Asked when the camera will be installed for the livestream, no date has been set for the installation and once all the equipment is delivered install will take place. Is the Township still involved with the DDA (Downtown Development Association); the Supervisor is planning on attending the next DDA meeting. Should the Zoning Administrator accompany the Supervisor when inspecting the Gravel Pits, the Zoning Administrator has never accompanied the Supervisor when inspecting the Gravel Pits.

Mike Scarborough – Under Michigan State Law, political campaign signs on State roads, I roads or US Highways are the responsibility of MDOT and can only be up 10 days following the election.

Tom Keinath – voiced his concern with the vulgar political signs south of the Village on M-15.

Steve Ley – He has served on the Millington Board of Review the past eight years; he was never asked to resign and hasn't resigned. He was never contacted as to why he wasn't being re-appointment to the Board of Review. Voiced concerns about the Planning Commission Appointments, stated the Planning Commission Chair publicly said at a meeting he didn't want to be Chair anymore due to not having the time and as for the other person selected for re-appointment on the Planning Commission there were some conflicts of interest presented to the Township Board about the member which were not fully addressed.

Mark Morris – Thanked the Supervisor for the job he is doing, doesn't see why the Board has to rush and appoint Planning Commission members. He stated it seems like someone is trying to "stack the deck". Can the public question the potential Planning Commission candidates, will the public have an opportunity to question these people? The answer was just the Township Board can ask questions.

Sherry Morris – Spoke of the additional requirements that were added to their first special land use permit issued on October 17, 2024. They spoke to the Supervisor about the additions and were told they are not in the amendments they shouldn't be there. Planning Commission revised and approved the permit to remove the additions, they couldn't see the revised permit at the Planning Commission meeting. Once they received the revised permit some of the additional requirements were still on the revised permit.

Action Items:

Motion by Loomis, support by Green to place a moratorium on storage containers (Conex) and enforcement until the Board comes to a clear understanding of what directions we are going to go.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried

Motion by Keinath, support by Jaruzel to allow the Millington Township Staff (Lorah, Jackie and Carrie) to accept winter tax payments for 2024 tax season.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried

Motion by Keinath, support by Loomis to allow any Township Board members who are able to attend the MTA (Michigan Township Association) workshop at the cost of \$150 per person.

Ayes: Jaruzel, Green, Keinath, Sabgash and Loomis Nays: None Motion Carried

Motion by Loomis, support by Jaruzel to use Millington Township Inspection Form for all inspections and complaints.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried

Motion by Jaruzel, support by Sabgash to accept the Cemetery Rules and Regulations amendments as presented.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried

Motion by Keinath, support by Jaruzel to accept the Ordinance amendments of section 19.02 Appeals as presented

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried

Motion by Loomis to appoint Nila Schmandt, Larry Jensen and Nathan Ptaszenski to the Board of Review. No second, motion failed

Motion by Keinath, support by Jaruzel to have two (2) people attend the MTA Tax Seminar on November 25, 2024 at the cost of \$160 per person.

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

Motion by Loomis, support by Sabgash to send out all warning notices except for the warning notices pertaining to political sign violations until we get clarification.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried

Supervisors Report: Thank you

Motion by Loomis, support by Green to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45PM.

Jackie Sabgash, Township Clerk

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