

# Millington Township Regular Board Meeting December 16, 2024

Regular meeting called to order at 6:00pm at the Millington Township Hall by Supervisor R. Loomis. Also present were G. Cook, L. Cameron, S. Keinath, and L. Jaruzel.

There were also 4 guests in the audience.

Loomis asked that everyone silence their phones.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

R. Loomis announced that Agenda #3 was to be removed from the agenda.

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

Ayes: All    Nays: None                      Motion carried

Motion by Jaruzel, support by Keinath to accept the regular meeting minutes from the November 18, 2024, meeting as presented.

Ayes: All    Nays: None                      Motion carried

Treasurer's Report: Not Given

Keinath asked Loomis what the protocol is for following up or inspecting an ordinance violation. Loomis stated that the Zoning Administrator or her boss should be the ones to do the follow up.

Motion by Loomis, support by Green 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: Jaruzel, Sabgash, Green, Keinath 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	7154.04	
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: Read 8 letters from Ray Peche, John Ceranski, Dan & Ruthann Davenport, Pam Hall, Richard Yeager-Stiver, John Booko, Steve Ley, Tamara Ley

Steve Ley got up and shared photos of signs in the area. (Photos are attached to the minutes)

Cody Clark stated that the signs in question are not any of the 7 types of signs that are allowed.

He also questioned what the board was asking him to do with his shed since it was in that location when he purchased the house and it has been there since the ownership of 3 previous owners.

Paul Dudley welcomed two new board members and summarized his battle with Murphy Lake residents over the STR debate.

Karen Nelson Received a violation letter for their trailer and boat that are parked on the property that they own. She was asking if the board could change the ordinance to keep those items there longer than 90 days.

#### Township Board Assignments

- Office Manager: Cameron
- Fire Board: Cook & Keinath
- Police Board: Cameron & Keinath
- Park Board: Loomis
- Planning Commission: Jaruzel
- Rail Trail: Jaruzel
- Building and Grounds: Sabgash & Loomis
- Cemetery: Cameron
- Emergency, Land Division Officer: Loomis

General Fund proposed budget changes discussed.

#### Discussed Retention Bonuses

- Administrative Assistant: \$500
- Fire Chief: \$250
- Sextons: \$200 each
- Cleaning: \$50

Board of Review Poverty Exemptions 2025  
See attached table

Zoning Board of Appeals Appointments  
Robert Benard, Carol Kager, Nate Pzinski  
All three current members would like to stay on the board.

Zoning Administrators Report (Attached to the minutes)

It was decided to wait until after the Planning Commission Meeting to decide whether to mail more ordinance violation notices.

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Board of Review Appointments

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Larry Jensen and Nila Schmandt are currently on board and plan on retiring in 2 years.  
Cary Petzold and Jeff Bolzman (Alternate) would train and then take their place.

Planning Commission Appointments

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Ed told the board about his accomplishments and how he has previously helped the township.  
LuAnn said that there have been many complaints about the gravel pit, but they were not recorded.  
The Zoning Administrator said she feels Ed is combative.  
Alvin stated that the PC is diverse and that, that is a strength of the board to have so many different perspectives.  
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Public Comment:

Sherry Morris complimented Ed and Robert. Spoke negatively about Tammy and said that Sharon and LuAnn gang up on Robert.

Alvin asked who sent in all these complaints. He wanted to make sure the Zoning Administrator is not going out and looking for violations.

There was a disagreement between Loomis and Daenzer about what was said at the November meeting.

Matt Opperman praised Ed and Alvin and the job they have done previously on the PC

Steve Ley said he wasn't notified that he wouldn't be asked to be on the Board of Review and that he was disappointed by that.

Paul Dudley stated the Lake Association has no jurisdiction to rule on STR's  
He praised the PC

Peggy Maschey spoke of Ed's integrity. Stated that everyone needs to listen to everyone else and take their viewpoint into consideration.

Ed Maschey stated that training is important. He will be retiring in 6 months and that will give him more time to devote to the PC. (Steve Ley interrupted several times)

Mark Morris STR owner and he thinks that Ed and Alvin's experience is valuable and needed on the PC. Said the board needs to work together and stop picking on Robert.

Jaruzel asked for a 5-minute break.  
Took a 5-minute break.

Public comment started again.

Dan Davenport suggested that someone take a survey of Murphy Lake residents to see if the residents want str's or not. Threatened a lawsuit over sign violation letters.

Public comment closed

Keinath asked if we were going to give directions to the Zoning Admin as how we would like her to proceed with the ordinance violations. Loomis suggested she contact the attorney. The ZA asked how she should proceed with the fence violation and the shed violation. It was decided that the ZA will inquire about the fence and the shed violations with the Twp Attorney.

The ZA asked us about amending our Zoning Ordinance about storing a boat on property for only 90 days. Loomis asked if we could ask the PC to amend our 90 day limit of storing a boat on the property.

Action Items:

#1 Twp. Board Assignments

Office Manager: Cameron  
Fire Board: Cook & Keinath  
Police Board: Cameron & Keinath  
Park Board: Loomis  
Planning Commission: Jaruzel

Rail Trail: Jaruzel  
Building and Grounds: Sabgash & Loomis  
Cemetery: Cameron  
Emergency Service, Land Division Officer: Loomis

Motion made by Loomis Support Keinath  
Motion passed

#2 Budget Amendment  
See attached  
Motion made by Keinath Support Loomis  
Ayes: All Nays: None Motion passed

#3 Retention Bonuses  
Administrative Assistant: \$500  
Fire Chief: \$250  
Sextons: \$200 each  
Cleaning: \$75

Motion made by Loomis Support Keinath  
Ayes: All Nays: None Motion passed

#4 Board of Review Poverty Exemption for 2025  
Motion was made to accept the Federal recommended poverty guidelines for 2025  
Motion made by Loomis Support Cook  
Motion passed

#5 Zoning Board of Appeals Appointments 3-year term  
Motion was made to appoint Carol Kager, Nate Pzinski, Robert Benard  
Motion made by Loomis Support Jaruzel  
Motion passed

#6 Board of Review Appointments 2-year term  
Motion made to appoint Larry Jensen, Nila Schmandt, Carrie Petzold, and Jeff Bolzman (alternate)  
Motion made by Loomis Support Jaruzel  
Motion passed

#7 Planning Commission Appointments  
Motion made to appoint Ed Matchkey and Alvin Zavitz to the Planning Commission  
Motion made by Loomis Support Cook  
Ayes: Cook, Cameron, Loomis, Jaruzel Nays: Keinath Motion passed

Supervisors Report: Thank you

Motion made to continue moratorium on enforcing Sec 14.11 and 14.15 until the township attorney can be talked to and until after the PC meets.  
Motion made by Jaruzel Supported by Loomis  
Motion passed

Motion to Adjourn by Loomis Supported by Keinath  
Motion passed  
Meeting Adjourned at 9:07PM

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Lorah Cameron, Township Clerk

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Approved \_\_\_\_\_