

Millington Township Regular Board Meeting

May 19, 2025

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.

15 guests signed the Sign-In Sheet

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Loomis asked that everyone silence their phones.

Motion by Loomis to Approve the Agenda support by Cook
Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried

Motion by Keinath, support by Jaruzel to accept the regular meeting minutes from the April 21, 2025 meeting.
Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried

Treasurer's Report: Thank you

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

General-	\$	39,446.86
Fire-	\$	3,486.48
Police-	\$	19,777.78
Refuse-	\$	27,823.00
Tax Collection	\$	823,370.55
IFT Tax Collection	\$	826.17
Total	\$	923,730.84

Ayes: Jaruzel, Cameron, Cook, Keinath and Loomis Nays: none Motion carried.

Millington Township Fund Balances Treasurer's Report ending April 30, 2025

FUND	MIF SWEEP MONEY	CASH-MONEY MARKET
General	\$ 233,032.30	
Cemetery Trust Fund	2,102.09	
Fire	109,376.15	\$39,115.78
Police	131,412.93	
Refuse	(203,320.86)	
Murphy Lake Weed Control	7,081.63	
Capital Projects – Buildings	34,861.39	
Capital Projects - Machine & Equipment	13,485.31	
Trust & Agency	7,981.83	
Fire Damage Escrow Fund	10,075.00	
Tax Collection Fund	840,102.66	
IFT Tax Collection Fund	(2,268.34)	
IFT Tax Collection Fund	(7,479.76)	
	\$ 1,176,442.33	\$39,115.78

Public Comment: Opened at 6:02
2 people spoke.
One letter was read (see attached)
Closed at 6:13.

New Business:

1. Loomis shared about roadside brush spraying. He said that people can opt out if they do not want their yard sprayed and the township will only be charged for the gallons used. The cost would be roughly \$15,000.
2. Loomis talked about edge/fog lines need to get painted on Barnes Rd between Sheridan and Lane Rd. It will cost \$585.
3. Loomis said that work needs to be done on gravel roads. He suggests that we work on Milliman between Willard and Arbela cost: \$33,300. Lane Rd north and south of Barnes. Cost: \$24,850. Willard Rd between Sheridan and Washburn. Cost: \$15,950. Arbela Rd between Milliman Rd to Irish. Cost: \$16,050. Various other spots twp. wide. Sharon brought to Roberts attention that ditching needs to be done on Arbela Rd between Fulmer and M-15.
4. Director Jon Ramirez – explained the new Public Alert Software. Stated that he is willing to set up accounts for those unable to do it for themselves. Also, mentioned that it would be helpful for us to send a letter voicing our support to the Commissioners.
5. Robert Benard – presented the ZBA updated bylaws, appeal applications, and compensation strategy, ZBA communications with property owners and Twp attorney at the next ZBA meeting.
6. Cameron asked for permission to use Bauckham, Thall as our FOIA attorney.
7. Loomis expressed his dissatisfaction with our current lawyers and is interested in switching lawyer firms.
8. Cameron wanted to make it clear that if we are going to vote to dismiss a blight violation that the violator needs to no longer be in violation of the ordinance. And that we may want to consider getting rid of some ordinances. The ZA included some suggestions for the Board to look over, so that the Board may give direction to the PC on how to bring some ordinances up to date. Keinath and Jaruzel voiced concern that the PC isn't listening to the ZA and they asked for support from Loomis. Cook suggested that Jaruzel take our approved minutes to the next PC meeting and then if the PC doesn't follow our directives then we have a leg to stand on and we can go from there.
9. Jaruzel discussed the moratorium of campers on lake properties. PC ask her to address the Twp Board about lifting the moratorium so that violations could be issued and also to get feedback from Twp residents about their preferences.

Zoning Administrator's Report

1. The ZA talked about modifying 3 ordinances (see attached). The build code and blight ordinance would need to be updated by the PC. The updates to the Municipal Civil Infraction Policy and Procedure would be updated by the Twp Board.
2. The ZA drafted a Procedure for issuing Zoning Permits. She asked that we vote on this tonight, Loomis voiced that he'd like more time to look it over.
3. The ZA asked about the sign ordinance violation 2025-005. The

Old Business:

1. Loomis said that he would like to update the Board of Review Meeting Policy

Five Minute Break

Public Comment:

Opened at 7:54
Two people spoke.
Closed at 8:00

Action Items:

1. Motion made by Keinath support by Loomis that we do the roadside brush spraying for the estimated cost of \$15,000 by the Tuscola County Road Commission.
Ayes: Jaruzel, Keinath, Loomis Nays: Cook Abstain: Cameron Motion passed
2. Motion made by Jaruzel support by Cook that we do the edge line painting through the county for the cost of \$585.
Ayes: Cameron, Cook, Jaruzel, Keinath, Loomis Nays: None Motion passed
3. Motion made by Keinath support by Loomis to accept the gravel road estimate for \$99,250 from the Tuscola County Road Commission for the gravel roads listed -minus Lane Rd and adding the ditching project.
Ayes: Jaruzel, Keinath, Cameron, Cook, Loomis Nays: None Motion passed
4. Motion made by Keinath support by Cameron that our Twp attorney be available for the ZBA TCA appeal meeting via phone or Zoom.
Ayes: Keinath, Cameron, Cook, Jaruzel, Loomis Nays: None Motion passed
5. It was decided that Loomis would bring the updated Policy for the Board of Review to the next meeting so that we can vote on it.
6. Motion made by Keinath support by Jaruzel that we accept the policy for issuing Zoning Permits as presented by our Zoning Administrator.
Ayes: Cameron, Cook, Jaruzel, Keinath Nays: None Abstain: Loomis Motion passed
7. Motion made by Cook support by Keinath that we allow Bauckham, Thall attorneys to help with FOIA's and that we pay the current bill.
Ayes: Cook, Cameron, Jaruzel, Keinath, Loomis Nays: None Motion passed
8. Motion made by Loomis support by Cook to switch attorneys to Bauckham, Thall for all Twp issues.
Ayes: Cook, Loomis Nays: Jaruzel, Keinath, Cameron Motion failed
9. Motion made by Jaruzel support by Keinath to send these changes and the change of proper wording to the PC to look over and be adopted so that we can come into current practice and compliance with MI law.
Ayes: Cook, Cameron, Keinath, Jaruzel, Loomis Nays: None Motion passed
10. Motion made by Jaruzel support by Cameron that we approve the Civil Infraction document as presented by the ZA so that she can start using it.
Ayes: All Nays: None Motion Passed
11. Motion made by Loomis support by Keinath that we lift the moratorium of campers on all vacant properties.
Ayes: All Nays: None Motion passed

Supervisors Report:

Thank you

Motion to Adjourn by Keinath Supported by Loomis
Motion passed
Meeting Adjourned at 8:44PM

Lorah Cameron, Township Clerk

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