



# Milton Township

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**Minutes for Milton Township Board of Trustees**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Milton Township Hall - 32097 Bertrand St., Niles, MI**  
**Tuesday February 18, 2020 7:00 P.M.**

Meeting called to order at 7:02pm.

Members Present: Supervisor Eric Renken, Treasurer Susan Flowers, Clerk Steve Sante, Trustee Paul Romanetz

Members Absent: Trustee Rich Mullin

## **Community Reports:**

**Planning Commission Ex-Officio:** Discussions have occurred with the H.O.A. president of Kestrel Hills regarding the design of their entrance on Redfield Road.

**Election Commission:** Sante reports that the Election Commission met the previous week and appointed election inspectors and had an accuracy test. The township is prepared for a smooth presidential primary.

**SMCAS:** No meeting

**Edwardsburg Fire:** Renken reports the budget for next fiscal year was approved. Also, an old fire truck was sold for \$10,000.

**Visiting Officials:** Undersheriff Roach was present and indicated the last vaccination clinic for dogs is going to be on 2/22/20. January was a busy month for the Sherriff's Office as there have been many drug-related break-ins and there was a homicide. The undersheriff went on to say that accidents at Gumwood and U.S. 12 have become a problem again.

**Members of Public Wanting to Speak:** Virginia Kraft pointed out that work needed on Redfield and Fir has not yet been completed.

**Board Member Comments:** Renken asked that any legal opinions provided by the township attorney need to be kept private until they are approved by the board.

## **Approval of Agenda:**

Renken indicated he would like the following additions

- #5 Budgets
- #6 Kestrel Hills
- # 7 SMCAS

Motion: Renken made a motion to approve the agenda as amended  
Second: Sante  
Discussion: None  
All Voted Yes  
Motion Carried

**Approval of Past Minutes**

Motion: Sante made a motion to approve the December 21, 2020 minutes as written  
Second: Romanetz  
Discussion: None  
All Voted Yes  
Motion Carried

**Business With Attendees:** None

**Old Business:**

Motion: Renken made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-2R Regarding the sale of Township Property  
Second: Romanetz  
Discussion: None  
Roll Call: Romanetz Y, Sante Y, Flowers Y, Renken Y  
Motion Carried

**New Business:**

Zoning Ordinance Instrument: The board was unsure on how to proceed with this item and tabled it.

**Voting Equipment:**

Sante discussed with the board on the need to purchase a second tabulator, as the new machines are very slow. The board discussed the idea at length.  
Motion: Sante made a motion to purchase a new tabulator as outlined by Election source.  
Second: Renken  
Discussion: None  
Roll Call: Romanetz Y, Sante Y, Flowers Y, Renken Y  
Motion Carried

**Rental Equipment:**

Motion: Renken made a motion to purchase twenty tables at a cost not to exceed \$1,800.  
Second: Sante  
Discussion: None  
Roll Call: Romanetz Y, Sante Y, Flowers Y, Renken Y  
Motion Carried

**PAR Plan Grant:**

Renken indicated the PAR Plan grant approval is coming in the near future. Renken asked the board to consider any projects that could be completed to make the township a safer place.

## Budgets

The board discussed dates to have a budget meeting to work out the details.

Motion: Renken made a motion setting a budget workshop of February 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 10:00am

Second: Sante

Discussion: None

All Voted Yes

Motion Carried

Motion: Renken made a motion setting the public hearing for the budgets on 3/17/20 at 7:00pm.

Second: Sante

Discussion: None

All Voted Yes

Motion Carried

## Kestrel Hills

The board had a lengthy discussion on the Kestrel Hills entrance on Redfield Road. It was decided that coordination between the county, the township, and the H.O.A. is needed. Romanetz plans to handle that for the board. Ideas regarding the issue were discussed, but no action was taken.

## Township Budget

Motion: Sante made resolution 2020-3R to amend to 2019-2020 fiscal year budget as follows:

Real Taxes	403	(\$139,912.25)
Milton Allocated Taxes	430	\$138,549.00
Summer Taxes	447	(\$8,050)
Election Machine Programing	101-191-931.1	\$500
Office Expense	101-101-726	\$1,500
Election Supplies	101-191-726	\$1,000
Election Equipment	101-191-970	\$5,300
Rental Equipment	101-265-970	\$1,300
Computer Software	101-215-815	\$750
Assessor Software	101-257-815.1	\$1,042
Townhall Electric	101-265-921.2	\$200
Township Hall Security	101-265-924	\$75
Rental Supplies	101-265-726	\$800
Mechanical Labor	101-371-702.3	\$2,000
Building Wages	101-371-724.2	\$4,000
MUP Design	101-446-969.5	\$772
Street Lights	101-448-820	\$2,000
PC Wages	101-410-725	\$800
Pension Match	101-850-822.1	\$6,000
Payroll Fees	101-850-822.3	\$475
Employee Deductions	101-850-860.1	\$1,050
Dibble Drain	101-850-920.1	\$1,716

Second: Romanetz

Discussion: None

Roll Call: Romanetz Y, Sante Y, Flowers Y, Renken Y

Motion Carried

**Financial Reports**

Flowers reports the township funds total \$718,997.07

**Approval of Checks**

Motion: Sante made a motion to approve the checks with the addition of check 2153 in the amount of \$580

Second: Romanetz

Discussion: None

Roll Call: Romanetz Y, Sante Y, Flowers Y, Renken Y

Motion Carried

**Adjournment:**

Motion: Flowers made a motion to adjourn at 8:15pm

Second: Renken

Discussion: None

Motion carried unanimously

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