Miltona Township Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting

September 2, 2008

The meeting was called to order by Don Henning at 7:31 pm. Present were Andy Anderson, Jerome Haggenmiller, Connie Marshall, Thomas Blank, Attorney Julie Haseman and 56 registered guests.

Minutes were read by Thomas Blank. Corrections in minutes were made to read a system cannot be considered non-compliant until a plat has been inspected and found to be non-compliant. Andy had made the motion to move the interest earned on the CD into the savings account, seconded by Jerome and motion carried. Andy made motion to approve the corrected minutes, Jerome seconded and all were in favor.

TREASURERS REPORT

Connie gave the treasurers report which showed a balance in savings of \$294,600.10, checking \$500.00 and the CD of \$211,657.39 for a total of \$506,757.49. Motion by Jerome and seconded by Andy to approve the Treasurers report. All were in favor.

A motion by Andy seconded by Jerome, motion carried to reconvene the road vacation hearing. Julie began with discussing the DNR intentions for needing a drainage easement and will be putting in own culvert on property of DNR. Township will still need an easement on lot 16 down to lot 11 from BSD and approximately 20' wide. Paperwork will come from Scott Johnston and then to Julie. Still need releases from a few people. Terry Marshall asked about a minimum maintenance road that was discussed as an option in the Nov of 2005 minutes. Tom read the minutes from Nov 2005 pertaining to the topic and all it is is a statement. Andy stated that the township needs to maintain as is. Terry Marshall stated that statute 164.06, that the people need to vote on giving the power to the board to vacate the road. On 8/16/05 Ben Zacher told County is was ok to vacate the road, but the petition is not dated until May of 2008. Dave Robley opinion can destroy old road to use material to create the new road, this is not proper way to do this but the way developer and developer attorneys conduct business. The Order s/b done first and then the road destroyed expressed Julie Haseman, but she is in the minority on this issue. Ben Zacher addressed the order of the procedure starting with the preliminary plat meeting to final plat process with County and all these meetings are open public meetings. Dave Marshall wanted to know how this new road was protecting the spawning area. The ditch is there for a buffer by redirecting the water. Water previously went directly into the lake where now it is directed down the ditch away from the lake, and through the rock check and then diverted into the lake. Terry Marshall questioned the safety on the south end of the vacated road and the ability of the snow plow to turn around. There is a recorded easement of a rectangular turnaround for the road grader and snow plow. A motion by Andy and seconded by Jerome to recess and reconvene this meeting until October 6th at 7:30 to finalize this road vacating if all the necessary parties have been signed off for release of damages. Motion passed.

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Tom read the letter from our law firm in regards to an agreement to retain legal counsel with other townships in the CLRSD. Julie will not participate in this if all townships do not agree. Motion by Andy and seconded by Jerome, Motion Passed.

A motion by Andy to pay the bills with checks # 1522 thru # 1536, seconded by Jerome, motion carried.

FLOOR

Keith Baldwin requested that if the meeting continue to be held here that some adjustments be made to accommodate large crowds. Andy said we would move the fire trucks out of the hall. Bob Ebbengn and Chet Sieford would like a copy of the by-laws. Bob Ebbeng wanted to know if it was legal for two board members to have a recorded meeting w/o minutes being taken? A previous board member informed him that that was taking place. Gary Anderson stated it is illegal for such actions.

OLD BUSINESS

Sewer report by Jerome Haggenmiller. Received notification today that Lobster Lake phase was funded with low interest. September 22 or 23 would be the Citizens Review Board meeting in St Paul. Brandon Twp of CLSRD was tabled for no initial funding, looking at alternative project. Next meeting is Thursday 7:30 at Leaf Valley. Engineering firm is no longer WSN, 4 individuals left WSN, lack of communication Reasons for removing WSN. Currently a subcommittee looking at engineering firms. The plans for the project are property of CLSRD.

CLEER- Attorney Lynnae Lina for organization addressed the concerns of CLEER with the emphasis of giving the people what they want, to be heard at a special meeting. Andy Andersons point of view is to see where the numbers fall once the project receives the permit and bids are sent out and returned and then have meeting. Lynnae Lina wanted to know what assurance that CLSRD is not going to tromp ahead once bids are received, the people haven't received a solid answer in 5 years. WSN is realistic and practicable with their estimates, that's what they do, long and short of it, the problem is not with Town Board but CLSRD and Pat Conroy, someone is not forthright. If digging begins doesn't mean it's over, Assessments will be challenged and town board is going to have to respond. Jim Rasmussen spoke about going backwards here, as the County and State get more strict w/ this issue it is going to cost that much more. It's not necessarily what we want but do what is right, yes its expensive and yes force with challenges with this project.

Tom presented a resolution	for Clare Angland	d as his Deputy Cler	k and Rick Mitt	ag as Deputy Tr	easurer.
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A motion by Jerome and seconded by Andy to accept this resolution. Resolution passed.

The fence viewing completion date has come and gone, Tom will inspect and contact the individuals if necessary.

Rick Mittag wanted to know about Ermadine property and the thistle, as nothing has been done. The matter has been turned over to the County Weed Inspector.

NEW BUSINESS

Andy Anderson would like a meeting on Frank Midel property in regards to expanding the turnaround, Tom will attend and take the minutes on Sept 10th at 6:30 pm. Tom will post the notice at the fire hall.

Special Meeting Petition was presented to Tom on August 12th for withdrawal of Miltona Township from the CLRSD sewer project. Tom has verified that 20% (11) people at the last election (March 2008) of the 52 electors met the requirement for the petition. Julie read the petition and statute 365.52 Julie Haseman and Lynnae Lina had a lengthy legal discussion about the petition, its lawful purpose, timeline, and other avenues for this meeting. Julie has concerns about the liabilities incurred to date and is waiting to hear from the new attorney representing CLSRD, John Kolb. Katie Baldwin has been waiting as well, she requested that information on July 18th and has yet to hear anything. After more discussion from the floor about the process,

Jerome made the motion to table the decision on a special meeting until the November meeting when more information is available, specifically liability numbers from John Kolb, MPCA issues a permit, joint township meeting, bid numbers and Attorney Julie Haseman works on it. After more discussion the motion was amended to include something in writing from the CLSRD stating that they won't act until Miltona Township decision has been made. Seconded by Andy, motion carried.

Public Accuracy Test of the voting equipment will be Monday September 8th, 1:00 pm at the Community Center. Tom has posted this with the paper and out front of the town hall.

Jerome made a motion for 25% of Miltona Township park dedication funds(\$3,375.00) be allocated to the Kensington Runestone Park, Don seconded and motion passed two to one.

Next meeting set for Tuesday Oc	tober 6th at 7:30pm	
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A motion to adjourn from Andy and seconded by Jerome, motion passed 10:58 pm.

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