

Melrose Township Board of Trustees Minutes
June 8, 2021, 7:00pm

Call to order: V. Goodwin called to order 7pm

Present V. Goodwin, S. Burr, M.P. Goldich, D. Nowland, R. Hissong Berry

Approval of the Agenda

Motion to amend the agenda by adding Noise on the Lake under guest and approve as amended.

Motion: M.P. Goldich, S. Burr. Approved 5/0

Approval of minutes from previous meeting:

Minutes of the May 11, 2021, Regular Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes of May 11, 2021, regular board meeting as presented.

Motion: S. Burr, 2nd M.P. Goldich. Approved 5/0

Guest –

Noise on the lake

V. Goodwin read aloud a letter from J. & K Mulligan regarding noise at events.

Growth is a mixed blessing. Balance necessary for the residents and the businesses.

Looking for guidelines to noise.

V. Goodwin explained we have previously considered a noise ordinance. Very difficult and expensive to enforce.

Concerns were expressed about future expansions and events happening more often.

Can there be regulation of amplified sound and quiet hours for outside events?

Motion to investigate the issue of amplified sound and quiet hours with the Township's attorney.

Motion; M. P. Goldich, 2nd D. Nowland. Approved 5/0

Old Business

- **Sewer Update** – Boring holes up North Shore Drive for new connections.
- **Water Update** – A new water main is being installed along M-75 North.
- **Third Street** - Looking at Friday to do a site visit with the Charlevoix County Road Commission and resident representatives.
- **Parking on Township land Policy**
V. Goodwin will explore with Township attorney a written policy about overnight parking on Township land.
- **Cemetery Ordinance update:** D. Nowland and L. Stephens are working on it.
- **Dam:** Performance Engineers has been notified of the approval for inspection.
- **Library update**
Boyne Valley and Melrose Townships have each requested to have an appointed representative on the Crooked Tree District Library Board. Also have requested to see Budget and By-Laws for the Library. Motion to appoint M. P. Goldich to serve as the Melrose Township Representative on the Crooked Tree District Library Board, effective immediately and to be the rest of her elected term.
Motion: S. Burr, 2nd D. Nowland. Approved 5/0
- **Mettler Lawsuit update**
V. Goodwin read aloud a letter from legal council about the filings on this case.
- **Telephone System**
Questions were raised about how the system will work. Can we visit somewhere there is one in operation? Exactly what do we need it to do? Cost? Effect on internet service?

New Business

- **Fireworks Permit request**
Motion to support the fireworks event on July 4, 2021, in Walloon Lake Village by Melrose Pyrotechnics Inc. Motion: R. Hissong Berry, 2nd M.P. Goldich. Approved 5/0

- **MTA online subscription**
Following discussion, the consensus is to continue paying as individuals take classes.
- **Cemetery marker for additional cremains on grave site & large family marker for plots**
Motion to approve a policy allowing the additional markers to be on a burial plot marking cremains : to be flat markers no more than 12 inches by 24 inches , at grade level with a cement base per manufacture's recommendations .
Motion: D. Nowland, 2nd S. Burr. Approved 5/0

Financial Report

- **General fund reports**
Motion to accept financials as presented and pay all bills.
Motion: M P. Goldich, 2nd S.Burr. Approved 5/0
- **Sewer fund reports**
T. Mackie presented the sewer financial report.
Motion to accept the sewer fund financials as presented and pay all bills.
Motion: S. Burr, 2nd D. Nowland. Approved 5/0

Zoning Administrators Report: See included report.

Assessors Report: Board of Review to Meet July 24, 2021, at 5:30pm

Employee Grounds Report: None

Committee Reports

- **Planning Commission:** No meeting
- **Zoning Board of Appeals:** No meeting.
- **Road Committee**
E. Lee reported Brining is done.
Charlevoix County Road Commission has sent a letter indicating additional funds are available to cost share on some road projects. We should qualify for funds on the Old State Rd. project.
- **Park Committee**
The restroom restoration project is progressing. Interior Painting prep has been started.
- **Fire Department**
L. Stephens reported it has been a very busy month, 28 calls.
All the students in the class this Spring have passed the exam.
Department is planning to hold another class starting in January.
- **DDA**
Event schedule is out. Publicity is being done. Next meeting will be June 23rd.

Correspondence

Derrick Dzedzie Email: Issue with truck braking noise on M-75 discussed. Not an issue the Township has any authority over.

Three email messages were received regarding noise at recent events on the lake.

Public Comment Called for- none offered.

Adjournment 8:43 pm