

**Merrill Township  
Special Board Meeting Minutes  
Consent Meeting and Schedule  
November 11, 2024  
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The meeting was called to order by the Supervisor, Mr. Morgan 7:02 pm. Followed by the pledge of allegiance by Mr. Yancy and prayer by Ms. Fisher.

**Roll Call**

Ms. Debra Fisher, Treasurer	present
Ms. Venola Walton-Stanciel, Trustee	present
Mr. Harold Yancy, Trustee	present
Ms. Tabatha Glezman, Clerk	present
Mr. Peter Morgan	present

**Approval of Consent Agenda**

Ms. Glezman motioned to approve agenda and Mr. Yancy seconded.

Approval of bills to be paid under the consent agenda.

**Special Meeting on changing schedule of regular meetings:**

Mr. Morgan stated that the Board is out of compliance holding their regular meetings every 90 days. Because if something happens and the Board cannot meet, it puts them past the 90 days they are required to meet. He is asking the Board to move the meetings back to once a month. He also spoke with MTA and the Township attorney regarding this and, they too, think meeting monthly is a quick fix to being in compliance. Ms. Glezman stated the reason the Board changed to holding meetings once a quarter was because they lost the Operational Mileage several years ago and it was to help reduce costs. Moving to meet every month will increase the cost to the township by \$800 a year. Ms. Glezman proposed waiting until the new Board is seated in a few weeks and let them investigate other ways to stay in compliance; such as meeting 2 months and missing one month, this would allow the Township to remain in compliance if a quorum couldn't be met one month and save the Township some money. Ms. Fisher agreed and stated the out-going Board should not be voting this in when it affects the incoming Board. Ms. Walton-Stanciel is in favor of monthly meetings and would like to see it changed. Ms. Glezman stated, in the five years she's served as Clerk this has never been an issue until now. If it continues to become an issue then they could change the meetings back to once a month.

Ms. Glezman made a motion to change the meeting time to two months and skip a month. Ms. Fisher seconded.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Ms. Fisher	Y
Ms. Glezman	Y
Ms. Walton-Stanciel	N
Mr. Morgan	N
Mr. Yancy	N

Ms. Walton-Stanciel motioned to vote for once a month meeting:

Ms. Fisher	abstain
Ms. Glezman	abstain
Ms. Walton-Stanciel	Y
Mr. Morgan	Y
Mr. Yancy	Y

**Public Comment:**

Charles Dwyer: Suggested setting a temporary schedule now so the Board will be in compliance until the new Board coming in can investigate what is best for our community.

John Sedine: Suggested the Board schedule a meeting every month and if not needed, cancel it. This would keep the Board in compliance and allow the Board to save money if the meeting is not needed.

Brian Bordewyk: Asked the Board if the Planning Commission Liaison brought the four items to the Board that needs their consideration at their December 16<sup>th</sup> meeting? Mr. Morgan said he doesn't remember seeing them. Ms. Glezman confirmed she and Ms. Fisher has them. Mr. Bordewyk will send them to the Board for consideration.

Ms. Walton-Stanciel motioned and Mr. Yancy seconded to close the meeting.

Mr. Morgan Adjourned the meeting at 7:22pm

Bonnie St. Amour  
Deputy Treasurer  
Merrill Township