

Merrill Township Special Board Meeting Minutes

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August 12, 2024, 7:00 P.M.

1. Meeting called to order @ 7:00pm.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Prayer given by Debra Fisher
4. Roll call: Venola-present, Tabatha-present, Harold-present, Pete-present, Debra-present.
5. Approval of meeting agenda- Debra is requesting to add Zoning Ordinance for board approval, had a discussion. Revoked request to add with understanding that the supervisor will check guidelines to make sure it doesn't expire. Tabatha made motion to approve meeting agenda. Debra seconded the motion. All in favor.
6. Approval of consent agenda – Tabatha made the motion to approve. Debra seconded. All in favor.
 - a. Approval of June 17, 2023 board minutes
7. Approval of operating millage proposal to be added to the November 5, 2024 ballot.

Discussion on breaking down the millage, Deb and Tabatha agreed break down the line items including for blight, so residents can see how much is going into the blight account.

Resolution # 2024-08-12. Motion made by Tabatha. Seconded by Venola. Roll Call Vote: Tabatha-yes, Venola-yes, Debra-yes, Pete-yes, and Harold-yes.
8. Add to the agenda public comment. Debra made the motion. Harold second the motion. All in favor.
 - a. Rob Conlon- why did we not have it before public comment before the voted item. Concerned about adding millage to the ballot after it failed.
 - b. Chris Berthume-Owned a home for almost 40 years, discussed how other towns had a higher millage. Concerned adding the two together. Discussed it is going to take this community to solve the issues. Jeff is doing amazing, but he needs help. Discussed the blight in her neighborhood and how her area is great.
 - c. Rick Krohn- Concerned about a multitude of issues. Asking if could take small portion and ask for in smaller amounts, would probably pass.
 - d. Gene Fisher-are we having a special meeting for the zoning ordinance if there is a timeframe?

- e. Mark Bates-appreciate moving this millage to the general election. Fewer people vote in primaries. Agree that the mileage needs to be itemized. Request that it be posted on the website as a suggestion.
- f. Judy Morris- Received a letter from the board, it was not the board, it was written by Pete Morgan. The supervisor wrote a letter that said we did not need to raise the taxes. Pete stated if the millage did not pass, he was looking into grants and is currently looking at other grants. There are things we need that money for Pete stated. Judy said she got the letter and she felt it came from the supervisor that we don't need the millage. Pete stated he did not write the letter.
- g. Easter Keys- We got no letter, the supervisor stated he did not write the letter, that it was misrepresented. Discussed no post office in Brohman and believes that the township should do something about it. Would like to get back with the letter he admitted was written for him, she said that it was wrong. Pete responded, contract was signed for a post office in Brohman. Pete said he was working on it, she asked what he has done to work on it, he stated it involved his personal property. It is supposed to be coming and he does not know when. The board has not addressed it as a whole, and it would seem like it would have more impact if the board was behind the letter asking why it has not happened.
- h. Carl Morse-Second year here, lives on a road with quite a bit of blight, used to be a police officer, ordinances should be written by attorney and it should have some teeth in it.
- i. Leslie Anderson-congratulations to Pete.

9. Venola made the motion to adjourn at 7:49pm. Debra seconded. All in favor