

TOWN OF MILTON

MEETING MINUTES

2017

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF MILTON
TOWN BOARD MEETING
January 11, 2017

Chairperson Robert Platteter called the meeting to order at the Milton Town Hall at 7:10 p.m. with Supervisor Ben Adank, Supervisor Eugene Bagniewski, Jr., Clerk Kalene Engel and Treasurer Jane Baures present. Also present were six community members.

Informal Public Comment: None.

Bills: Bills were presented. Supervisor Bagniewski made a motion to approve payment of all bills submitted. Supervisor Adank seconded the motion. No additional discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

Approval of Minutes: Clerk Engel had posted the minutes from the December 14, 2016 meeting on the town website in advance of the meeting. Supervisor Adank noted that Supervisor Bagniewski had made the motion to approve the bills, not him. With that change, he made a motion to approve the minutes. Supervisor Bagniewski seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

CapX Funds: The CapX Committee met earlier in the evening. The expected cost of the new town hall is significantly higher than anticipated, so the committee needs to adjust its expectations. The committee will meet again on January 18th at 6 p.m..

Operator's License of Nicole Weiss: The board reviewed the operator's license application and background check information. Supervisor Adank moved to grant the license; Supervisor Bagniewski seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

Appointment of Additional Election Officials: Due to the unavailability of several existing election officials, Clerk Engel requested that the Town Board appoint additional election officials for the remainder of the 2016-17 term. Lisa Thorsell and Lee Bailey had expressed an interest in serving as an election official. Wisconsin law also authorizes the use of high school students as pollworkers. Ben Adank made a motion to appoint Lisa Thorsell and Lee Bailey as election officials and to authorize Clerk Engel to appoint high school pollworkers for the remainder of the 2016-17 term. Supervisor Bagniewski seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

Recycling: No update.

Roadwork: Due to an oversight, Haney Addition did not get plowed yesterday. The issue has been addressed with the road maintenance provider. It appears as though there is a new, unofficial dump site on Bechly Road near the stop sign. It started with one television and now contains a pedestal sink. Paul Duellman will check it out and work with Chairperson Platteter to take care of the existing pile.

Announcements/Discussion:

- New Meeting Time: Supervisor Bagniewski noted that the letter that was sent out with the tax bill still included the 7:00 p.m. regular meeting time, even though the time was changed to 6:00 p.m. at the December meeting. Clerk Engel was instructed to put a notice in the paper about the new meeting time. She will also include a notification about the upgraded town website.
- Lee Bailey asked to have a Dead End road sign placed on Elm Street.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Supervisor Adank; seconded by Supervisor Bagniewski. No discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Minutes by Kalene Engel, Town Clerk

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF MILTON
TOWN BOARD MEETING
February 8, 2017

Chairperson Robert Platteter called the meeting to order at the Milton Town Hall at 6:03 p.m. with Supervisor Ben Adank and Supervisor Eugene Bagniewski, Jr. present. Clerk Kalene Engel and Treasurer Jane Baures were absent.

Informal Public Comment: None.

Bills: Bills were presented. Supervisor Bagniewski made a motion to approve payment of all bills submitted. Supervisor Adank seconded the motion. No additional discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

Approval of Minutes: Clerk Engel had posted the minutes from the January 11, 2017 meeting on the town website in advance of the meeting. Supervisor Adank made a motion to approve the minutes. Supervisor Bagniewski seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

CapX Funds: The CapX Committee is planning to meet with Brickl Brothers on February 22nd. The Town of Cross opened bids on their town hall project this week and the bids they received were much lower than the expected cost of the new Milton Town Hall per the current plans—and on a larger building. Chairperson Platteter will reach out to Town of Cross officials to see if they would be willing to share their design to compare.

Recycling: There was a notice in the newspaper that the County was holding off on the “limited appliance” acceptance.

Roadwork: No report.

Announcements/Discussion: None.

Adjournment: 6:08 p.m..

Minutes by Kalene Engel, Town Clerk using notes provided by Chairperson Platteter

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF MILTON
TOWN BOARD MEETING
March 8, 2017

Chairperson Robert Platteter called the meeting to order at the Milton Town Hall at 6:00 p.m. with Supervisor Ben Adank, Supervisor Eugene Bagniewski, Jr., Clerk Engel and Treasurer Baures present. Also present were three community members.

Informal Public Comment: None.

Bills: Bills were presented. Supervisor Bagniewski made a motion to approve payment of all bills submitted. Supervisor Adank seconded the motion. No additional discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

Approval of Minutes: Clerk Engel had posted the minutes from the February 8, 2017 meeting on the town website in advance of the meeting. Supervisor Adank made a motion to approve the minutes. Supervisor Bagniewski seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

CapX Funds: The CapX Committee is currently looking at going a different direction and engaging a new design consultant due to the anticipated high cost of the original design. The Committee will meet on March 15, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Recycling: No new updates

Dog License Funding of Buffalo County Humane Society: Buffalo County Finance Committee voted to name the Buffalo County Humane Association as the official Humane Society and to provide it with dog license funds for running the program. At this time, the Town does not need to take formal action on this issue.

Town Website Advertising Policy: A local business inquired about having the Town advertise events on the website. The website currently includes links to the websites of local businesses, attractions and government. The Board is comfortable with this practice and elected not to take further action on this issue.

Roadwork/Signs: The Town Board will be doing its annual road survey in April. The road signs will be put up once weather permits. The last batch of signs (internal street signs) will also be ordered this year.

Announcements/Discussion: The annual meeting is on Tuesday, April 18, 2017. As in past years, the Town Board would like to have the town meeting on the same night as the Annual Meeting and start the Annual Meeting at 6 p.m. Supervisor Adank moved to change the date and time of the April Town Board Meeting to April 18, 2017, immediately following the Annual Meeting. Supervisor Bagniewski seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed 3-0. Chairperson Platteter will contact Bob Tim to come to the Town Board Meeting. Kalene will

place a notice in the C-FC Recorder. The Town Board will conduct its annual Road Survey on the original date of the April meeting—April 12th at 6:00 p.m., starting at the Town Hall.

Adjournment: 6:30 p.m. upon a motion by Supervisor Bagniewski and second by Supervisor Adank.

Minutes by Kalene Engel, Town Clerk

TOWN OF MILTON
ANNUAL MEETING

April 18, 2017

Chairperson Platteter called the meeting to order at the Milton Town Hall at 6:00 p.m. with 13 adult residents of the Town of Milton present. Three additional residents arrived during the meeting.

Introduction: Chairperson Platteter reviewed the format of the annual meeting

Elector's Input on Agenda Items: None.

Approval of Minutes: Clerk Engel read the minutes of the April 20, 2016 Annual Town Meeting. Kevin Dienger moved to approve the minutes; Jane Baures seconded the motion. No discussion. By a show of hands, the motion carried unanimously (13-0).

Annual Report: The 2016 Annual Report was distributed prior to the meeting. Questions were raised and answered. Paul Duellman made a motion to approve the Annual Report and Rich Bagniewski seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously (13-0).

2016 Year in Review:

- **Comprehensive Plan:** The town still needs to have another public hearing to formally approve the plan. However, since the grant money ran out, the county considers the matter closed.
- **Zoning Update:** Buffalo County is still working on a rewrite of the zoning ordinance. Our township had one resident who wanted the more restrictive zoning for his property, so that request was submitted to the County. The zoning update is expected to take two years.
- **Road Report:** The town board completed a road survey on April 12th. Culverts need to be installed on Canada Ridge Road. Chip sealing needs to be completed on Prairie Street and Haney Drive. The TRIP money will be used to re-do a section of Waumandee Creek Road between Semling Road and Canada Ridge Road. Kennebeck Road will be bid as a separate part of that project and, if the budget permits, will be done at the same time as the Canada Ridge project.
- **Election Update:** Clerk Engel stated that there were two elections this year. Lisa Thorsell and Lee Bailey are new election officials. Two elections machines were used for the November 2016 election and things ran smoothly, with few delays.
- **Recycling/Garbage:** Buffalo County is subsidizing the recycling program at BBC and Mondovi, so those locations can be used by all residents of the county. There will still be a fee for disposal of certain recyclables.
- **CapX2020:** Cedar Corporation was hired to design plans for the new Town Hall, knowing that the approximate budget was \$300,000. Once the plans were drawn up a

local contractor estimated how much it would cost to build the building and the cost was more like \$500,000. Even with several modifications, the cost could only be reduced by \$75,000. Committee members met with a representative of Cedar Corp and eventually decided to part ways. A representative from Brickl Brothers was asked to review the plans to see what a similar building might cost through that company. The estimate was approximately \$340,000 to \$350,000. The committee is recommending that the Town enter into a contract with Brickl Brothers for the design work. Brickl Brothers does not do finishing work but could build the building. The building and finishing would be let out for bids and if Brickl Brothers wasn't the low bid on the building, they would serve as the general contractor. The approximate cost of the design work is \$8,000.

- **Town Assessor/Attorney:** The current town assessor is Eric Kleven and the current town attorney is Robert Loberg. Jane Baures made a motion to recommend that the town retain the services of Kleven and Loberg for another year. Ben Adank seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed 15-0. The Board of Review is scheduled for May 24, 2017 from 4-6 pm, with Open Book scheduled for 2-4 pm on the same date.
- **License Fees:** Clerk Engel reviewed the current alcohol license fees and Treasurer Baures reviewed the current dog license fees. No action was taken with respect to license fees.
- **Election Workers:** Clerk Engel reviewed the current compensation of election workers. They are paid \$9/hour plus \$5 for mileage with the Chief Inspector receiving an additional \$10 per shift worked. Clerk Engel recommended an increase in wage of \$1 per hour, requesting an advisory vote from the residents. Rich Bagniewski moved to recommend that the Town Board increase election official compensation by \$1/hour. Eugene Bagniewski, Jr. seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed 16-0.
- **Discussion of Town Board Compensation:** No action was taken with respect to Town Board compensation.

Next Annual Meeting Date: The next annual meeting date will be on the third Tuesday of April (April 17, 2018), which is the date designated by statute.

Other: Rich Bagniewski again inquired about road bans and asked who was responsible for damaging heavy roads. Chairperson Platteter stated that he had planned to explore road bans for this year but forgot. He noted that road bans would be important to consider next year, once the TRIP road work was completed. Absent road bans, the town is responsible for damage to roads.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Kevin Dienger and seconded by Jane Baures. Motion passed unanimously (16-0).

Meeting adjourned 6:55 p.m.

Submitted by Kalene Engel, Town Clerk

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF MILTON
TOWN BOARD MEETING
April 18, 2017

Chairperson Robert Platteter called the meeting to order at the Milton Town Hall at 7:03 p.m. with Supervisor Ben Adank, Supervisor Eugene Bagniewski, Jr., Clerk Engel and Treasurer Baures present. Also present were eleven community members. Bob Timm arrived at approximately 7:40 p.m.

Informal Public Comment: None.

Bills: Bills were presented. Supervisor Bagniewski made a motion to approve payment of all bills submitted, as well as to pay the Department of Treasury bill via electronic funds transfer. Supervisor Adank seconded the motion. No additional discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

Approval of Minutes: Clerk Engel had posted the minutes from the March 8, 2017 meeting on the town website in advance of the meeting. Supervisor Adank made a motion to approve the minutes. Supervisor Bagniewski seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

CapX Funds: See the Minutes from the Annual Town Board Meeting held at 6:00 p.m. on April 18, 2017 for an update on the new town hall.

Operator's License Applications of Jamie Joswick, Charity Steer and Brandi Joswick: After reviewing the applications and background checks of the applicants, Ben Adank moved to grant operator's license to Jamie Joswick, Charity Steer and Brandi Joswick. Supervisor Bagniewski seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

Appointment of Assessor/Attorney: Supervisor Bagniewski made a motion to appoint Robert Loberg as the Town Attorney and Eric Kleven as the Town Assessor. Supervisor Adank seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

Increase in Election Official's Wages: Supervisor Bagniewski moved to increase the wages of the election officials by \$1/hour (to \$10/hour). Supervisor Adank seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

Approval of Brickl Brothers Design Contract for Town Hall: Supervisor Adank made a motion to have the town enter into a contract with Brickl Brothers for the design of the new Town Hall. Supervisor Bagniewski seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

Roads: See Annual Report Minutes for information on the road survey. Scott Bagniewski noted that there was a depression by a group of mailboxes on Elm and Badger Streets and asked whether blacktop could be added.

Road Signs: The installation of the road signs must be completed by 2018. The Town has already purchased a number of street signs and will be purchasing more. Paul Duellman has started installing the signs.

Mississippi Thunder Concerns: Residents raised questions and expressed concerns about the upcoming racing season. Concerns centered around noise caused by the late night/early morning races and fireworks during the large races in September; intermittent practicing during the weeknights, especially during school; races during weeknights; trespassers from the racetrack area going into resident's yards and related issues. Mr. Timm explained that he attempts to limit practice dates and times and will attempt to have them completed no later than 9 p.m. He will post notices of practices on his website so that neighbors can be aware of those times. He also stated that, because it does not benefit the racetrack to run races late into the evening, they have made some adjustments which should allow them to complete the shows by 10:15 p.m. They have eliminated a class and have changed the program a bit. They have also reconfigured the track to make it bigger and wider so that they will not have to do as much maintenance between races. He acknowledges that mistakes were made during the September race. He stated that those races are the ones where has the least flexibility, as he has racers come from all over the country and needs to squeeze all the races in during a certain time period. He has made some adjustments to that program too and does have two security guards patrolling the area after the races are done. The only other multi night race is in October and those races are individuals shows, which provides more flexibility. During the week of Steamboat Days, he will be having a race on a Tuesday, but it will only have four classes. Rich Bagniewski suggested he could create goodwill among neighbors by offering free ticket to the races to show them what it was about; Timm agreed.

Adjournment: 8:06 p.m. upon a motion by Supervisor Bagniewski and second by Supervisor Adank.

Minutes by Kalene Engel, Town Clerk

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF MILTON
TOWN BOARD MEETING
May 10, 2017

Chairperson Robert Platteter called the meeting to order at the Milton Town Hall at 6:00 p.m. with Supervisor Ben Adank, Supervisor Eugene Bagniewski, Jr., Clerk Kalene Engel and Treasurer Jane Baures present. Also present were three community members.

Informal Public Comment: None.

Bills: Bills were presented. Supervisor Bagniewski made a motion to approve payment of all bills submitted. Supervisor Adank seconded the motion. No additional discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

Approval of Minutes: Clerk Engel had posted the minutes from the April 18, 2017 meeting on the town website in advance of the meeting. Supervisor Adank made a motion to approve the minutes. Supervisor Bagniewski seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

CapX Funds: No new updates.

Recycling: The County Recycling Committee will be providing \$7,500 in funding to help with the BC and Mondovi sites, thereby making those sites available to any Buffalo County resident who wishes to use them. The Town of Milton is still paying a per capita cost for recycling.

Roads: Chairperson Platteter is completing the road bid notices for the TRIP project and sealcoating project. Clerk Engel will place those bid notices in the C-FC Recorder and Winona Post.

Announcements/Discussion: None.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Supervisor Adank; seconded by Supervisor Bagniewski. No discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

Minutes by Kalene Engel, Town Clerk

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF MILTON
TOWN BOARD MEETING
June 14, 2017

Chairperson Robert Platteter called the meeting to order at the Milton Town Hall at 6:00 p.m. with Supervisor Ben Adank, Supervisor Eugene Bagniewski, Jr., Clerk Kalene Engel and Treasurer Jane Baures present. Also present were six residents and three guests. Another guest arrived later.

Informal Public Comment: None.

Bills: Bills were presented. Supervisor Bagniewski made a motion to approve payment of all bills submitted. Supervisor Adank seconded the motion. No additional discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

Approval of Minutes: Clerk Engel had posted the minutes from the May 10, 2017 meeting on the town website in advance of the meeting. Supervisor Adank made a motion to approve the minutes. Supervisor Bagniewski seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

Report/Presentation from Steve Berger of Rural Mutual Insurance: Steve Berger reviewed the property, workers' compensation and security bond coverages provided by Rural Mutual to the township. He stated that the vacant lot would need to have a fire number assigned, at which point his company could provide coverage.

Broadband Expansion: After receiving a forwarded e-mail from Clerk Engel about State grant opportunities for broadband expansion, Supervisor Adank spoke to a representative at the State. Based upon the timing of the grant, there was insufficient time to apply for this year's grant. However, more funding will be available next year. Supervisor Adank then spoke with Gina Tomlinson of Cochrane Co-Op Telephone Company. CCT is interested in expanding broadband coverage and already has fiberoptic running through the Town of Milton. The fiberoptic provides speeds of 1G, which would be 100 times faster than what is provided by CenturyTel. Ms. Tomlinson had a meeting with the Economic Development Committee of Buffalo County tonight, which is considering making grants available. Therefore, there could be several possible sources of funding--to add to funding from the town--should the town wish to pursue broadband expansion. Ben asked for and received the consent of the rest of the board members to advise Ms. Tomlinson that the township was interested in continuing discussions.

Opening of Bids and Awarding of Contracts for Road Work:

- **Bids for Reconditioning of Waumandee Creek Road:** Oium Asphalt submitted a bid of \$72,639.90, inclusive of gravel costs. Dunn Blacktop submitted a bid of \$73,836.45, exclusive of the gravel costs. Representatives of both companies were present. The Oium representative noted that the gravel could be billed directly to the township. Supervisor Adank moved to award the contract to Oium Asphalt for the bid amount, less any deductions for direct purchase of gravel. Supervisor Bagniewski seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

- **Bids for chipsealing on Waumandee Creek Road, Lower Eagle Valley Road, Prairie Street, Pine Street and Haney Drive:** Fahrner submitted a bid for \$74,128.68. Scott's submitted a bid for \$70,592. Supervisor Bagniewski moved to award the contract to Scott's, per the bid amount. Supervisor Adank seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

CapX Funds: Although the Board approved a design contract with Brickl Brothers in April, it turns out that Brickl Brothers doesn't have an architectural design license, so no design plans have been started. The CapX Committee will meet on Monday, June 19th at 5:30 p.m. to discuss and draft some bid language for a design/build of the Town Hall, based loosely upon the design plans already completed by a different architect.

Approval of Assessor Contract: Kleven Property Assessment has provided a proposed contract for a re-evaluation in 2018 (\$12,800) and maintenance work in 2019 (\$6,000). Supervisor Adank made a motion to approve the contract as presented. Supervisor Bagniewski seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

Consideration of Adjustment to Ambulance Service Boundaries: Currently, Winona Ambulance serves the entire township except for C-FC School, which is served by Scenic Valley. Recently, Scenic Valley was called to an accident just outside the school and were then asked to leave because it was not their territory. They would like to see the boundary moved to Highway 88, which would impact a few residents. While this issue was being discussed, a resident questioned what could be done to improve emergency air ambulance (helicopter) service, since he was informed that neither Mayo nor Gundersen would serve the area. Chairperson Platteter indicated that he would speak with Sheriff about both questions.

Recommendation of Peter Blank Zoning Request: Peter Blank has requested a Conditional Use Permit to be able to sell wood BBQ pellets from his shed. County Zoning now requires people to bring such requests before the Town Board for input first. Mr. Blank did not submitted the form required by zoning. Clerk Engel attempted to reach Mr. Blank via phone, but was unsuccessful. Supervisor Bagniewski made a motion that the Town take no position on the matter. Supervisor Adank seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

Consideration of License Applications: Board members reviewed a binder containing alcohol, operator's and cigarette license applications.

- **Operator's Licenses:** Supervisor Bagniewski moved to grant operator's licenses to the following individuals: Robert Timm, Deb Morem, Thomas Lockner, Karen Bagniewski, Jamie Joswick, Jessica Semling, Charity Steer, Rachel Moen, Don Beck, Hailee Cisewski, Robert Fort, Jr., Dennis Ziemann, Kathy Halling and Janice Knott. Supervisor Adank seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed 3-0.
- **Cigarette License:** Supervisor Adank moved to grant a cigarette license to Drift Inn. LLC. Supervisor Bagniewski seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed 3-0.
- **"Class B" Alcohol and Class "B" Beer Licenses:** Supervisor Adank made a motion to grant "Class B" Alcohol and Class "B" Beer Licenses to the following: Drift Inn. LLC, Mississippi Thunder Speedway, Inc., Bar Creations, Inc. and Robert, Fort, Jr. Supervisor Bagniewski seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

- **Class “B” Beer License:** Supervisor Bagniewski made a motion to grant a Class “B” Beer License to Sleepy Hollow Campground, LLC. Supervisor Adank seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

Recycling: No new updates.

Roads: Chairperson Platteter noted that some prep work would need to be done on Waumandee Creek Road before the blacktop project. He also noted that trees needed to be trimmed on Guenther Road and that Paul Duellman should notify him if the hole/depression on the recently repaired bridge came back. Mr. Duellman stated that he would be cutting weeds on the road shoulders. Rodney and Karen Bagniewski would like to place a more visible campground sign at the intersection of Lower Eagle Valley Road and Waumandee Creek Road. Chairperson Platteter stated that such a sign was acceptable as long as it did not obstruct the view or create problems for mowing/road maintenance. The Bagniewskis also questioned whether it would be possible to give driver’s more advance notice of the turnoff to their campground from Highway 35. Chairperson Platteter noted that the campground signs could be moved to 800’ from the turnoff and that doing so would be a quicker and easier option than trying to get additional signs placed. Chairperson Platteter will take care of getting the signs moved. The Bagniewskis also wondered whether the speed limit on Lower Eagle Valley Road could be reduced, especially in light of the campers and slower vehicles that were present on the roadway. Chairperson Platteter stated that it was possible and was something that the Board would need to address at a later meeting, but that enforcement could be problematic.

Announcements/Discussion –

- **Zoning Districts:** Chairperson Platteter attended a meeting to discuss the new zoning districts. The Zoning Department did add some descriptions to the map. They have also created a new type of zoning district called ANRT-5, which stands for Ag Land to Residential. This land would be somewhat of a buffer between agricultural land and residential and would have restrictions on the number of animals that could be on the land. The purpose of this classification is to limit the number of large feedlots (or presumably chicken coops) that could be located next to a residential area. Some discussion was had on the need for the Zoning Department to spread the word about the new zoning district.
- **Fire Numbers:** A resident inquired as to whether the fire numbers would be replaced anytime soon. Chairperson Platteter noted that there was still some discussion of changing rural addresses and until that issue was settled, the township would not be considering replacing the fire signs.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Supervisor Adank; seconded by Supervisor Bagniewski. No discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Minutes by Kalene Engel, Town Clerk

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF MILTON
TOWN BOARD MEETING
July 12, 2017

Chairperson Robert Platteter called the meeting to order at the Milton Town Hall at 6:00 p.m. with Supervisor Ben Adank and Supervisor Eugene Bagniewski, Jr., present. Also present were three residents. Clerk Kalene Engel arrived at 6:02 p.m. Treasurer Jane Baures was absent.

Informal Public Comment: None.

Bills: Bills were presented. Supervisor Bagniewski made a motion to approve payment of all bills submitted. Supervisor Adank seconded the motion. No additional discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

Approval of Minutes: Clerk Engel had posted the minutes from the June 14, 2017 meeting on the town website in advance of the meeting. Supervisor Adank made a motion to approve the minutes. Supervisor Bagniewski seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

Broadband Expansion: Supervisor Adank has continued to have discussions with Gina Tomlinson of Cochrane Co-Op Telephone Company (CCT). The CCT board is interested in continuing to explore broadband expansion into Milton. CCT will be preparing a location map, plotting locations of residents in Milton to determine how to best phase in an expansion. Ms. Tomlinson provided Supervisor Adank with a brochure of CCT services and costs in the Alma area, which would be similar to what is charged in Milton, if expansion is possible. CCT is also exploring the cost and difficulty of porting 687- phone numbers to CCT.

CapX Funds: Chairperson Platteter has been preparing the specs for a design/bid for the new town hall based upon committee recommendations. He consulted with an attorney from Wisconsin Towns Association who confirmed that a design/build bid was legal, and that unaccepted bids must have a justifiable reason for rejection. Chairperson Platteter will circulate the specs to committee members for input, after which a bid will be placed in the C-FC Recorder and on the WI Building Exchange.

Consideration of License Applications: Supervisor Bagniewski moved to grant an operator's license to Julie Bogstad. Supervisor Adank seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

Recycling: No new updates.

Roads: The chipsealing project has been completed. Paul Duellman will be sweeping excess chipseal materials off the roadways. The Waumandee Creek Road project has not yet started. The "inner" town road signs still need to be replaced, but the deadline is not until next year. The County is still discussing replacement of and payment responsibility for the fire signs.

Announcements/Discussion –

- **Fireworks Permit:** Mississippi Thunder was issued a limited permit to discharge fireworks during the recent Independence Day holiday. The permit included limits on times and dates, including a rain date. Although Chairperson Platteter stated previously that he would not be issuing a permit due to past violations/problems with fireworks, that message was not communicated to Mr. Timm until after he had already purchased and advertised a fireworks show. Thus, due to inadequate advance notice of the intent “not to issue,” a permit was issued with appropriate restrictions. Post-firework feedback was positive, as the fireworks were discharged on the appropriate day and within the time period allotted.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Supervisor Adank; seconded by Supervisor Bagniewski. No discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Minutes by Kalene Engel, Town Clerk

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF MILTON
TOWN BOARD MEETING
August 9, 2017

Chairperson Robert Platteter called the meeting to order at the Milton Town Hall at 6:03 p.m. with Supervisor Ben Adank, Supervisor Eugene Bagniewski, Jr., Clerk Kalene Engel and Treasurer Jane Baures present. Also present were three residents.

Informal Public Comment: None.

Bills: Bills were presented. Supervisor Bagniewski made a motion to approve payment of all bills submitted. Supervisor Adank seconded the motion. No additional discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

Approval of Minutes: Clerk Engel had posted the minutes from the July 12, 2017 meeting on the town website in advance of the meeting. Supervisor Adank made a motion to approve the minutes. Supervisor Bagniewski seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

Broadband Expansion: Supervisor Adank has had additional meetings with Gina Tomlinson of Cochrane Co-Op Telephone Company (CCT). CCT has mapped out the locations of the township residents, reviewed possible grant opportunities and crunched numbers for installation costs township-wide. CCT proposes to do the installations in phases, with an approximate cost of 1 to 1.2 million per phase if done in two phases. The proposed financing for the first phase would 1/3 each from the CCT, Township and grant. The proposed financing for the second phase would be payments over time, by both CCT and the township. The installation costs incorporates approximately \$1,000 in household installation equipment. An environmental impact study would be the next step to move the project forward. The estimated cost for the study is \$3,000, half of which would be paid by CCT and the other half by the township. Pros and cons were discussed. Gina Tomlinson and Matt Biesterveld from CCT are willing to come to a meeting to answer additional questions. Supervisor Adank will contact them to set up a meeting, notice of which will be published in the C-FC Recorder.

CapX Funds: Chairperson Platteter has nearly completed the specs for a design/bid for the new town hall based upon committee recommendations. In the meantime, an alternative possibility has come up regarding the new building that the Fountain City Fire Association intends to build at the site of the former Fountain City Swimming Pool. The possibility includes cost/space sharing of the meeting room area of that building. Chairperson Platteter will explore whether the Fire Association is interested in discussing those possibilities.

Disaster Proclamation: Due to damage from recent flooding, the township will need to complete a Disaster Proclamation, similar to what was done last year. Supervisor Adank made a motion to authorize Chairperson Platteter to complete and submit a Disaster Proclamation on behalf of the township. Supervisor Bagniewski seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed. Motion passed 3-0.

Recycling: No new updates.

Roads: Chairperson Platteter complimented Paul Duellman on the work he did on roads following the recent flooding. Chris Semling discussed issues with his culvert with both Chairperson Platteter and Supervisor Bagniewski. Supervisor Adank noted that there were potholes under the bridge on Bechly Road that needed attention.

Announcements/Discussion: None.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Supervisor Adank; seconded by Supervisor Bagniewski. No discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Minutes by Kalene Engel, Town Clerk

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF MILTON
TOWN BOARD MEETING
September 13, 2017

Chairperson Robert Platteter called the meeting to order at the Milton Town Hall at 6:00 p.m. with Supervisor Ben Adank, Supervisor Eugene Bagniewski, Jr., Clerk Kalene Engel and Treasurer Jane Baures present. Also present were four residents and one guest. Treasurer Baures left the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

Informal Public Comment: Tom Clark, candidate for Buffalo/Pepin District Court Judge, spoke about his candidacy and answered questions from attendees.

Bills: Bills were presented. Supervisor Bagniewski made a motion to approve payment of all bills submitted. Supervisor Adank seconded the motion. No additional discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

Approval of Minutes: Clerk Engel had posted the minutes from the August 9, 2017 meeting on the town website in advance of the meeting. Supervisor Adank made a motion to approve the minutes. Supervisor Bagniewski seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

Broadband Expansion: The informational meeting at Cochrane Co-Op Telephone Company (CCT) was held on September 6th. The Board needs to decide whether it wants to continue exploring possible expansion, with the next step being an environmental impact study which would cost \$3,000. Board members and meeting attendees provided input on the topic. Clerk Engel and Supervisor Adank relayed citizen input from e-mails that they had received. In addition to state grant funding, there could be additional funding from funds aside by Buffalo County for economic development as well as other areas. Supervisor Adank made a motion to authorize the expenditure of \$3,000 from CapX funds to pay for the environmental impact statement. Chairperson Platteter seconded the motion. Additional discussion was held on the pros and cons of broadband expansion. After discussion, a vote was taken with all board members voting in support of the motion. Motion passed.

CapX Funds/Town Hall: Chairperson Platteter spoke to the Fountain City Fire Chief and Chairpersons of the Towns of Cross and Buffalo who seemed open to the idea raised at the August meeting. That idea was to use space at the new fire department building in Fountain City (yet to be built) for meeting space and elections. Discussion ensued regarding the need for a town hall as a town hall versus a community center. The possibility of using the Prairie Moon Museum and school for meetings and/or elections was discussed. The current condition of the town hall was also discussed. The board would like to get citizen input on both the broadband expansion and town hall after the environmental impact statement is completed. Tentative plans were made to hold a special meeting of electors at the school after the environmental impact study was completed.

LRIP Project: The Waumandee Creek Road LRIP project was started last Wednesday and was paved earlier this week. Shoulders still need to be added. As part of the project, the bridge by

Paul Duellman and the previously damaged culvert area on Waumandee Creek Road were also paved. Paul Duellman will be adding to cement to the riprap around the culvert to make the area more stable.

Recycling: No new updates.

Roads: Kennebeck Road needs additional gravel. A citizen reported that blacktop is breaking up near Badger and Willow Roads due to a washout of travel. There is a sinkhole that needs work on Canada Ridge Road. No road reconstruction is planned for 2018 but the budget will include monies for chip sealing. The next major road project will be Canada Ridge Road.

Announcements/Discussion: None.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Supervisor Bagniewski; seconded by Supervisor Adank. No discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

Meeting adjourned 6:50 p.m.

Minutes by Kalene Engel, Town Clerk

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF MILTON
TOWN BOARD MEETING
October 11, 2017

Supervisor Ben Adank called the meeting to order at the Milton Town Hall at 6:27 p.m. with Supervisor Eugene Bagniewski, Jr., Clerk Kalene Engel and Treasurer Jane Baures present. Chairperson Platteter was absent. The meeting was scheduled to begin at 6:00 p.m., but was delayed until a quorum of the Board was present. Also present were three residents.

Informal Public Comment: None.

Bills: Bills were presented. Supervisor Bagniewski made a motion to approve payment of all bills submitted. Supervisor Adank seconded the motion. No additional discussion. Motion passed 2-0.

Approval of Minutes: Clerk Engel had posted the minutes from the September 13, 2017 meeting on the town website in advance of the meeting. Supervisor Adank made a motion to approve the minutes. Supervisor Bagniewski seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed 2-0.

Broadband Expansion: The environmental impact study is underway and will be completed before the weather turns. Gina Tomlinson is attending a broadband meeting in the Wisconsin Dells and one topic of conversation is the broadband grants that the State will be awarding. Governor Walker is expected to announce the available grants within the next day or so and there will likely be a 60 day window of time in which to apply for the first cycle of grants. A second grant cycle will likely occur this spring. Beyond that timeframe, it is unclear what additional grant funding will be available. CCT would like to send out a survey, at their cost, to Town of Milton residents to inquire about current and future anticipated broadband and phone use. They would tabulate the results and report back to the Town Board at a future meeting. Buffalo County just adopted a resolution to support broadband internet. If the Town of Milton planned to move forward with the grant, a resolution of intent to proceed would need to be approved. If the survey was completed in time, the results could be presented at the November meeting and residents could be invited to that meeting to provide additional input on the broadband expansion, along with other possible CapX funded projects. Supervisor Adank made a motion to approve CCT's request to survey the town residents, at CCT's cost, and to provide the survey results at a future meeting. Supervisor Bagniewski seconded the motion. Motion passed 2-0. Supervisor Adank will draft a cover letter to go along with the survey. He will also check with CCT to determine whether the survey should include questions regarding television service.

CapX Funds/Town Hall: No new information was available. Supervisor Bagniewski reported that he had spoken with a number of town residents about the possible use of a new Fountain City Fire Hall as the Milton Town Hall. In his opinion, those people were very supportive of the idea and questioned why it was necessary to construct a separate town hall building. A CapX meeting was scheduled for Monday, October 16, 2017 at 6pm.

LUCA (Local Update of Census Address): We received an invitation from the Bureau of Census to participate in the LUCA program. This program is basically a way for local municipalities to verify addresses in advance of the 2020 Census, to ensure an accurate count of residents. Having accurate counts of residents is important for federal and state funding purposes. If we want to participate, we must register by December 15th and designate how we want to receive the information, either paper or electronic. After that, there is a pretty long period of time in which to verify addresses. Some address verification could be done via the CCT survey and yearly property tax mailings, as any returned mailers would signal an invalid address.

Recycling: No new updates.

Roads: Becky Holzer reported that there were two additional locations that could use some blacktop—near Killians on Willow Drive and near Crowleys on Badger Street.

Announcements/Discussion: None.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Supervisor Bagniewski; seconded by Supervisor Adank. No discussion. Motion passed 2-0.

Meeting adjourned 7:00 p.m.

Minutes by Kalene Engel, Town Clerk

TOWN OF MILTON

BUDGET MEETING AND SPECIAL TOWN MEETING REGARDING TAX LEVY

November 8, 2017

Budget Hearing: A budget hearing was held pursuant to notice at the Milton Town Hall starting at 6:00 p.m. Ten town residents were present. The budget was published in the C-FC Recorder. The amount of the proposed levy is a 3% increase from last year - \$56,811.00. Clerk Engel passed out a detailed budget and explained the changes from previous years. There were no other questions or comments. Ben Adank made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Eugene Bagniewski. No discussion; motion passed. The was adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

Special Town Meeting: Robert Platteter called the meeting to order at the Milton Town Hall at 6:10 p.m. with 10 electors present.

Tax Levy: Ben Adank made a motion to pass a resolution to adopt a town tax levy of \$56,811 for 2017, payable in 2018, which is a 3% increase from the previous years' levy and which does not exceed the state levy limit. Jane Baures seconded the motion. Of the ten electors authorized to vote, ten voted in favor of the resolution, zero voted against the motion and there were no abstentions. The resolution passed and will be properly posted by the Clerk within 30 days of its adoption.

Adjournment: Upon a motion by Jane Baures and a second by Ben Adank and supported by the unanimous vote of all present, the meeting was adjourned.

Meeting adjourned 6:12 p.m.

Submitted by Kalene Engel, Town Clerk

No RESOLUTION NO. 2017-01

**TOWN TAX LEVY RESOLUTION
AT THE NOVEMBER 8, 2017 TOWN MEETING OF ELECTORS**

Town of Milton, Buffalo County, Wisconsin

Whereas, Wisconsin Statute section 60.10(a)(a) authorizes the town electors of a town to adopt the town tax levy at a town meeting of the electors;

Whereas, a special town meeting of the electors has been called for this 8th day of November, 2017;

Now, therefore, the special town meeting of the Town of Milton, Buffalo County, Wisconsin, by a majority vote of the eligible electors voting on this 8th day of November, 2017, duly assembled and voting, resolves and orders as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED, the town electors of the Town of Milton, Buffalo County, Wisconsin, hereby adopt the town tax levy for 2018 to be collected in 2017 at \$56,811.00

The town clerk shall properly post or publish this resolution as required by law under Sec. 60.80 of Wis. Statutes within 30 days of the below noted adoption date.

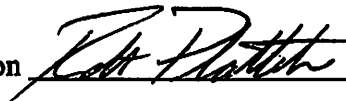
Adopted this 8th day of November, 2017 at a Special Town Meeting.

Number of town electors voting aye: 16

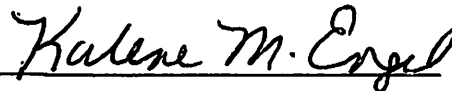
Number of town electors voting nay: 0

Number abstaining or not voting (if determined): 0

Signature of Town Meeting Chairperson



Signature of Town Clerk



MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF MILTON
TOWN BOARD MEETING
November 8, 2017

Chairperson Platteter called the meeting to order at the Milton Town Hall at 6:13 p.m. with Supervisor Eugene Bagniewski, Jr., Supervisor Ben Adank, Clerk Kalene Engel and Treasurer Jane Baures present. Also present were five residents.

Informal Public Comment: None.

Bills: Bills were presented. Supervisor Bagniewski made a motion to approve payment of all bills submitted. Supervisor Adank seconded the motion. No additional discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

Approval of Minutes: Clerk Engel had posted the minutes from the October 11, 2017 meeting on the town website in advance of the meeting. Supervisor Adank made a motion to approve the minutes. Supervisor Bagniewski seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

Broadband Expansion: CCT sent the survey to town taxpayers. Residents who are not able to attend the December 13th public meeting should submit written comments to Clerk Engel and include the date and names of persons providing those comments, plus residency information. Clerk Engel will compile the comments and present them at the December 14th meeting. Ben Adank discussed the proposed Broadband Forward! Ordinance, which is similar to the one recently passed by the County. The Ordinance does not obligate the township to any particular project but simply provides the message the township is willing to entertain broadband projects. Supervisor Adank moved to adopt the ordinance. Supervisor Bagniewski seconded the motion. Discussion was held on who should act as the point person to communicate with the Public Service Commission on the ordinance. A friendly amendment to the motion was made, designating Supervisor Adank as the contact person with PSC. No additional discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

CapX Funds/Town Hall: Information about the town hall options was sent out to town taxpayers along with the CCT survey. Chairperson Platteter raised a concern about PSC approval for all possible uses of the CapX funds, as outlined in the letter. Clerk Engel will check with PSC to determine if all the funds can be properly spent on broadband expansion and a combined fire station/town hall located in Fountain City.

Remonumentation: Despite several phone calls, Chairperson Platteter was not able to get a response from the County on the progress of the remonumentation project. He will continue to seek information on the status of the project.

2018 Budget: Supervisor Adank made a motion to approve the 2018 budget as presented; Supervisor Bagniewski seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

Election Hardware Maintenance Agreement: Supervisor Bagniewski moved to approve the Command Central Maintenance Agreement. Supervisor Adank seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

LUCA Census Program: The deadline for registering for the LUCA Census Program is December 15th. The program is intended to allow municipalities to verify addresses in advance of the 2020 Census so that accurate counts can be obtained. Funding for different state and federal aid is often based upon population, so obtaining accurate counts is beneficial for the township. Chairperson Platteter agreed to be the responsible official for LUCA and Clerk Engel agreed to complete the paperwork.

Operator's License Application of Alexa Hetrick-Binner: Board members reviewed application information of Alexa Hetrick-Binner for an Operator's License. Supervisor Bagniewski moved to issue a license to her; Supervisor Adank seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

Recycling: No new updates.

Roads: Oium just submitted the bill for the LRIP project so Chairperson Platteter and Clerk Engel will work on finalizing the LRIP reimbursement request. Chairperson Platteter is also working on submitting reimbursement requests to the Wisconsin DOT for the 2016 flood damage. The current years' flood damage will be submitted to FEMA, which requires significantly more work, and which will take longer to process. The last allotment of road and street signs will be ordered after January 1st. Paul Duellman has a few areas of road patching to complete.

Announcements/Discussion: None.

Adjournment: Supervisor Adank moved to adjourn; Supervisor Bagniewski seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

Meeting adjourned 7:02 p.m.

Minutes by Kalene Engel, Town Clerk

NOTICE OF PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING FOR TOWN OF MILTON, BUFFALO COUNTY

Notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, November 8, 2017 at 6:00 P.M. at the Town Hall of Milton, W984 Lower Eagle Valley Road, Fountain City, WI a PUBLIC HEARING on the PROPOSED 2018 BUDGET of the Town of Milton in Buffalo County will be held. The proposed budget in detail is available for inspection upon request from the Town Clerk by calling 608-687-4800. The following is a summary of the proposed 2018 Budget:

	2016	2017	2018	%
<u>Category</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Estimated</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>change</u>
REVENUES:				
General Property Taxes	55,351	55,351	56,811	3%
Intergovernmental Revenues	96,123	100,417	95,000	
Licenses and permits	2,878	2,697	2,505	
Miscellaneous revenue	4,521	3,500	4,000	
Other Financing Sources				
From Reserves	29,348	109,021	408,500	
Unrestricted CapX Funds	76,194	73,694	73,694	
TRIP/LRIP Reimbursement		17,282		
FEMA/Flood Reimbursement			12,000	
TOTAL REVENUES:	264,415	361,962	652,510	80%
EXPENDITURES:				
General Government	44,197	43,000	55,000	
Public Safety	13,279	14,135	18,500	
Public Works	72,224	253,000	145,000	
Culture, Recreation, Education	0	0	50	
Capital Outlay				
CapX Projects	92,215	4,327	408,500	
Reserve Funds				
Reserve for Firetruck	20,000	30,000		
Reserve for Bridge Replacement	12,500	12,500		
Reserve for Revaluation	10,000	5,000		
Reserve for Contingencies			10,000	
Reserve for Future Public Works Projects			15,460	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	264,415	361,962	652,510	80%

Fund Balances	as of 12/31/16	as of 10/16/17
General Fund	\$93,843	\$4,051
Savings	\$27,470	\$27,604
CapX Restricted Funds	\$601,416	\$602,578
Reevaluation Fund	\$10,000	\$10,060
CapX Unrestricted Funds	\$170,721	\$167,216
Fire Truck Fund	\$50,760	\$51,160
Bridge Replacement	\$12,500	\$12,613
TOTALS:	\$966,710	\$875,282

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF MILTON
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING OF ELECTORS
December 13, 2017

Chairperson Platteter called the meeting to order at the Milton Town Hall at 7:03 p.m. with Supervisor Eugene Bagniewski, Jr., Supervisor Ben Adank, Clerk Kalene Engel and Treasurer Jane Baures present. Also present were 44 residents and 4 guests. Four additional residents arrived during the meeting.

History: Chairperson Platteter discussed the history leading up to today's meeting, as follows:

Receipt of CapX Money: As a result of the CapX lines, the township received a one-time impact fee of \$614,113 and an ongoing annual fee of \$73,694. The ongoing annual fee will continue for the life of the lines, which is expected to be longer than 15 years and will probably exceed our lifetimes.

Allowable Use of the CapX Money:

- **One-Time Fee:** Per statute, the one-time fee is supposed to be used for park, conservancy, wetland or other similar reasons. Variances can be granted by the Public Service Commission (PSC). The PSC has already approved the use of the money for a new town hall, payment towards the Fountain City Fire Station and broadband expansion.
- **Annual Fee:** The annual fee can be used for any purpose.

Process for Expenditure: After the town received the first CapX money, the Board formed a committee to review funding request and make recommendations to the Board regarding the use of the CapX money.

Original Plans: The Board originally decided to replace the town hall due to the poor condition of the existing town hall. At present, the existing town hall is in need of repairs which would include tearing out one end of the building to replace the floor. The town hall does not have running water or a bathroom. At the recommendation of the committee, the Town Board hired an engineer and had plans drawn up for a meeting hall and community center, similar to the Buffalo Town Hall. The Town Board also purchased five acres of property across from the school. Although the Board had allotted \$300,000 for the build, the initial estimates came in at around \$500,000. The committee regrouped and met with design/build firms whose estimates were more in line with the available funds, but the bidding laws derailed those plans.

Actual Use of the CapX Money: Five thousand dollars of the CapX funds were spent on the Buffalo County Bike Trail project. Approximately \$100,000 has been spent on the new town hall to date. At present, due to interest and other CapX receipts, we have approximately \$500,000 in funds from the initial impact fee and another \$100,000 from the annual fee.

New Opportunities: At the same time that the town hall plans were stalling out, new opportunities presented themselves, as follows:

- **Fountain City Fire Hall:** The Fountain City Fire Dept. has outgrown its existing fire hall. A new fire truck is needed and, with the current fire hall configuration, any truck would need to be custom built. The Fountain City Fire Association now owns the property where the swimming pool used to be and has drawn up plans for a new fire hall, but the idea has not gone to the Board of Directors. As one of four municipalities involved in the fire association, the Town of Milton would be responsible for ¼ of the cost of the fire hall. The cost to the township would be approximately \$200,000. Once built, the town could use the building's community room for town meetings and elections. There has been no official approval for such a use, but there does not appear to be resistance either.
- **Broadband Expansion:** CapX funds could be used to bring high speed internet, television and phone service to all town residents. See below for more details of this opportunity. The Town did approve payment of \$3,000 for an environmental impact study for the project.

Broadband Information: David Danzinger, Chair of the Economic Development Committee from Buffalo County and David Schmitz, Economic Development Consultant for Buffalo County as well as Gina Tomlinson from Cochrane-Telephone Cooperative were present to discuss and answer questions about the broadband expansion opportunity.

- **County Input:** The County's Economic Development Group has been meeting for about 9 months. They have done studies and found that broadband access is very sparse in the County. Only three communities have fiberoptic and the rest of the county "is a mess." County residents are telling the County that they need broadband. At its Finance Meeting today, the County took action to allow over 1 million in County CapX Funds to be used as matching funds for broadband expansion projects within the County. There would be a cap per project of \$100,000. The County Board still needs to approve this use of those funds. According to recent economic reports, having broadband services to a home increases its value by about \$10,000.
- **CCT:** CCT sent out 319 surveys to addresses in the township. After excluding 47 addresses that were undeveloped land, there were 272 valid addresses that received the survey. As of December 13th, exactly 100 surveys were returned, representing a much higher than average survey return rate. Of the surveys returned, 36% of respondents rated the quality of their internet at 5 or below. Seventy-one percent of respondents stated that they would sign up for CCT services if they were offered in the township; 15 respondents stated that they would not subscribe and 13 were undecided. Multiple comments were also received, including comments by previous users of CCT who they wished they still had access to CCT services.

In the Town of Milton, CenturyLink is the local phone provider. Therefore, they could and probably would make the cost of regular telephone service by CCT prohibitive, since they could charge what they wanted. CCT still has the ability to

retain local phone service and local phone numbers through the use of a VOIP service. There are no territorial regulations on VOIP. CCT would work to make sure that whatever is a local call right now would also be a local call under VOIP.

If the broadband proposal were accepted by the Town of Milton, CCT would try to offer all three services—television, internet and phone. Because the phone would be through VOIP, you would not be required to have phone service in order to have internet. The lowest speed they would offer would be 25 meg and the highest 1 gigabyte. There are no data caps, so a user could be on that speed 24 hours per day. With fiberoptic cable, the connection is not shared with other homes—it goes directly to the subscribers home; therefore, what you pay for is what you get. CCT recently increased the speed to all current subscribers to 25 meg because the average home has 12 devices using internet and the previous lowest speed package was prompting too many calls about slower speeds. In other words, they bumped up the speed due to customer expectations.

Alma residents are currently paying \$44.99 for a 25 meg service plus tax. Because the phone service offered is a VOIP, the only addition costs besides the phone line would be 911, police, fire and tax. With broadband, you do not need a modem. CCT has not raised their internet price more than \$2 per time. Currently, the highest package for television, internet and phone costs \$130.00. The cost of a business service is different than a home. Customers with current satellite tv or other subscriptions may have to pay a fee to get out of their existing contract, but there are techniques to reduce or eliminate those fees. Often, those companies cannot produce a contract with the subscriber's signature on it so they cannot enforce the penalty clause. Additionally, for some people, it is worthwhile to pay the penalty fee because they will save that much money in a few months under CCT services.

Broadband is very reliable. In 10 years, CCT has experienced 5 outages, four of which were television related. This year there was a tv outage that was due to HBC equipment. CCT does maintenance on its lines but usually completes that between midnight and 3 in the morning, twice a year.

CCT has already spent a lot of money to investigate the expansion of broadband to the township and cannot continue to invest funds without a commitment. Now is the optimal time to pursue and expansion since the county and state have grants available. Last year the state offered \$1.5 million in grants. This year, they are offering \$7.5 million in Round 1 (currently) and another \$7 million in June of 2018. After that, the allotment will likely go down to 2 million every year, but that is not guaranteed. Projects such as the one being contemplated by the Township, where there is a state, county, local municipality collaboration, is exactly what the PSC is looking for in its current grant program. CCT would write the grant.

If approved, CCT would be doing the buildout in two phases, with an up-front investment of \$400,000 from the Town of Milton for Phase 1 and another investment of \$400,000 for Phase 2, payable in installments of \$40,000 for 10 years. CCT would

County, if the County Board approves use of its CapX funds for broadband grants CCT would also kick in 1/3 for the project. The proposed cost includes running fiber to every house in the township; therefore, the cost could decrease if residents did not wish to have fiber run to their home.

During the build out process, CCT would try to follow the road right-of-way as much as possible. If that was not possible, they would ask for an easement. Timing is crucial, as the weather and availability of crews would need to cooperate, but CCT would want to get the rollout completed in a year. The fiber would be run past every house and connected to those homes immediately who wanted to subscribe. As of today, CCT has never denied fiberoptic to residents who build a new home and want fiberoptic.

Once broadband is expanded, the town residents who subscribe would become members of the CCT cooperative and share its success. CCT would also provide fiberoptic to the school, if the school wanted it. Based upon everything Gina knows and has read, the future of the internet and tv is going to be based heavily upon access to fiberoptic. The cost of expansion is not going to decrease.

CCT recently expanded broadband to Alma, largely because the County office buildings had substandard service. At the time, CCT had the available cash to bear the cost of expansion. It currently does not have the money to do so with the Town of Milton and it would not be prudent or fair to its subscribers to incur debt to extend services. CCT became involved because the township reached out to them, not because they are trying to sell to township anything.

Discussion: Residents engaged in a lengthy discussion of the pros and cons of broadband expansion. Many of the same arguments were repeated. Following is a summary of the main points raised:

Arguments against	Arguments for
We don't have the money or we need to save it for roads and firehall	We do have the money, for both broadband and roads and firehall
We don't need the service	We do need the service; we cannot continue to use archaic services, broadband is the future
Why should we have to pay if Alma did not	The money is not coming out of our pockets; it is an approved use and others are sharing in the cost. The Alma situation was a different situation
CCT is the one who will benefit, not the town	Town residents benefit from having lower cost services for essential services; re-sale values will increase; residents will be able to work from home; more people will want to live in or stay in township (increased tax base)
It's too expensive	The town doesn't have to pay the entire cost; grants and CCT will chip in on the cost. It is

	not going to get any cheaper to do so the timing is right.

Opinion Survey: Chairperson Platteter asked for a show of hand to get opinions on the different options for use of the CapX Funds.

- **Building a New Town Hall:** Eight residents were in favor of using CapX funds to build a new town hall. Forty residents were opposed to using CapX funds to build a new town hall.
- **Building a Fire Station:** Forty-seven residents were in favor of using CapX funds to pay for a portion of the Fountain City Fire Station. One person was opposed.
- **Using Fire Station for Town Hall:** All 48 residents were in favor of using the Fountain City Fire Station Community Room for a meeting location and elections.
- **Broadband Expansion:** Twenty-three residents were in favor of using CapX funds to pay for the broadband expansion. Twenty-two residents were opposed to using the funds for broadband expansion. Three people did not vote.

Input via Written Comment: Eleven individuals provided written comments to Clerk Engel, as directed by the newspaper notice and on-line posting. Of those 11 persons, ten supported the broadband expansion and one supported building a new town hall. Six of the eleven individuals supported using the fire department as a town hall.

Next Steps: CCT needs an answer as soon as practicable in order to prepare a grant application, if the project is going to go forward. No formal action could be taken at the Special Meeting, due to posting/notice requirements. The Board would like further input from residents before deciding whether to go forward with the broadband project. Therefore, another Special Meeting will take place in January, immediately before the regular meeting. If possible, the Special Meeting will be held at the C-FC Schools at 6:00 p.m. Clerk Engel will look into the availability of the facility for that meeting and post proper notices.

Meeting adjourned 8:40 p.m.
Minutes by Kalene Engel, Town Clerk

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF MILTON
TOWN BOARD MEETING
December 13, 2017

Chairperson Platteter called the meeting to order at the Milton Town Hall at 8:45 p.m. with Supervisor Eugene Bagniewski, Jr., Supervisor Ben Adank, Clerk Kalene Engel and Treasurer Jane Baures present. Also present were twelve residents.

Informal Public Comment: Kevin Dienger commented on the potential CapX expenditures.

Bills: Bills were presented. Supervisor Bagniewski made a motion to approve payment of all bills submitted. Supervisor Adank seconded the motion. No additional discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

Approval of Minutes: Clerk Engel had posted the minutes from the November 8, 2017 Budget Hearing & Special Meeting and the November 8, 2017 Town Board Meeting on the town website in advance of the meeting. Supervisor Adank made a motion to approve the minutes. Supervisor Bagniewski seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

Cap X Funds:

- **CapX Committee Report:** Nothing to report.
- **Town Hall:** The use of CapX Funds to build a new Town Hall was discussed at the Special Meeting held immediately prior to the Town Board Meeting. Eight residents were in favor of using the funds to build a new town hall and 40 residents were not. All 48 residents present were in favor of using the new Fountain City Fire Station facilities for a town hall, once that building is built.
- **Broadband:** The use of CapX Funds to expand broadband coverage throughout the township was discussed at the Special Meeting held immediately prior to the Town Board Meeting. Twenty-three residents were in favor of using the funds to pay for the broadband expansion and 22 residents were opposed to using the funds for the broadband expansion. Supervisor Adank and Chairperson Platteter stated that they felt the electors should have input. After discussion, the Town Board decided that the best way to get elector input was at a properly noticed Special Meeting similar to what was done for the frac sand issue which, for space, safety and convenience reason, should be held at the C-FC School.

Remonumentation: Waumandee and one other townships are the only municipalities for which remonumentation work is currently being completed.

Election Officials: Supervisor Adank made a motion to appoint the following individuals as election officials for the 2018-19 election term: Joy Schmidtknecht, Jackie Killian, Wendy Hiebert, Lois Haeuser, Beverly Engel, Penny Schmidtknecht, Carol Colbenson, Jane Baures,

Nicki Adank, Lisa Thorsell and Lee Bailey. Supervisor Bagniewski seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

Treasurer's Bond Ordinance: Supervisor Adank moved to approve the proposed Treasurer's Bond Ordinance. Supervisor Bagniewski seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

LUCA Census Program: The LUCA registration paperwork has been signed and submitted.

Recycling: No new updates.

Roads:

- LRIP Reimbursement: Chairperson Platteter still needs to submit a few more documents to obtain the LRIP reimbursement of \$17,282.23.
- Flood Damage Reimbursement: Paul Duellman and Chairperson Platteter are working through the paperwork for the flood reimbursement.
- Roadwork needed: None at this time.
- Road and street signs: One more batch of interior street signs needs to be ordered and installed.

Announcements/Discussion: None.

Adjournment: Supervisor Bagniewski moved to adjourn; Supervisor Adank seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

Meeting adjourned 9:24 p.m.

Minutes by Kalene Engel, Town Clerk

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF MILTON
TOWN BOARD MEETING
December 21, 2017

Chairperson Platteter called the meeting to order at the Milton Town Hall at 6:00 p.m. with Supervisor Eugene Bagniewski, Jr., Supervisor Ben Adank and Clerk Kalene Engel present. Treasurer Jane Baures was absent. Also present were two residents.

Planning of the January 10, 2018 meeting regarding broadband expansion: Clerk Engel provided an update to the Town Board regarding the information she has received from the attorneys at Wisconsin Towns Association. Per the attorneys, the decision on whether to use CapX funds for broadband is one that the Town Board must make and cannot be delegated to the electors. Any vote by electors, whether in a referendum, Special Town Meeting of Electors or otherwise is purely advisory. However, if the Town Board wants to get input from the voters, they can do so—just as they did with the frac sand issue a few years ago. To vote at a Special Town Meeting of the Electors, an individual must be a U.S. Citizen over the age of 18 years old and have resided in the Town of Milton for at least 10 days prior to the vote. They do not need to be registered to vote. It would be up to the Town Board to decide what kind of input they would accept outside of the Special Town Meeting of Electors and how that information was received. After much discussion, Supervisor Adank made a motion to structure the meeting and receive input as follows:

- A Special Town Meeting of Electors will be held on January 10, 2018 at the Cochrane-Fountain City School in the Granum Auditorium;
- Residents who are unable to attend the meeting or want to provide input in advance of the meeting can do so by mailing, e-mailing, faxing or delivering their input to Clerk Engel by no later than 5:00 p.m. on January 8, 2017. Multiple members of one household who wish to provide input must do so separately in order for those “votes” to be counted separately. The Clerk will tally all voter input which is received by the deadline and provide the results to the Town Board AFTER a vote is taken at the Special Town Meeting of Electors. Resident input will not be double-counted—if they provide input in advance of the Special Meeting and also attend the Special Meeting, only the vote at the Special Meeting will be counted.
- Clerk Engel will put together a Fact Sheet for residents to be reviewed/approved by Town Board Members before distribution;
- A representative from CCT and Buffalo County will be on hand and available to answer questions about the proposed broadband project;
- Residents will check in prior to the meeting and be verified by Clerk Engel or her designee regarding eligibility to vote. Persons who are eligible to vote will receive a stamp or other mark which proves eligibility to vote;
- Residents wishing to speak to the board must sign up in advance; time for comments will be limited by Chairperson Platteter based upon the number of persons wishing to speak;
- Residents will be seated together in one area of the auditorium; non-resident guests will be seated in a separate area;

- Following any comments and questions/answers, qualified electors will be given paper ballots which include two options—either they support spending money on broadband or not.
- Clerk Engel will tally the results of the pre-meeting input and the votes taken at the meeting and provide that information to Chairperson Platteter to be shared with the Town Board.
- The regular Town Board Meeting will occur immediately after the Special Town Meeting of the Electors. An action item regarding broadband will be on the Town Board Meeting Agenda.
- Clerk Engel will publish notice of the meeting in the C-FC Recorder, on the website and on Facebook and will also make the Fact Sheet available through the website and Facebook.

Supervisor Bagniewski seconded the motion. No additional discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

Adjournment: Supervisor Bagniewski moved to adjourn; Supervisor Adank seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

Meeting adjourned 6:26 p.m.

Minutes by Kalene Engel, Town Clerk