

4/15/2019 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

A special meeting of the Milan Township Board of Trustees was held at 1 pm on April 15, 2019 at the Village of Milan Administration Building, 11 S. Main Street, Milan. The stated purpose of this meeting was to discuss recent changes made by the offices of the Erie County Auditor and Engineer to the official boundary between the Village of Milan and Milan Township.

Present: Milan Township Trustees Dan Frederick, Jerry Nickoli, and Mike Shover, Mayor of Village of Milan Richard Maloney, Erie County Auditor Rick Jeffrey, Mark Wroblewski from Erie County Auditor's office, Craig Hecht from Erie County Engineer's office, Director of Erie Regional Planning Commission Steve Poggialli, and Gary Lickfelt from Erie County Prosecutor's Office.

Wroblewski began the meeting with a general presentation of the history of Erie County mapping explaining that official maps were hand drawn on paper by the Erie County Engineer until the early 1990's when computer aided drafting (CAD) and geographic information systems (GIS) replaced the hand drafted process. Originally, this digital transformation was provided by an outside contractor. This outside contractor did not have local knowledge of complicated or historical boundary issues.

Wroblewski then began to explain details of the four areas of disputed boundary between Milan Township and Village of Milan. At this time, Frederick explained that there is actually no dispute between the Township and Village. Rather the Township and Village have reacted unfavorably to recent changes made to the official Erie County map by the Auditor/Engineer offices without our knowledge. Communication of any change is critical to effectively and accurately deliver governmental services. Frederick reminded everyone of the joint Township/Village resolution sent to the Auditor on March 1, 2019 asking that the boundary be returned to its historical locations which match both of our approved zoning maps and have been the basis for providing services for many years. The Township and Village will consider any further information provided by the Auditor/Engineer offices regarding recommended boundary changes are needed to the boundary. All parties present agreed to support this legislative process.

Wroblewski then continued to explain specific issues involving the four areas of disputed boundary. It was agreed that the Plank Road parcel would be returned to Milan Township. It was agreed that the Berkmueller property is in fact partially located in the Village and Township as shown on historical mapping. It was agreed that St. Anthony's cemetery and the adjacent Arthur parcel would be returned to Milan Township. Finally, it was agreed that resolution of the angled boundary through Milan Cemetery/Galpin Preserve would require more consideration. Additional Milan Township and Village records will be forwarded to the Auditor/Engineer offices for review. The Erie County Prosecutor's office would then provide an opinion. The Village and Milan Township shall then proceed as described above.

With no other business, the special meeting was adjourned at 3 pm.

Mr. Daniel Frederick, Chairman

Mr. Zachary Rospert, Fiscal Officer