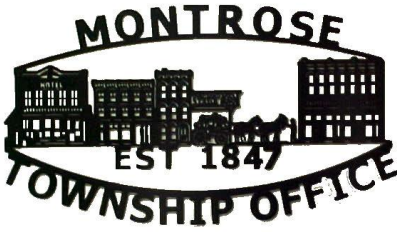


February 18, 2020



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## Montrose Township Board Meeting

**DATE:** FEBRUARY 18, 2020

**TIME:** 6 p.m.

The meeting began with The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**Roll Call:** Present – Mark Emmendorfer, Steve Schlicht, Mary Quast, Tom Tithof, Dar Eldred, Linda Miller, absent- Gary Keeler.

**Agenda Approval:** Supervisor Emmendorfer asked if there were any changes or additions for the agenda. There were no changes or additions.

A **Motion** was made by Tom Tithof to approve the agenda. Support for the motion was given by Dar Eldred. – All yes. Motion passed.

Supervisor Emmendorfer introduced new employee Margaret “Peggy” Coomer to the Board, who is serving as a secretary in Angie Green’s place.

**Citizen’s Comments:** David Martin from the 9<sup>th</sup> District Commissioner (Davison) introduced himself to the Board. He stated he is running for State House and is visiting various jurisdictions. He spoke about Public Act 51 and the distribution of revenue for transportation and road projects.

Martin Cousineau, of District 7, who represents the Township of Flushing, Montrose, Vienna, and Thetford, and the cities of Clio, Montrose and Flushing, spoke at the meeting about the status of the Genesee County retiree health account, budget and other topics.

**Minutes:** Supervisor Emmendorfer asked if there were any corrections or questions about the January 21, Board Meeting minutes. There were no questions.

Tom Tithof made a **Motion** to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2020 Board Meeting as presented. Support for the motion was given by Linda Miller. Vote - All yes. Motion passed.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Treasurer Quast reported tax season is over, the settlement is due by March 13 and then investing options will be reviewed.

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**Mark Emmendorfer** – Supervisor **Steve Schlicht** – Clerk **Mary Quast** – Treasurer  
Township Trustees - **Gary Keeler** - **Tom Tithof** – **Linda Miller** – **Dar Eldred**

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**Revenue/Expenditure Report:** Board Members reviewed the Revenue/Expenditure report.

Trustee Tithof discussed the revenue portion of the report. He said he was glad to see more money was received than budgeted.

**Presentation of Bills:** Supervisor Emmendorfer presented the bills for approval. Total for the month is \$245,946.02.

Trustee Tithof commented on the recent pick-up truck purchase. Supervisor Emmendorfer said the two police cars purchased in December are not expected to arrive until April 6.

Steve Schlicht made a **Motion** to pay the bills as presented. Support for the motion was given by Tom Tithof. Roll call: Linda Miller (yes), Mark Emmendorfer (yes), Steve Schlicht (yes), Mary Quast (yes), Tom Tithof (yes), Dar Eldred (yes). Motion passed.

**Reports:** Brent Run Landfill APM Mosquito Fire Department Police Department Building Department Senior Center Building and Grounds

All reports are on file with these minutes. Additional comments follow:

**Brent Run:** No report from Tim Church.

**Fire Department:** Chief George Taylor reported the pump on Engine 11 was repaired due to a leak. There have been some serious fire calls recently – a fire resulting in a fatality at a local trailer park and a house fire on Morrish Road. Trustee Tithof inquired how the manpower turn-out is at the scene? Chief Taylor said it is good and improving.

**Police Department:** Police Chief Cochran said the Police Department is running smoothly.

**Building Department:** Supervisor Emmendorfer said the new building inspector, Rob Kehoe, who is replacing Dennis Miller, has been in a few times and he is helping residents by giving out his cell phone number. He will have more established hours in March.

**Senior Center:** Supervisor Emmendorfer said the Senior Center Annex is open. Trustee Tithof said he has been there and participated in some events.

**Building and Grounds:** The Cemetery had eight full burials, and four memorials were straightened. There were no pavilion rentals at Barber Park.

**Business:**

**Road Improvements 2020**

Supervisor Emmendorfer said the Township Road Committee (*Gary Keeler, Dar Eldred, Don Pollard and Mark Emmendorfer*) met on Feb. 12, to discuss a wide range of road improvements in the Township. Projects include paving, limestone, crack sealing, fog sealing, ditching and edge repair. The County's bids are not finalized, but Supervisor Emmendorfer is hopeful to split costs for the \$86,000 Frances Road project (*Elms to McKinley*) with Flushing Township.

Supervisor Emmendorfer said the Board can approve these projects the Road Committee members recommend, or the Board can wait until next month to approve the projects and expenses when more specific details are available.

Treasurer Quast added that a six-month quick investment of about \$100,000 might be put in place to earn interest and earmark it for road improvements.

A **Motion** was made by Tom Tithof to approve the various road improvement projects recommended by the Road Committee. Support for the motion was given by Linda Miller. Vote - All yes. Motion passed.

**Schedule of Fees Change (NSF Charges)**

Supervisor Emmendorfer said non-sufficient fund charges were addressed by the Board back in 2013-14, but the bank recently raised fees which are now \$37, and the Township's administrative fee is \$3. This would create a non-sufficient fund fee of \$40.

Tom Tithof made a **Motion** to change the NSF fee to the new schedule of fees. Support for the motion was given by Dar Eldred. Vote- All yes. Motion passed.

**Discussion Water Line extension Wilson and Nichols Roads**

Supervisor Emmendorfer gave some history to Board Members about the City of Montrose's proposed water loop. He is in contact with the City of Montrose Manager and Drain Commissioner and will report back to the Township Board when figures, plans and costs are provided.

**Speed limit Change McKinley and Farrand Roads)**

Supervisor Emmendorfer said the Genesee County Road Commission changed the speed limit on McKinley Road near Kee-Wah-Din Road to 25 miles per hour. The new sign has been installed.

**Budget Amendments:**

Supervisor Emmendorfer said Board action is needed on budget amendment for \$1944.20 from the General Fund into 101-103-912-001. This is the line item is for general insurance.

Tom Tithof made a **Motion** to move \$1,944.20 from the General Fund into line item 101-103-912-001. Support for the motion was given by Dar Eldred. Vote- All yes. Motion passed.

**Extended Board Member Comments:**

Supervisor Emmendorfer asked if there were any comments.

Trustee Eldred asked about the trash pick-up for the past week. Supervisor Emmendorfer said Republic Services informed the Township that drivers were calling in sick, trucks were breaking down and the roads were icy – this caused delays in trash pick-up and they are doing their best to catch up on residential trash pick-up.

Trustee Tithof inquired about Absentee Ballots for the Presidential Primary Election on March 10, 2020. Clerk Schlicht said about 90 ballots have been issued at this time.

Supervisor Emmendorfer said the Genesee County Road Commission has a list of upcoming road improvement projects for 2020. The projects are estimated around \$7-8 million. This list is available to view.

Supervisor Emmendorfer said one of the projects is the bridge on Elms Road north of M-57. Another project is on Nichols Road north of the City of Montrose limits to the jog and then to Lake Road to Willard Road. They'll be putting a one-inch overlay, chip seal and fog seal.

**Citizen's Comments:** No Comments

**Adjournment:** Tom Tithof made a **Motion** to adjourn the meeting. Support for the motion was given by Dar Eldred. Vote - All yes. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Submitted by:  
Steve Schlicht, Clerk

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Mark Emmendorfer, Supervisor