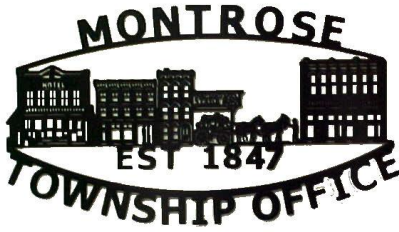


March 17, 2020



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Montrose Township Board Meeting

DATE: March 17, 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, 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 Linda Miller. – All yes. Motion passed.

Citizen's Comments:

Herman Marable, addressed the board - He is a judge for the 67-5th District Court in Michigan. He was elected to the court in 2000. Marable originally served on the 68th District Court, which was merged into the 67th District in January 2016. He said he is trying to decide if he will run for Circuit Court, there will be open seats with recent and upcoming retirements of judges. He spoke to the group about jury duty- related issues.

Minutes: Supervisor Emmendorfer asked if there were any corrections or questions about the February 18, Board Meeting minutes. There were no questions.

Tom Tithof made a **Motion** to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2020 Board Meeting as presented. Support for the motion was given by Dar Eldred. Vote - All yes. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Quast apologized for the typo on her report – should be dated Feb. 29, not Feb 19. She successfully settled with the County and wrapped up the tax season.

Clerk Schlicht commented that he liked the 'tax dollars collected' chart in her report.

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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 inquired about the vehicle maintenance income on the report. Supervisor Emmendorfer said he will look into it for a detailed answer.

Presentation of Bills: Supervisor Emmendorfer presented the bills for approval. Total for the month is \$130,212.06.

Tom Tithof made a **Motion** to pay the bills as presented. Support for the motion was given by Linda Miller. Roll call: Gary Keeler (yes), 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: Tim Church briefed the Board regarding the Re-Zoning application filed with the Planning Commission. He said a Public Hearing is scheduled at 6 p.m. on Thursday, March 19, at the Township Hall.

Trustee Tithof asked him if he's heard of any opposition? Church replied he has not. He explained the re-zoning is dealing with the parcel north of the creek and west of the Landfill – it's consistent with the Planning Commission's' future land use map.

Fire Department: Chief George Taylor said Montrose Township hosted a Maneuver Training which involved Firefighters learning how to crawl and maneuver using their new air packs. Other area departments such as Flushing and Hazelton Townships were present for the training.

Police Department: Police Chief Cochran briefed the Board on the Department lost an officer who took employment at Metro Police Authority in Swartz Creek. The Police Department is currently seeking a new police officer.

Building Department: Supervisor Emmendorfer said the new inspector, Rob Kehoe, is getting acclimated to his new role. He is always available by cell phone when he is not present at the Township.

Senior Center: Supervisor Emmendorfer said the Senior Center is closed due to the Covid-19 virus. They are delivering meals and helping senior citizens in numerous ways.

Building and Grounds: The Cemetery had five full burials; one tree was removed and two memorials were straightened.

Business:

POLZIN PA 116 – RELEASE 8413 LAKE ROAD

Supervisor Emmendorfer explained land owner Ed Polzin is requesting Board approval to release a 1.6-acre piece of land as partial termination of farmland under Public Act 116 of 1974. (*This Act is part of the Michigan Farmland and Open Space Preservation Act – a law that works to preserve farmland by offering incentives to farmers who are willing to participate.*)

Trustee Tithof inquired if anyone is living in the home or is it for sale. Supervisor Emmendorfer did not know the status of it.

A **Motion** was made by Tom Tithof to approve the request to release a 1.6-acre piece of land and create Resolution 20-03 for partial termination of farmland development rights at 8413 Lake Road. Support for the motion was given by Dar Eldred. Vote – Roll Call: Tom Tithof (yes), Dar Eldred (yes), Gary Keeler (yes), Linda Miller (yes), Mark Emmendorfer (yes), Steve Schlicht (yes), Mary Quast (yes). Motion passed.

RESIGNATION OF FIREFIGHTER

Supervisor Emmendorfer said firefighter Nolan Allen turned in his pager, equipment, key fob, etc. on February 13, but did not give his resignation. Chief Taylor is asking the Board to remove him from the Montrose Township Fire Department.

Dar Eldred made a **Motion** to remove firefighter Nolan Allen from the Montrose Township Fire Department. Support for the motion was given by Steve Schlicht. Vote- All yes. Motion passed.

2020 ROAD PROJECT QUOTES

Supervisor Emmendorfer said the Township has a custom of having two applications of Calcium Chloride applied on various roads — typically in May and July (*depending on weather*). He told the board the first application would cost \$16,835.06 (*this was approved in the 2020 budget*); the second application is an extra one offered in the middle of the season and the third application is completely paid for by the Genesee County Road Commission.

Tom Tithof made a **Motion** to approve the application of Calcium Chloride on Township Roads as part of its 2020 road projects in the amount of \$16,835.06. Support for the motion was given by Dar Eldred. Vote- Roll Call: Gary Keeler (yes), Linda Miller (yes), Mark Emmendorfer (yes), Steve Schlicht (yes), Mary Quast (yes), Tom Tithof (yes), Dar Eldred (yes). Motion passed.

Next, Supervisor Emmendorfer explained the remaining projects proposed for Township roads in 2020. Below is a breakdown of the projects and costs:

2020 ROAD PROJECTS

TOTAL COST	TWP COST	
\$97,348.70	\$48,674.35	Morrish Rd – M57 to Wilson Rd.
	\$ 2,550.00	Asphalt Spot Repair\
\$81,850.66	\$40,925.33	Frances -Elms to McKinley
	\$ 1,275.00	Asphalt Spot Repair
\$11,498.16	\$ 2,874.54	Crack Seal
\$56,798.67	\$28,399.33	Farrand Rd-Marshall to Morrish
\$66,618.37	\$33,309.18	Farrand Rd- Elms to Morrish
\$56,798.67	\$28,399.33	Farrand Rd- Nichols to Duffield
<u>\$22,961.94</u>	<u>\$22,961.94</u>	Mowing- Various Locations
\$296,623.82	\$180,969.67	

\$141,656.76 OF \$154,165.00 50/50 monies = \$12,508.24

Board members discussed the types of projects, commitment level on the Township and other factors.

Dar Eldred made a **Motion** to approve the proposed 2020 road improvement projects as presented. Support for the Motion was given by Gary Keeler. Vote- Roll Call: Dar Eldred (yes), Linda Miller (yes), Mark Emmendorfer (yes), Steve Schlicht (yes), Mary Quast (yes), Tom Tithof (yes). Motion- passed.

GREAT LAKES TACO BELL PROPOSAL

Supervisor Emmendorfer said he spoke with Robert Grabowski about the possibility of purchasing a .66-acre piece of land to build a Taco Bell restaurant. The buyer is interested in purchasing land adjoined to the PSA Building near M-57 and Seymour Road at a cost of \$100,000. Supervisor Emmendorfer said more money was put into this land to have it cleared, leveled and filled. He believes putting a Taco Bell or any other establishment so close to the PSA building would be a mistake. To offer Grabowski another option, Supervisor Emmendorfer conversed with property owner John Barber, who owns land across the street at 10193 Vienna. Barber said there is a possibility he is selling his land to a retail enterprise and Dortch Enterprise.

It was determined more conversation is needed with Barber and Grabowski, however, with the dealing of the Corona virus issue, it is suggested to table this topic until the next Board meeting.

RENEWAL BALLOT PROPOSAL FOR POLICE

Supervisor Emmendorfer explained the Police Department millage is expected to expire December 31, 2021. He is bringing this issue to the forefront to seek Board interest in putting the police renewal language on the ballot in the August 4, Election.

The proposed language is:

Shall the previously approved extra voted property tax levy expiring on December 31, 2021 of 3 mills (\$3 per \$1,000 of taxable value), and since reduced to 2.8723 mills (2.8723 per \$1,000 of taxable value) be levied against the taxable value of real and personal property for up to five (5) years, 2022 through 2026 inclusive, raising an estimated \$407,726.35 in the first year for the operation of the Montrose Township Police Department.

YES NO

Tom Tithof inquired about the Fire Department’s renewal. Supervisor Emmendorfer said it was renewed in 2018 and is valid through 2024.

Board members discussed the options of utilizing the August or November election for the renewal.

Dar Eldred made a **Motion** to adopt Resolution 20-04 as the Police Renewal operating millage to place before the voters on the ballot in the August 4, 2020 Election. Support for the motion was given by Linda Miller. Vote- Roll Call: Mark Emmendorfer (yes), Steve Schlicht (yes), Mary Quast (yes), Tom Tithof (yes), Gary Keeler (yes), Dar Eldred (yes), Linda Miller (yes). Motion- passed.

AED REPLACEMENT QUOTE

Supervisor Emmendorfer said he consulted with Fire Chief Taylor on the AED replacement quotes. At this time there is a need for AED equipment at the Senior Center, Senior Center bus, etc. He said research is still being conducted on prices and asked if the Board would consider allowing more time to complete the price checks.

Tom Tithof made a **Motion** to table a decision on the AED replacement quotes until the April board meeting. Support for the motion was given by Dar Eldred. Vote – All yes. Motion passed.

Budget Amendments:

Supervisor Emmendorfer said there is no action needed for budget amendments.

Extended Board Member Comments:

Supervisor Emmendorfer asked if there were any comments.

Trustee Tithof inquired about the extra precinct regarding the March 10 Election. Clerk Schlicht explained the fifth precinct is an Absentee Voter Counting Board only—the election inspectors only handle, process and count absentee ballots.

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Trustee Tithof commented on the good job the Building and Grounds crew did on cutting down the grass and weeds around the PSA building.

Citizen's Comments: No Comments

Adjournment: Gary Keeler made a **Motion** to adjourn the meeting. Support for the motion was given by Linda Miller. Vote - All yes. The meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Submitted by:
Steve Schlicht, Clerk

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Mark Emmendorfer, Supervisor