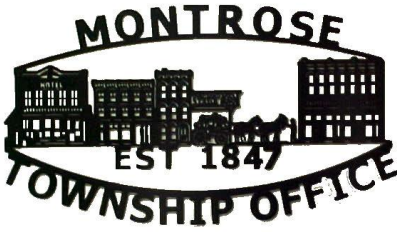


April 16, 2019



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Montrose Township Board Meeting

DATE: April 16, 2019

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, Gary Keeler, Dar Eldred, Linda Miller. Absent - None.

Agenda Approval: Tom Tithof made a **Motion** to approve the agenda as presented. Support for the motion was given by Gary Keeler. Vote - All yes. Motion passed.

Citizen's Comments: None.

Minutes: Gary Keeler made a **Motion** to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2019, Board Meeting as presented. Support for the motion was given by Linda Miller. Discussion – Tom Tithof commented Clerk Steve Schlicht did a good job on providing the minutes to the Board for the first time. Vote - All yes. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Mary commented on a typo – Water CD # 2472 matures on September 15, 2020, not 2019. She said it is a real good deal at 2.5-percent for 600 days.

Revenue/Expenditure Report: Supervisor Emmendorfer presented Revenue Expenditure Reports for the period ending March 31, 2019. He asked if there were any questions or concerns about the reports. There were no questions or comments.

Presentation of Bills: Supervisor Emmendorfer presented the bills for approval. The total for the month of February is \$156,923.50. Gary Keeler made a **Motion** to pay the bills as presented. Support for the motion was given by Mary Quast. Roll call: Mary Quast (yes), Tom Tithof (yes), Gary Keeler (yes), Dar Eldred (yes), Linda Miller (yes), Mark Emmendorfer (yes), Steve Schlicht (yes). Motion passed.

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

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

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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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Fire department: Chief George Taylor – reported a total of 17 runs for the township and four runs in the City of Montrose for February. The Department had a request from a retired fire fighter to use a truck in the Durand Railroad Days parade at 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 18. Former Montrose Township firefighter Richard Crandall was named as the Railroader of the Year, serving 44 years there and 31 years as a firefighter in Montrose. Chief Taylor agreed to let the small little tanker be used in the parade. Rich Cummings volunteered to drive the truck in the parade.

Discussion amongst Board Members took place. Supervisor Mark Emmendorfer asked to make sure the Township would be supported by other communities if needed.

Dar Eldred made a **Motion** to let a fire unit be in the Durand Railroad Days parade. Support for the motion was given by Gary Keeler. Vote - All yes. Motion passed.

Chief Taylor researched the State of Michigan’s government website and found a program where fire departments can request smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors to distribute to residents. He is expecting 216 units. Fire Department personnel will need to install them for residents by August 1, 2019. He is waiting on a reply back from the State and then will determine how to help residents sign-up to receive a free unit.

Police Department: Chief Cochran provided March police statistics.

Building Department: Assessor Dennis Miller provided his monthly statistics.

Senior Center: Supervisor Emmendorfer reported the Senior Center had 634 visitors scanned in during the month of March. They hosted a Veteran’s dinner on March 20 – 160 guests attended the dinner. Special speakers included Brigadier Army National Guard General Lawrence Schloegl and Senator Ken Horn, who helped recognize veterans in attendance. In addition, Supervisor Emmendorfer said the Senior Center will begin a monthly breakfast on the second Thursday of every month for the public beginning on Thursday, May 9. The meal includes pancakes, bacon, sausage, eggs and hash browns. The Senior Center is starting a new painting class on Thursday, June 20 called “Anyone Can Paint,” led by award-winning television artist Steve Wood.

APM Mosquito – Representative Brian Gramer was present to report mosquito control started in the Township. Homeowners who received off-road services last year were extended automated calls to confirm their requests. He explained there is double the amount of water in the Township compared to last year. A wet year is predicted and the majority of standing water in woodland pools is their main focus at this time. The larvae species can go from egg to adult in three to five days – however, the cooler night temperatures slow it down. In early May, there will be three APM Mosquito trucks and six technicians working in all areas of the Township. Residents can access APM additional service forms or “opt-out” forms on the Township website, or can call APM

for assistance at 810 766-9423. He also stated quality control will be a priority to make sure the treatments are not washed away by the excessive rainfall.

Building and Grounds: There were four full burial funerals at the cemetery in March. The water was turned back on at the cemetery. Ground conditions are still soggy, but graves are being temporarily filled in and headstones are leveled. A large tree fell in the cemetery and the Township is preparing to accept a bid to have it cut and removed. The Barber Park soccer fields have been painted and the nets are out and available for use. The skid piers and docks have been installed in the Flint River. The lawn tractors and equipment received spring maintenance and are ready for use.

Brent Run Landfill: Tim Church reported the Landfill received feedback from residents regarding the limited hours and access to dispose of trash. To help alleviate this, the Landfill will be open one Saturday per month, especially during the warm months (May-Sept). He provided a flyer which highlights important information such as dates, rates and rules. Residents can visit the Landfill 7 a.m. to noon on Saturdays: May 4, June 1, July 6, August 3, September 7, November 30 and December 28. He is hopeful this will meet the disposal needs of residents. He explained other municipalities which are served by Emterra trash pick-up service have Landfill access, too. He'll be delivering flyers to those municipalities to provide a face-to-face message about the new hours. In addition, he said the message about rejecting uncovered loads has been successful. This rule went into effect a year ago and residents have been honoring it by making sure their loads are covered (to help lessen the chance of debris flying around). Tim Church also informed Board Members that the original 16-cylinder power plant (which came from the old landfill on Seymour Road) has been upgraded to a 20-cylinder power plant. This helps to utilize more gas. Residents might see the "candlestick-flare" lit up less than before, and he said that is intentional; it means they're pulling and utilizing more gas from the hill.

Business:

Second Reading of Dangerous Building Ordinance – Supervisor Emmendorfer said there have been no changes made to the Dangerous Building Ordinance. He invited comments. No comments were made.

Gary Keeler made a **Motion** to accept the Second Reading of the Dangerous Building Ordinance. Support for the motion was given by Tom Tithof. Roll call: Tom Tithof (yes), Gary Keeler (yes), Dar Eldred (yes), Linda Miller (yes), Mark Emmendorfer (yes), Steve Schlicht (yes), Mary Quast (yes). Motion passed.

Resolution to Celebrate Law Day

Supervisor Emmendorfer explained Genesee County Bar Association invited Montrose Township to celebrate the annual Law Day event and to create a resolution as a sign of support.

Tom Tithof made a **Motion** to support the Proclamation for Law Day and to adopt a resolution to celebrate it. Support for the motion given by Linda Miller. Vote - All yes. Motion passed.

Bids to Remove Tree in Cemetery – Supervisor Emmendorfer explained a partially rotted-out pine tree fell in the cemetery. The Township has received four bids to remove the tree. Here are the bid results:

\$3,600	Up A Tree -Tree Service
\$6,500	Powell & Sons Tree Service
\$5,700	JR's Tree Service
\$25,000	Mark's Tree Service

He said the bid language also asked for limbs, wood and brush to be removed and the stump to be ground down as low as possible.

Tom Tithof made a **Motion** to accept the bid for \$3,600 from Up A Tree -Tree Service to remove a dead tree from the cemetery. The money will come out of the Cemetery Fund. Support for the motion was given by Dar Eldred. Roll Call: Gary Keeler (yes), Dar Eldred (yes), Linda Miller (yes), Mark Emmendorfer (yes), Steve Schlicht (yes), Mary Quast (yes), Tom Tithof (yes). Motion passed.

Resolution of Support for Scholarship- Rachel Briggs is applying for the Michigan Township Association (MTA)-sponsored Robert R. Robinson Scholarship which requires a resolution from a local participating township. Trustee Tithof inquired if someone else wanted to apply for the same scholarship could the Board grant another resolution. Treasurer Quast stated, yes, it is per applicant and the Board could grant another resolution.

Steve Schlicht made a **Motion** to adopt and support Resolution 19-04 for the MTA-sponsored Robert R. Robinson Scholarship. Support for the Motion was given by Dar Eldred. Vote - All yes. Motion passed.

Discussion on Golf Cart Ordinance - A resident inquired whether or not the Township has an Ordinance regarding golf carts operating on Township roads. Sergeant Scott Maguire provided Supervisor Emmendorfer Michigan Vehicle Code 257.657a which states, "1) A village or city having a population of fewer than 30,000 individuals based upon the 2010 decennial census may by resolution allow the operation of golf carts on the streets of that village or city, subject to the requirements of this section. A township having a population of fewer than 30,000 individuals based upon the 2010 decennial census may by resolution, unless disapproved by the county board of commissioners under subsection (3), allow the operation of golf carts on the streets of that township, subject to the requirements of this section."

Supervisor Emmendorfer explained if the Township desired to create an Ordinance about allowing golf carts on Township roads, then it would have to meet the criteria of a regular

motor vehicle with lights, turn signals, horn, seat belts, etc. He asked the Board if they are interested in creating such an Ordinance? Tom Tithof inquired if there are a lot of golf carts driving on Township roads? Chief Cochran said no, there are very few. He also added Allen Drive is the only 25-mph road in the Township that would qualify.

More discussion took place on the subsections and options of the Code.

The Board decided to *not* take action on the issue of a golf cart Ordinance.

Option for Nonpartisan Offices -

Supervisor Emmendorfer explained Michigan Township Association (MTA) asked Townships to review the resolution regarding the upcoming non-partisan Township elections legislative policy issue. The MTA will need to take a position on the optional nonpartisan election bill; therefore, they are seeking input from all Township Board Members.

Extensive discussion centered on the current law and how this resolution would change how elected Township officials appear on the ballot.

Tom Tithof made a **Motion** to adopt a resolution for Montrose Township to go on record in opposition to the language that would allow Township Boards to have its elected offices appear as non-partisan on the ballot. Support for the motion was given by Dar Eldred. Roll Call: Mary Quast (yes), Tom Tithof (yes), Gary Keeler (yes), Dar Eldred (yes), Linda Miller (yes), Mark Emmendorfer (yes), Steve Schlicht (yes). Motion passed.

Budget Amendments (if needed) Clerk –

Supervisor Emmendorfer said there are a few budget amendments. One is regarding the purchasing of new computers by the end of the year for the various departments in need of Windows 10. The Police Department is in need of an additional \$1,774 from the General Fund to line item 207 301 984 000 to help cover the expense of new computers.

Gary Keeler made a **Motion** to make an amendment to add \$1,774 from the General Fund to line item 207 301 984 000 to help pay for the remaining cost of new computers for the Police Department. 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), Gary Keeler (yes), Dar Eldred (yes). Motion passed.

Supervisor Emmendorfer said another amendment needed pertains to Spicer's recent five-year plan they conducted for the Parks and Recreation Plan. An additional \$6,225 is needed in the park fund balance to pay it.

Tom Tithof made a **Motion** to add \$6,225 to the park fund balance to pay for the five-year Parks and Recreation Plan. Support for the motion was given by Dar Eldred. Roll

Call: Steve Schlicht (yes), Mary Quast (yes), Tom Tithof (yes), Gary Keeler (yes), Dar Eldred, (yes), Linda Miller (yes), Mark Emmendorfer (yes). Motion passed.

The final budget amendment presented by Supervisor Emmendorfer pertains to the Senior Center. The Senior Center will have funds reimbursed through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for the roof project; however, a transfer, in the amount of \$49,970, is needed to help cover the expenses of the roof, computers, refrigerator and stove. He also asked the board to consider transferring \$10,000 from the Impact Fund into the Senior Center fund, as a loan, for upcoming Annex building repairs such as building new walls on the interior, insulation and plumbing.

Tom Tithof made a **Motion** to take \$49,970 out of Senior Center fund balance and put it into the budget to take care of the roof, computers, refrigerator and stove. Support for the motion was given by Dar Eldred. Roll Call: Gary Keeler (yes), Dar Eldred (yes), Linda Miller (yes), Mark Emmendorfer (yes), Steve Schlicht (yes), Mary Quast (yes), Tom Tithof (yes). Motion passed.

Tom Tithof made a **Motion** to transfer \$10,000 (as a loan) from the Impact Fee to cover the Senior Center Annex remodeling and repair expenses. Support for the motion was given by Dar Eldred. 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.

Extended Board Member Comments: Treasurer Quast said, “Happy Easter.”

Citizen’s Comments: None

Adjournment: Steve Schlicht made a **Motion** to adjourn the meeting. Support for the motion was given by Gary Keeler. Vote- All yes. The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Submitted by:
Steve Schlicht, Clerk

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Mark Emmendorfer, Supervisor