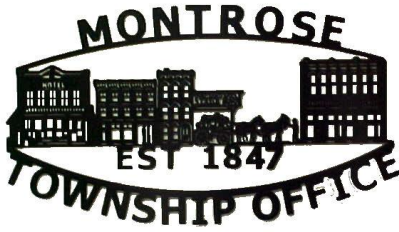


July 16, 2019



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Montrose Township Board Meeting

DATE: July 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.

Agenda Approval:

Supervisor Emmendorfer asked Board Members if there were any additions or questions about the agenda. There were no additions or questions.

Gary Keeler made a **Motion** to approve the agenda as presented. Support for the motion was given by Linda Miller. Vote - All yes. Motion passed.

Citizen's Comments: There were no comments.

Minutes: Supervisor Emmendorfer asked if there were any corrections or questions about the June 18, 2019 Board Meeting minutes.

Trustee Tithof questioned the reference to "several police officers were hired" in the minutes on page seven. It was determined it should be corrected to state "two police officers."

Gary Keeler made a **Motion** to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2019, Board Meeting as presented. Support for the motion was given by Linda Miller. Vote - All yes. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Quast said she wanted to point out there is a difference between 2018 and 2019 delinquencies which have dropped because of the letters going out.

Revenue/Expenditure Report: There were no questions or comments.

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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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Presentation of Bills: Supervisor Emmendorfer presented the bills for approval. Total for the month is \$212,292.02

Tom Tithof made a **Motion** to pay the bills as presented. Support for the motion was given by Steve Schlicht. 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:

Brent Run: Supervisor Emmendorfer announced Tim Church would be absent.

APM Mosquito; Brian Gramer, of APM Mosquito was absent. Supervisor Emmendorfer said 611-pounds larvicide was distributed, 125 special events spraying, 343 miles of fogging.

Fire Department: Chief George Taylor reported the Fire Department has been busy. Supervisor Emmendorfer said recently the Fire and Police Departments worked well together on a call involving a combative man in the Flint River.

Police Department: Chief Cochran presented the June statistics.

Trustee Keeler commented on the increase of arrests and felonies in the City of Montrose. Chief Cochran said it is attributed to traffic stops and people with warrants.

Senior Center: Trustee Tithof inquired about the monthly Senior Center Breakfast on Thursday, July 11. Supervisor Emmendorfer said 40 people attended the breakfast – and the food is good! The Senior Center is doing a Drive for Success for school supplies to be donated to the local children. Local businesses have drop-off boxes for supplies. A “Cooking for One” class will begin – sponsored by the MSU Extension. A new exercise class called “Flex” will begin – recommended by the Arthritis Foundation.

Building and Grounds: Supervisor Emmendorfer reported the floating docks at Barber Park have been installed.

Building Department: Monthly statistics for June were reviewed.

Business:

Cemetery Church Painting: Supervisor Emmendorfer discussed the bid opening and reported the results:

Bishop Painting & Remodeling
3988 Peet Road, New Lothrop, MI 48460 - 989 845-4310
\$8,500

Fine Line Painting LLC
8425 W. Farrand Road, Montrose MI 48457- 810 639-3378
\$11,500

MMP Professional Services
5388 Saginaw St. Flint, MI 48507 – 810 603-1629
\$25,415

The Paint Company
8239 Morrish Road, Flushing, MI 48433 – 810 835-5831
\$16,000 (includes lead abatement)

Discussion about the lead-based paint discovery on the Church, and removal of it took place. Supervisor Emmendorfer researched ownership of the Church. Duncan Perry, turned over the land and Church to the Township in 1932. It is the Township's responsibility to care for this building. In 1998, the Township Board transferred CDBG money and put a new (non-historical) roof on the church. A furnace and air conditioning were also installed. Supervisor Emmendorfer said in 2010, the Board declined services from Ron Campbell, a preservation architect, to conduct a preservation plan for the Church. With the current needs of the Church (now almost 20 years later), Supervisor Emmendorfer re-contacted Ron Campbell. Ron said there are three levels of historic designation – National, State and Local; he is willing to come out and speak at no cost to help the Township Board try to make a decision about how to proceed. Supervisor Emmendorfer also had a quote submitted to put vinyl siding on the Church for \$14,500. The building does not have adequate parking and there are no bathroom facilities. Rentals (for weddings) of the church are less than five in the past few years. He asked the Board for input on what their ideas are to restore/repurpose/utilize the Church.

Board members offered various comments about how to proceed with utilizing and preserving the Church on the Hill and its future.

Steve Schlicht made a **Motion** to allow Supervisor Emmendorfer to clarify paint removal bids, discuss costs of lead-abatement, meet with the building and grounds committee and Ron Campbell the preservation architect, to learn more about historic preservation options and report all findings back to the Board at the August meeting. Support for the motion was given by Dar Eldred. Vote - All yes. Motion passed.

Discussion on 2020 Road Allocations:

Supervisor Emmendorfer said the Genesee County Road Commission announced increases in its 50/50 allocation funding for the 2020 fiscal year. He said the matching funds for Montrose Township will be \$154,165 in 2020. To utilize those funds, the Township must match the funds. (He said he believes last year was \$148,000).

Rose Bush Removal from Cemetery: Supervisor Emmendorfer said the Cemetery is giving notice to the public (*through an ad in Tri-County Citizen*) of its recent removal of rose bushes for maintenance purposes. Rose bushes will be removed and temporarily stored.

Sanitary Sewer Operation and Maintenance Summary Report: Supervisor Emmendorfer reported the Genesee County Drain Commission provided a summary of the sanitary sewer in Montrose Township. The six-page report includes information about the 20-year old sanitary pump station and 17,690 lineal feet of sewers in the Township. He explained that some cities and townships maintain their own sewer systems, however, Montrose Township contracts with Genesee County to perform maintenance, man hole repairs, etc.

Budget amendments: Supervisor Emmendorfer explained \$3,220 needs to be transferred into the mosquito abatement fund. He stated the reason it is short is because some residents have not paid their taxes. Eventually, this amount will come back to the Township from the County, but for now it needs to be covered.

Dar Eldred made a **Motion** to transfer \$3,220 from the Impact Fund to the mosquito abatement line item. Support for the motion was given by Gary Keeler. 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.

Extended Board Member Comments:

Supervisor Emmendorfer reported the \$700 Michigan Township Association Robert R. Robinson Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Rachel Briggs. A letter of thanks from Rachel was received.

Supervisor Emmendorfer said a letter from the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development stated the audit from Jan. 1- Dec. 31, 2018, indicates Montrose Township substantially met all of the reporting requirements.

Supervisor Emmendorfer reported and shared a letter written by resident Patricia Gray, 10455 Nichols Road, who praised Republic (trash pick-up) for the excellent service they provided to pick up sofa/chairs, etc.

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Trustee Dar Eldred said a resident asked him about the purpose of the 45-MPH speed limit signs on Seymour Road. Chief Cochran stated a chip-and-seal project is about to begin.

Citizen's Comments: There were no comments.

Adjournment: Gary Keeler made a **Motion** to adjourn the meeting. Support for the motion was given by Dar Eldred. Vote - All yes. The meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

Submitted by:
Steve Schlicht, Clerk

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Mark Emmendorfer, Supervisor