



Montrose Charter Township
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Montrose Township Board Meeting

DATE: August 20, 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 for approval of the agenda.

Dar Eldred made a **Motion** to approve the agenda as written. Support for the motion was given by Linda Miller. Vote- All yes. Motion passed.

Citizen's Comments: There were no comments. None.

Minutes: Tom Tithof made a **Motion** to approve the minutes of the July 16, 2019, Board Meeting as presented. Support for the motion was given by Dar Eldred. Vote - All yes. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Quast said payments are coming in slowly but surely and it is the beginning of a new tax season. She said summer tax season just gets over and winter tax season starts up.

Presentation of Bills: Supervisor Emmendorfer presented the bills for approval. Had a little glitch when the first report came out without the identification on them, but board members received updated version. Total for the month is \$109,642.50.

Tom Tithof made a **Motion** to pay the bills as presented. 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.

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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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 – No report at this time.

APM Mosquito – Supervisor Emmendorfer introduced Brian Gramer, of APM Mosquito and stated his company will serve the Township through September. Gramer reported mosquito growth has decreased from the lack of rain – everything is so dry. In July, APM sprayed 87 miles of roads in the Township. He said the harborage barrier treatment program sprayed 37 properties in the last month; 16 of those calls were from residents in the community and 17 for party events. APM also has performed nighttime spraying and treatments at Barber Park, Montrose Township Cemetery and Genesee County Road Commission property on Seymour Road. We had a citizen call who lived on Creager Drive, he said that he had not seen our trucks on his road all summer. When we checked we found that we did not have them on our maps. I am going to personally spray his road by the end of the week. With the holiday weekend coming up we will be spraying all the hot spots and making sure we do every street in the township. We will be checking the traps in all areas in the township. We are not shutting down after the holidays. Contractually September 15 is the ending date of the season, but we will still be providing service to the township / we will service the township as long as a problem exists and the weather permits us to do so.

Trustee Tom Tithof asked about the mosquito problem behind the GC Road Commission property on Seymour Road? Gramer stated there are a few water ponds APM technicians have sprayed – he explained these ponds, woodland pools and low spots have been there for a long time and they were not made by the Road Commission. He said Google Maps shows their detail.

Supervisor Mark Emmendorfer commented that the Township's contract with APM is for \$75,787.50 and as of July 25, the budget reflects \$76,509.50 has been spent. Gramer commented that even though the Township is over the contractual cost, APM will still continue to service the community to show its integrity and intention to do a great job.

Fire Department: Chief George Taylor stated the Fire Department has one firefighter in class and will be certified at the end of the year. This firefighter is taking the accelerated training classes.

Police Department: Supervisor Emmendorfer explained Chief Cochran was absent from the meeting because he is providing shift coverage for Officer Abby who is still off work due to an on-the-job injury. Everyone has been working together to fill in the gap of his loss.

Building Department: The Building Inspector provided monthly statistics for August.

Senior Center: Supervisor Emmendorfer said in the month of July the Senior Center served 639 seniors. Director Sara Warren is working to finish up the school supply drive and preparing for the Blueberry Festival. On Saturday they will be open serving food and baked goods. The seniors will be participating in the Blueberry parade this year. They had a King (Lloyd) and Queen (Mrs. Powell) who were voted into their reign by the seniors.

Building and Grounds: Supervisor Emmendorfer reported there were three burials and one cremation; one foundation installed; several shrubs and trees removed; several memorials straightened; pavilion "A" rented 11 times, pavilion "B" rented nine times and one pier rental. The sewer pump switches for the restroom quit working and are in the process of being repaired.

Business:

Police Contract with Montrose City

Supervisor Emmendorfer introduced a proposed contract to provide service from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2023. In 2020, the cost is \$375,000 and in 2021 there will be a 1.75% increase, this increase will be in effect each year of the contract.

Trustee Tom Tithof asked if the City has approved the contract? Supervisor Emmendorfer said he wanted the Board to review the final contract first. If there were any changes, he wanted Board Members to have an opportunity to express them before presenting it to the City of Montrose. More discussion was held on the past contract amounts.

Tom Tithof made a **Motion** to approve the Public Safety Agreement between the City of Montrose and Montrose Charter Township Police Department as presented. 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.

Fire Department Request for Rescue Struts

The Fire Department is requesting a Rescue 42 Tele-Crib Strut Truck Kit – Fire Chief Taylor explained that these are used to put underneath the car to stabilize a car that is on its side. This removable 8,000-lb jack gives the rescuer a controlled means for stabilizing a vehicle.

Supervisor Emmendorfer asked why the Department has not needed to have these before – George explained the last two accidents the Department responded to were of such damage the rescuers could not stabilize the cars. This creates a safety issue for rescuers, firefighters, and the people trapped in the cars. The Department can get the 3/8-inch x 20-foot Grade 70 Rescue chain locally, so we are only looking at the cost of the Rescue 42 unit at \$5,160.

Trustee Dar Eldred asked if the Board approved the purchase of this equipment tonight, would the Department be able to set it up so the Board and public could see at the October Board Meeting. He said he'd have more confidence in it once he saw it firsthand.

Dar Eldred made a **Motion** to table this until next month so the Board Members can see a presentation on the units. Motion failed.

Tom Tithof made a **Motion** to approve the purchase a Rescue 42 Tele-Crib Strut Truck Kit for \$5,160 and to purchase the same chain locally at a reasonable price. The money to pay for the kit will come out of budget line 205-336-984.000. Support for the motion was given by Gary Keeler. Roll Call: Steve Schlicht (yes), Mary Quast (yes), Tom Tithof (yes) Gary Keeler (yes), Dar Eldred (no), Linda Miller (yes), Mark Emmendorfer (yes). Motion passed.

Scheduling of Fees / Update on Fingerprinting

Supervisor Emmendorfer explained the Police Department fingerprinting service for the public has a fee of \$60. Most of the money from the fee goes to the State of Michigan and the Township's portion is \$15. After researching surrounding areas with fingerprinting machines, the average fee is in the \$65 range. It was suggested to raise the fee to help recoup the maintenance on the fingerprinting machine at \$1,400 annually. The recommendation is to raise the fingerprinting fee from \$60 to \$65.

Gary Keeler made a **Motion** to we raise the fingerprinting schedule of fees from \$60 to \$65. Support for the motion was given by Dar Eldred. Vote - All yes. Motion passed.

First Reading of the Fireworks Ordinance

The new ordinance submitted by the Township attorney is designed to restrict the ignition and discharge and use of fireworks in the Township of Montrose after 11 a.m.

Board members held further discussion and questions.

Gary Keeler made a **Motion** to approve the First reading of this Ordinance NO. 19-235 to amend Chapter 138.04 of the Montrose Township Code of Ordinances. 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.

Misteguay Creek at Large Township Assessment

Supervisor Emmendorfer explained the Misteguay Creek Drain 0555 will soon be under construction for repairs. The Montrose Township at-large portion of the assessment is \$127,444.41. The parcels in the Township owe \$184,829.32. If the Township had to pass the \$127,444.41 on to the residents over 10 years – the Township would pay a total of \$33,301 of interest.

Treasurer Quast asked if the amounts for individual parcels will show up on taxes.

Supervisor Emmendorfer explained it will be considered a special assessment and listed as Drain 0555. He said the residents were notified by mail and had an opportunity to attend the public hearing on this subject in July. He said the amounts are calculated with a special formula based on how much water run-off on any particular property drains in the Misteguay Creek.

Tom Tithof made a **Motion** to have Montrose Township pay its share of the Misteguay Creek Drainage assessment in the amount of \$127,444.41 from the Impact Fee Fund. Support for the motion was given by Dar Eldred. Roll Call: Gary Keeler (yes), Dar Eldred (no), Linda Miller (yes), Mark Emmendorfer (yes), Steve Schlicht (yes), Mary Quast (yes), Tom Tithof (yes). Motion passed.

Recommendation from Building & Grounds for American Youth Soccer

Organization AYSO

Supervisor Emmendorfer said the Building & Grounds committee members met and have a request for the Township Board to consider:

There is a need for a storage container of some sort to help AYSO soccer coaches have a safe place to store balls, cones, jerseys, etc. when transitioning from the various fields and age groups. The ideal container would be similar to a four-foot deck box. The AYSO officials would be responsible for keeping it secure. It would be located behind the restroom building.

Linda Miller made a **Motion** to allow the AYSO organization to place a storage container on the grounds for use during the AYSO soccer season. The container must be approved by the director of Barber Park. Support for the motion was given by Tom Tithof. Vote- All yes. Motion passed.

Supervisor Emmendorfer informed the Board about the Building & Ground committee's discussion about a request they received on the possibility of a local Montrose travel baseball team utilizing the baseball field at Barber Park as their home field. Members discussed the lack of seating, benches, a foul line fence, the walking distance for fans and lack of parking. It was determined to suggest the travel team use the ball field on Hickory Street.

Cemetery Church-on-the-Hill Update

Supervisor Emmendorfer explained that Ron Campbell the historical architect preservation expert provided feedback about the Church-on-the-Hill, located in the cemetery. Campbell said historians discourage moving or relocating the structure. Instead, it needs a purpose – a public use. There are grants and monies to apply for when a definite use is determined. He offered to continue to research and network with historical preservation experts at no cost to the Township. He believes holding off on the painting project is wise at this time. The church's cedar boards are good shape and that

type of material is long-lasting and helps repel bugs. However, he does recommend some sort of action plan within the next year or two. Board Members held discussion the use and enjoyment of Barber Park and the Veterans Bell Memorial by the public. A needful purpose or one that helps provide enjoyment is the goal for the Church.

No action taken by Board Members.

Budget Amendments (if needed) Clerk – None

Extended Board Member Comments:

Trustee Keeler asked about the schedule related to the paving of roads.

Supervisor Emmendorfer said the Genesee County Road Commission crews are preparing for the project by marking the roads with numbers, arrows, etc. He also said the chloride application on the roads will take place Sept. 9-10. Crews are also touching up areas with severe damage and regrading – weather permitting.

Supervisor Emmendorfer briefed the Board about a late email he received from the GCRC regarding a fog seal project on Seymour Road scheduled for Blueberry weekend. He contacted the department head at GCRC to explain Seymour Road would be closed for the parade and the project needed to be re-scheduled.

Supervisor Emmendorfer briefed the Board about a Public Safety committee meeting which included discussion of the possibility of the Fire Department purchasing a new fire truck. The cost of the truck is \$687,954 – Supervisor Emmendorfer thanked the firefighters who researched and presented the committee with payment options and features about the truck. The new truck would replace two older trucks in the fleet.

Supervisor Emmendorfer briefed the Board about the joint-grant submitted by the Fire Department with Flushing City Fire Department for new air packs to help the firefighters breathe.

Citizen's Comments: None

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 7:09 p.m.

Submitted by:
Steve Schlicht, Clerk

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Mark Emmendorfer, Supervisor