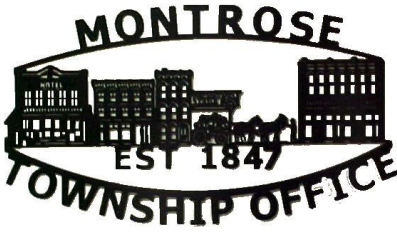


September 17, 2019



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Montrose Township Board Meeting

DATE: September 17, 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. All present.

Agenda Approval: Supervisor Emmendorfer passed out a copy of the Senior Center contract for everyone to read. The contract will be approved by the Genesee County Commissioners on September 20, 2019; however, Board members can approve the contract tonight, pending the upcoming approval.

Supervisor Emmendorfer asked the Board to add the Senior Center contract to the agenda as item number eight, and to move the Budget Amendments to become item number nine.

A **Motion** was made by Tom Tithof to accept the agenda changes (*add Senior Center contract as item number eight and move Budget Amendments to number nine*) and to approve it as presented. Support for the motion was given by Dar Eldred. Vote - All yes. Motion passed.

Citizen's Comments: Resident Paul Yuhos, 7448 Lake Road, asked Chief Police Cochran a question about the reason he does not see the Genesee County Sheriff's Department come past Elms Road in the Township. Chief Cochran related the Sheriff's Department officers are assigned to other townships, but if they were needed, they would assist Montrose Township officers.

Resident J.R. Bradshaw, 10145 Nichols Road, asked about a blight ordinance in Montrose and if it is enforced.

Minutes: Supervisor Emmendorfer asked if there were any corrections or questions about the August 20, 2019, Board Meeting minutes. There were no questions.

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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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Gary Keeler made a **Motion** to approve the minutes of the August 20, 2019, Board Meeting. Support for the motion was given by Tom Tithof. Vote - All yes. Motion passed.

Mark Emmendorfer asked if there were any corrections or questions about the minutes from the August 12, 2019, Public Hearing on the 2020 Budget Meeting. There were no questions.

Tom Tithof made a **Motion** to approve the minutes of the August 12, 2019, Public Hearing on the 2020 Budget Meeting as presented. Support for the motion was given by Linda Miller. Vote - All yes. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Quast said she has nothing extra to add at this time.

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

Presentation of Bills: Supervisor Emmendorfer presented the bills for approval. Total for the month is \$134,970.02.

Tom Tithof made a **Motion** to pay the bills as presented. Support for the motion was given by Linda Miller. 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.

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: Tim Church reported and introduced two new items added to the Landfill's list of prohibited items: cannabis waste and deer carcass from other counties. He elaborated and explained no waste associated with cannabis, including all soil, plants, unused products and vape pens will not be accepted due to their chemical content which often includes bleach. The other item banned is deer carcass from any other county except Genesee because they are known to contain Chronic Wasting Diseases (CWD). Bans like this are becoming the new standard at landfills industry-wide.

Church reported everything has been steady at the Landfill site and it has been able to use all the gas for generating electricity.

APM Mosquito: APM representative, Brian Gramer, reported that test results indicate Montrose Township has no West Nile virus. All the off-road accounts have slowed down, and last week APM only received three phone calls. In the past 30 days APM sprayed 76.4 miles with mosquito treatment.

Fire Department: Chief George Taylor reported firefighter Timothy Goddard has resigned from the Department, effective September 12, 2019. In addition, he reported the Fire Department signed a consortium agreement for Continuing Education Training with the Genesee County Sheriff's Department. This agreement provides medical training at no cost to the Township or to the employees of the Fire Department for the next year. Fire Chief Taylor also announced a joint grant from Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has been awarded to Montrose Township and the City of Flushing Fire Departments for the Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) kits – which is a positive-pressure, respiratory protective device that delivers air to the wearer via an "air-line" connected to a remote breathable air source. The \$180,000 grant was approved by FEMA's preparedness grant program on Friday, Sept. 13. This grant will allow the two departments to purchase 44 units to be used by first responders.

Dar Eldred made a **Motion** to accept the resignation of Timothy Goddard. Support for the motion was given by Tom Tithof. Vote - All yes. Motion passed.

Police Department: Chief Cochran said Officer Abbey has returned to work. He discussed the National Drug Take Back Day – which will be 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, October 26. Discussion centered on Montrose Township Police Department hosting the event.

Tom Tithof made a **Motion** the Township approve and host this National Drug Take Back Day event on Saturday, October 26. Support for the motion was given by Dar Eldred. Vote - All yes. Motion passed.

Building Department: Monthly statistics for September were reviewed.

Senior Center: In the month of August 607 senior citizens visited the Center. The Senior Center finished up the school supply drive and had a great Blueberry event and fundraiser.

Building and Grounds: The Cemetery had four burials in the month of September. The park pavilions were rented 12 times for various events.

Business:

Second Reading of Fireworks Ordinance: Supervisor Emmendorfer stated no changes were made in the Fireworks Ordinance document.

A **Motion** was made by Gary Keeler to accept the second reading of Ordinance No. 2019-235. 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.

Johnson Controls Contract: Supervisor Emmendorfer explained and discussed the contract with Johnson Controls to the Board. Their bids for the next three years were \$2,750 to \$2,975. The Township also received a maintenance bid from Dee Cramer and it offered services at \$1,614 per year for the three-year contract.

A **Motion** was made by Gary Keeler to accept the maintenance bid from Dee Cramer. Support for the motion was given by Dar Eldred. 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.

West Shore Services Quote: Supervisor Emmendorfer discussed the repairs done on the tornado/emergency siren at 11241 Duffield Road. The cost for repair is \$2,155.60.

A **Motion** was made by Tom Tithof to pay the bill from West Shore Services in the amount of \$2,155.60. Support for the motion was given by Steve Schlicht. 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.

Signature Ford Quote - POLICE: Supervisor Emmendorfer discussed ordering a new police car in 2020. He talked about the condition of the three current police cars. The Police Department has three Dodge vehicles out of warranty. Supervisor Emmendorfer recommends the Board consider purchasing two cars next year. Trustee Eldred discussed the cars being considered for purchase in more detail.

A **Motion** was made by Dar Eldred to purchase two police cars from Signature Ford in Owosso. The money for the second car will come out of the Impact Fee Fund, and may not exceed \$30,000. Support for the motion was given by Tom Tithof. Roll call: Dar Eldred (yes), Linda Miller (yes), Mark Emmendorfer (yes), Steve Schlicht (yes), Mary Quast (yes), Tom Tithof (yes), Gary Keeler (yes). Motion passed.

Building & Grounds Truck Quote: Supervisor Emmendorfer discussed ordering a new truck with a snow plow package for the Building and Grounds Department. Trustee Eldred would like to research this further and report back next month.

A **Motion** was made by Tom Tithof to table this item until next month, when more information will be available. Support for the motion was given by Gary Keeler. Vote - All yes

Senior Center Annex Update: Supervisor Emmendorfer provided an update on the Senior Center Annex construction.

Cemetery Church Update: Supervisor Emmendorfer reported he met with historical preservation expert Ron Campbell. Campbell has not been successful in connecting with any preservation group. The Board needs to provide a purpose for the church in order to

further the grant-seeking process. Options on how to proceed should include community input. The Board could also reconsider the bids received in July to paint the church.

A **Motion** was made by Gary Keeler to table this project until next year. Support for the motion was given by Linda Miller. 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.

Contract Between Genesee County Offices of Senior Services and Township of Montrose: Supervisor Emmendorfer explained this is the same annual contract the Senior Center enters with the County and includes a few small changes.

A **Motion** was made by Tom Tithof to approve the Senior Services Contract with Genesee County. Support for the motion was given by Gary Keeler. 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.

Budget amendments: Supervisor Emmendorfer explained the internal movement of dollars in the budget based on how the Township's bookkeeper, Sherry Williams, conveyed it. Clerk Schlicht explained the Township needs to move \$1,000 from Contractual Employees 101-262-802 to Training & Seminars 101-215-951 to cover the extra training and certifications which will be needed to cover four elections in 2020.

A **Motion** was made by Tom Tithof to approve moving \$1,000 from Contractual Employees 101-262-802 to Training & Seminars 101-215-951 to cover the extra training and certifications which will be needed to cover four elections in 2020. Support for the motion was given by Linda Miller. 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.

Extended Board Member Comments: Trustee Tithof asked if the Township would meet with Ron Campbell or how to go about looking for some community input on the church.

Clerk Schlicht apologized for the sun coming into the meeting room – he said quotes for window shades are being reviewed and installation will be soon.

Supervisor Emmendorfer updated Board Members on the Department of Natural Resources Recreation Passport Grant the Township applied for – for the basketball courts and the additional parking in the park. He said the Township's ranking is high on the list and hopefully the grant will be approved.

Supervisor Emmendorfer said the Township was asked to consider opening its facilities to the Genesee County Prevention Coalition on Thursday, November 7, to sponsor a

public presentation which focuses on teenage drug use, underage drinking, vaping and other youth impact topics.

A **Motion** was made by Dar Eldred to approve this event. Support for the motion was given by Gary Keeler. Vote - All yes. Motion passed.

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 7:16 p.m.

Submitted by:
Steve Schlicht, Clerk

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Mark Emmendorfer, Supervisor