



Montrose Charter Township
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Montrose Township Board Meeting
December 18, 2018

6:00 P.M.

The meeting began with The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call: Present- Linda Miller, Dar Eldred, Gary Keeler, Tom Tithof, Mary Quast, Fred Domine, Mark Emmendorfer. Absent- None.

Agenda Approval: Supervisor Emmendorfer said the Second Reading of the Solar Ordinance (18-231) was overlooked and did not get included in the meeting packet. Emmendorfer asked the Board to add this item to the agenda as business item two.

Tom Tithof made a **Motion** to add the Second Reading of Ordinance 18-231 to the agenda as business item number two. Support for the motion was given by Dar Eldred. Vote- All yes. Motion passed.

Tom Tithof made a **Motion** to accept the agenda as amended. Support for the motion was given by Linda Miller. Vote- All yes. Motion passed.

Citizens Comments: None.

Minutes: Gary Keeler made a **Motion** to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2018, regular Board meeting minutes as presented. Support for the motion was given by Linda Miller. Vote- All yes. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Mary Quast presented the Treasurer's report. Mary said winter tax bills were sent out the first of December and they are beginning to receive payments.

Revenue/Expenditure Report: Supervisor Emmendorfer presented the Revenue/Expenditure report and asked if there were any questions about the report. There were no questions.

Presentation of Bills: The bills were presented for approval. Tom Tithof made a **Motion** to approve the bills as presented. Support for the motion was given by Linda Miller. Vote- Fred Domine (yes), Mary Quast (yes), Tom Tithof (yes), Gary Keeler (yes), Dar Eldred (yes), Linda Miller (yes), Mark Emmendorfer (yes). Motion passed.

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Mark Emmendorfer – Supervisor **Fred Domine** – 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:

Fire Chief Taylor said the Fire Department's first Christmas party in their new fire hall was a resounding success. They had 83 people in attendance.

Police Chief Cochran said the Police Department had a Christmas party on Sunday, Dec. 16. It was the first ever for them.

Business:

Second Reading of Ordinance 18-232 (Prohibition of Marihuana Establishments)- Gary Keeler made a **Motion** to approve the Second Reading of Ordinance 18-232 "Prohibition of Marihuana Establishments." Support for the motion was given by Fred Domine. Vote- Mary Quast (yes), Tom Tithof (yes), Gary Keeler (yes), Dar Eldred (yes), Linda Miller (yes), Mark Emmendorfer (yes), Fred Domine (yes). Motion passed.

Second Reading of Ordinance 18-231 (Regulating Solar Energy Systems by Providing for the Placement and Regulation of such Land Uses within the Township, and Providing Penalties for the Violation of such Regulations- Tom Tithof made a **Motion** to approve the Second Reading of Ordinance 18-231 "Solar Energy Systems." Support for the motion was given by Linda Miller. Vote- Tom Tithof (yes), Gary Keeler (yes), Dar Eldred (yes), Linda Miller (yes), Mark Emmendorfer (yes), Fred Domine (yes), Mary Quast (yes). Motion passed.

Resolution (18-07) A Resolution to Waive Interest /Penalty Fees for late filing of Property Transfer Affidavits- Dennis Miller explained to the Board there has been a law in place since 1994 that required interest and penalty fees be imposed on Property Transfer Affidavits that that are filed more than 45 days after the date of the transaction. He said most jurisdictions have ignored the imposition of these fees without passing an actual resolution stating they can do so. In 2019, the State of Michigan will be conducting audits to see if the fees are being collected and if there is a resolution in place allowing the jurisdiction to ignore the collection of the fees. If the Township has the resolution in place, it will not have to go back and try to collect the unpaid fees. Discussion followed.

Gary Keeler made a **Motion** to adopt Resolution (18-07) A Resolution to Waive Interest and Penalty associated with not filing Property Transfer Affidavits in compliance with MCL 211.27. Support for the motion was given by Tom Tithof. Vote- All yes. Motion passed.

Resignation of Clerk- Fred Domine submitted a letter of resignation effective March 1, 2019. Tom Tithof made a **Motion** to accept the resignation of Fred Domine from the Montrose Township Board. Support for the motion was given by Dar Eldred. Vote- All yes. Motion passed.

Firefighter Resignations- Letters of resignation received from two Montrose Township firefighters were presented to the Board. The firefighters are David Robbins and Timothy Gasperosky.

Dar Eldred made a **Motion** to accept the resignation of firefighter David Robbins effective November 28, 2018. Support for the motion was given by Linda Miller. Vote- All yes. Motion passed.

Tom Tithof made a **Motion** to accept the resignation of firefighter Timothy Gasperosky effective November 29, 2018. Support for the motion was given by Linda miller. Vote- All yes. Motion passed.

Montrose City Police Contract- Supervisor Emmendorfer presented a one-year Public Safety Agreement between the City of Montrose and Montrose Charter Township. This contract was made possible by the passage of the City's police millage in the November election. The Contract says the Township shall provide police and fire protection and rescue services within the geographical boundary of the City on the same basis such services are provided within the Township on a 24-hour per day, seven day-per-week basis. The Contract will be effective January 1, 2019, through December 31, 2019. The City shall pay the Township \$360,000 for these services. Discussion followed.

Tom Tithof made a **Motion** to approve the Public Safety Agreement with the City of Montrose effective January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019. Support for the motion was given by Dar Eldred. Vote- Gary Keeler (yes), Dar Eldred (yes), Linda Miller (yes), Mark Emmendorfer (yes), Fred Domine (yes), Mary Quast (yes), Tom Tithof (yes). Motion passed.

Resolution (18-08) Opt Out of Senate Bill Seven for 2019- The State of Michigan adopted legislation limiting the amount of money public employers may contribute to the health care for Employees. Section eight of Senate Bill Seven states a municipality may exempt itself from the limitations imposed by the bill with a two-thirds affirmative vote of the governing body. Historically, Montrose Township has exempted itself from the limitations in order to fully fund health care insurance for full-time employees.

Tom Tithof made a **Motion** to adopt Resolution 18-08 and opt out of the limitations imposed by Senate Bill Seven which restricts the amount a public employer may contribute to employee health care. Support for the motion was given by Linda Miller. Vote- All yes. Motion passed.

Budget Adjustments (if needed) Clerk- Clerk Fred Domine explained the two new full-time police officers became eligible for health care insurance in December and they both elected to receive insurance. The total increase in the health insurance premium to cover them for December 2018 is \$2,900 and there is only \$2.26 available in

GL 207-301-910.000 (Health Insurance). He requested the Board to increase this General Ledger line by \$3,000. The money for the increase is to be taken from the General Fund Balance.

Tom Tithof made a **Motion** to increase GL 207-301-910.000 (Health Insurance) by \$3,000 and to take the money from the General Fund Balance. Support for the motion was given by Linda Miller. Vote- Dar Eldred (yes), Linda Miller (yes), Mark Emmendorfer (yes), Fred Domine (yes), Mary Quast (yes), Tom Tithof (yes), Gary Keeler (yes). Motion passed.

Extended Board Member Comments: Merry Christmas to All!!

Citizens Comments: Paul Yuhos said he wished to acknowledge and give thanks to Officer Eric Abby for helping him locate his dog and looking out for his personal welfare all in the same day.

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 6:34 P.M.

Submitted by,
Fred Domine, Clerk

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Mark Emmendorfer, Supervisor