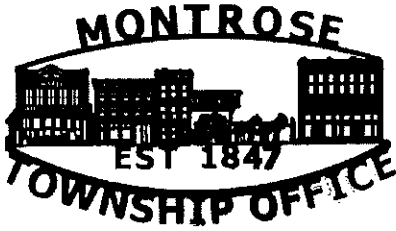


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Montrose Charter Township
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Montrose Township Board Meeting

DATE: July 21, 2020

TIME: 6 p.m.

Zoom Video Remote

The meeting began without The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call: Present – Mark Emmendorfer, Steve Schlicht, Mary Quast, Gary Keeler, Dar Eldred, Linda Miller.

Joined late due to technical difficulties – Tom Tithof

Agenda Approval: Supervisor Emmendorfer asked if there were any changes or additions for the agenda. There were no changes or additions.

A **Motion** was made by Gary Keeler to approve the agenda. Support for the motion was given by Dar Eldred and Linda Miller. Roll Call – Mark Emmendorfer (yes), Steve Schlicht (yes), Mary Quast (yes), Gary Keeler (yes), Dar Eldred (yes), Linda Miller (yes). Motion passed.

Citizen's Comments: None

Minutes: Supervisor Emmendorfer asked if there were any corrections or questions about the June 16, 2020, Board Meeting minutes and also the June 16, 2020 Election Committee Meeting minutes. There were no questions.

Gary Keeler made a **Motion** to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2020 Board Meeting and June 16, 2020 Election Committee Meeting minutes as presented. Support for the motion was given by Dar Eldred. Roll Call – Steve Schlicht (yes), Mary Quast (yes), Gary Keeler (yes), Dar Eldred (yes), Linda Miller (yes), Mark Emmendorfer (yes). Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Quast reported we are using a new program for on line tax payments that goes directly through the BS&A program and directly on to the residents account.

Presentation of Bills: Supervisor Emmendorfer presented the bills for approval. Total for the month is \$207,757.94.

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Mark Emmendorfer – Supervisor **Steve Schlicht** – Clerk **Mary Quast** – Treasurer
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Dar Eldred made a **Motion** to pay the bills as presented. Support for the motion was given by Linda Miller. Roll Call - Mary Quast (yes), Gary Keeler (yes), Dar Eldred (yes), Linda Miller (yes), Mark Emmendorfer (yes), Steve Schlicht (yes). Motion passed.

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

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

Brent Run: Tim Church was not at the meeting. Supervisor Emmendorfer mentioned the closing of the convenience center at the landfill from 7/30 until 7/31 for repaving.

APM: Supervisor Emmendorfer mentioned the letter in the board packet which explains what they are doing to keep the mosquitos at bay. Use this information to answer any questions from public.

Fire Department: Chief George Taylor said that they are starting maintenance on their trucks and things are moving smoothly. There was a new transfer pump purchased for tanker 35-14. The old pump was 35 years old and the new pump was purchased through Fire Equipment Associates at a cost of \$690.00.

Police Department: Police Chief Cochran let us know they have hired a 3rd part time officer. Officer Michael Macey has left the Sheriff dept and joined our department full time. We have received two new police cruisers that should be road ready by the end of July.

Building Department: Supervisor Emmendorfer mentioned that Rob Kehoe is still learning the ropes of our township and if there are any questions or problems to please let him know. He has been very busy issuing permits for our residents.

Senior Center: Supervisor Emmendorfer said the Senior Center is doing well and holding exercise classes outside in the city park. Supervisor Emmendorfer suggested that we suspend rentals for the rest of 2020 at the Senior Center due to virus concerns. **Motion** was made by Gary Keeler and support given by Dar Eldred. Roll Call – Gary Keller (yes), Dar Eldred (yes), Linda Miller (yes), Mark Emmendorfer (yes), Steve Schlicht (yes), Mary Quast (yes). Motion passed.

Business:

1. **CDBG (Community Development Block Grant)** resolution participants.
In the past Supervisor Emmendorfer and Fred Domine were the participants. Supervisor Emmendorfer suggested that himself, Steve Schlicht and Mary Quast be the participants so that if one of them are not available the two others would be able to sign anything that comes in and have things done in a timely manner. **Motion** to approve was made by Gary Keeler and supported by Linda Miller. Roll Call – Dar Eldred (yes), Linda Miller

(yes), Mark Emmendorfer (yes), Steve Schlicht (yes), Mary Quast (yes), Gary Keeler (yes). Motion passed.

2. Police Dept (Police Radar Units)

Chief Cochran discussed how they normally transfer the old radar units into any new cruisers they purchase, but the units they have are over 15 years old and the antenna alone cost almost \$700 and each car has 2. They have a contact who can get the same equipment the State Police use. The older radars will be used for replacement parts. Supervisor Emmendorfer mentioned that they have the money in the equipment fund and also Chief Cochran mentioned the old cars will be sold. **Motion** to approve the \$3400 for the radar unit was made by Steve Schlicht and supported by Dar Eldred. Roll Call - Linda Miller (yes), Mark Emmendorfer (yes), Steve Schlicht (yes), Mary Quast (yes), Gary Keeler (yes), Dar Eldred (yes). Motion passed.

3. Fire Dept (Three Year Service Testing Agreement)

Chief Taylor explained that FireCatt Service LLC would remove all the hoses from the trucks, test them and bar code them. Offering a 3-year contract. They are behind on their inspections so they may not get to us in 2020. The price from the previous company who did not return our calls was around \$2,500, so this will be comparable. **Motion** made by Dar Eldred to entered into the 3-year contract and supported by Gary Keeler. Roll Call - Mark Emmendorfer (yes), Steve Schlicht (yes), Mary Quast (yes), Gary Keeler (yes), Dar Eldred (yes), Linda Miller (yes). Motion passed.

4. Fire Dept (Additional Ice-Water Rescue Equipment)

Chief Taylor explained that we have 4 sets of water gear, 2 swift water rescue vest and 4 regular life jackets. This is not enough gear to keep all the fire fighters safe if there needs to be rescue at more than 1 location. Hazelton Fire would be ordered 2 ice suits as well and would split the cost of shipping with us. **Motion** made by Dar Eldred to purchase the equipment and supported by Mary Quast. Roll Call - Steve Schlicht (yes), Mary Quast (yes), Gary Keeler (yes), Dar Eldred (yes), Linda Miller (yes), Mark Emmondorfer (yes). Motion passed.

5. Fire Dept (Zoll AED Quote)

Montrose Fire Department needs to have the same equipment that local ambulance companies use and they would be offering training. They would put an AED in the hall way of the Township office so that Police and the Township Office would have access to it in the case of emergency and the cost would be split by Police Department and the Township, 1 would go to the Montrose Senior Center, 1 would go to the Fire Dept and 2 would go to the Police Dept. **Motion** to purchase was made by Gary Keeler and support was given by Steve Schlicht. Roll Call - Mary Quast (yes), Tom Tithof (yes) *he was able to join the meeting late, Gary Keeler (yes), Dar Eldred (yes), Linda Miller (yes), Mark Emmendorfer (yes), Steve Schlicht (yes). Motion passed.

6. Mosquito Abatement Assessment Request which runs through December 2021

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Supervisor Emmendorfer recommends that we add a \$25 assessment for 10 years. Our contract will expire with APM and we will be taking bids again. We pay about \$75,000 per year at this time and we need to figure inflation costs. Gary Keeler mentioned that other communities charge a lot more than what we charge at this time. If we do an increase now we will need less from the impact fee to pay for the services. **Motion** made by Tom Tithof to add \$25 assessment for 10 years, supported by Dar Eldred. It will be on the November ballot. 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.

7. Budget Amendment

None

Extended Board Member Comments:

Supervisor Emmendorfer asked if there were any comments.

Mary Quast – Shared that her son will be married in their back yard next week.

Tom Tithof apologized for being late, he had technical difficulties.

Mark Emmendorfer mentioned that Steve Schlicht and Nicole Allard have been working hard getting ready for the election. He also included some Genesee Co Road Commission paperwork about future work being done in our area. The Land Bank has some vacant land and a few homes that are in our township. One home located 7124 Farrand Road and one at 7474 Dodge Road. Supervisor Emmendorfer has applied for a grant to demolish these homes since they are in such disrepair. He also mentioned that Gary Keeler suggested we refinance the USDA loan and they are researching some options. If they refinance the loan from 3.5% to 3.25%, we could save about \$468,600 over 20 years. We would have a larger yearly payment but it would come from the impact fund and the funds are available.

Supervisor Emmendorfer also shared that he has applied for hazard pay for Police Officers and Fire Fighters, with help from Chief Cochran and Chief Taylor they put some numbers together and applied for \$1000 for each police officer and dispatch and applied for each of the fire fighters for the hours they worked. It was turned into the Treasury Department and it is a first come first serve basis so we will wait to hear of the outcome.

Citizen's Comments: 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 6:41 p.m.

Submitted by:
Steve Schlicht, Clerk

Steve Schlicht, Clerk

Mark Emmendorfer, Supervisor

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