

November 9, 2021



Montrose Charter Township
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Montrose Township Board Meeting

DATE November 9, 2021

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, Coetta Adams, Gerald Cole.

Agenda Approval: Supervisor Emmendorfer would like to add a quote for heat tape from McNaughton-McKay Electric Company to the agenda.

A **Motion** was made by Tom Tithof to approve the additions to the agenda. Support for the motion was given by Coetta Adams. All yes. Motion passed.

A **Motion** was made by Tom Tithof to approve the agenda with additions. Support for the motion was given by Gerald Cole. All yes. Motion passed.

Citizens Comments: No citizens comments

Minutes: Supervisor Emmendorfer asked if there were any corrections or questions about the October 19, 2021 Board Meeting minutes. Nothing was mentioned.

A **Motion** was made by Coetta Adams to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2021 Board Meeting. Support for the motion was given by Gerald Cole. Vote - All yes. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer, Mary Quast shared that all money has been transferred from the TCF/Huntington Bank to our new bank, Chase. We are in the process of collecting the online credit card payments that went to TCF/Huntington instead of Chase.

Revenue/Expenditure Report: Supervisor Emmendorfer shared that Sherry was unable to get a report ready for this month and will have 2 reports at the next board meeting.

Presentation of Bills: Supervisor Emmendorfer presented the bills for approval. October bills were \$160,973.71. Discussion was had about if the county was paid for all the road projects. Supervisor Emmendorfer shared that everything was paid and we received a reimbursement of \$9,500.

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Mark Emmendorfer – Supervisor **Steve Schlicht** – Clerk **Mary Quast** – Treasurer
Township Trustees - **Gary Keeler** - **Tom Tithof** – **Gerald Cole** – **Coetta Adams**

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A **Motion** was made by Tom Tithof to pay the bills as presented. 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), Coetta Adams (yes), Gerald Cole (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: Supervisor Emmendorfer shared that Tim was unable to make the meeting but everything is going well there. They are drilling more methane wells.

APM: Chuck Mullens was unable to make the meeting.

Fire Department: Nothing to add to the report.

Police Department: Chief Cochran stated that Officer Powell who was out on medical leave has received clearance from his doctor to return to work November 22, 2021. Officer Abbey has resigned from his full-time position here and is moving on to the Metro Dept. However, Abbey is going to stay on as part time and help us out occasionally. Officer Cochran hired a new officer, Officer Proffer, from the sheriff's department that will take on the full time opening starting November 18, 2021.

Building Department: Supervisor Emmendorfer shared that next month we will start with the long citations.

Senior Center: Sarah was at the township office working with Sherry learning how to do the monthly budget reports and expenditure reports for the Senior. Center. The Seniors have been busy making stockings to fill with treats and deliver to others this holiday season.

Business:

Part-Time Wage for Police Officers

Township Supervisor shared that the Montrose Township part time officers start at \$17.50 while surrounding departments start their part time officers at \$20.00. A committee meeting took place to discuss the wages and the Public Safety Committee suggested raising the starting wage for part time officers to \$20.50. It was suggested by the committee to start our new officer Proffer at \$22.86, which is the wage for an officer after completing their second year. Also increase Officer Macey's wage to \$24.38 which is equivalent to 3 years. Officer Macey has been with the Montrose Police Department for over a year. We will be negotiating for a new contract starting in late spring of 2022. A new contract will be established by December 31, 2022. It was asked of Chief Cochran if a part time officer is scheduled on as needed basis or do, they have a regular part time

schedule. Chief Cochran said that he tries to give them approximately 24 hours per pay period.

A **Motion** was made by Tom Tithof to accept the increase of the salary for part time officers to \$20.50 and for officer Proffer to \$22.86 and Officer Macey to \$ 24.38 to take effect Monday, November 15, 2021. Support for the motion was given by Gary Keeler. Roll call – Steve Schlicht (yes), Mary Quast (yes), Tom Tithof (yes), Gary Keeler (yes), Coetta Adams (yes), Gerald Cole (yes), Mark Emmendorfer (yes). Motion passed.

Mosquito Abatement

Supervisor Emmendorfer included budget information from the past 4 years regarding the Mosquito Abatement program. The election results for the Mosquito Abatement program were 393 for the program and 131 against the program. APM has offered a 5-year contract for \$85,000/year, as well as a 1-year contract. Supervisor Emmendorfer asked the board what they would like to agree on. The board discussed the contract and options and agreed the 5-year contract would be the best plan for the township and would review the verbiage of the contract at the next meeting.

A **Motion** was made by Tom Tithof to accept the APM 5-year contract for \$85,000/year. We will vote on the exact verbiage of the contract at the December meeting. Support for the motion was made by Gary Keeler. Roll Call – Mary Quast (yes), Tom Tithof (yes), Gary Keeler (yes), Coetta Adams (yes), Gerald Cole (yes), Mark Emmendorfer (yes), Steve Schlicht (yes). Motion passed.

2nd Reading of Ordinance 21-007 Amend 153.367 Home Care Centers

A **Motion** was made to approve the 2nd reading of Ordinance 21-007 by Tom Tithof. Support for the motion was made by Steve Schlicht. Roll Call – Tom Tithof (yes), Gary Keeler (yes), Coetta Adams (yes), Gerald Cole (yes), Mark Emmendorfer (yes), Steve Schlicht (yes), Mary Quast (yes). Motion passed.

1st Reading of Ordinance 21-008 Consumers Energy

A **Motion** made by Gary Keeler to accept the 1st reading of Ordinance 21-008 Consumers Energy. Support for the motion was made by Coetta Adams. Roll Call – Gary Keeler (yes), Coetta Adams (yes), Gerald Cole (yes), Mark Emmendorfer (yes), Steve Schlicht (yes), Mary Quast (yes), Tom Tithof (yes). Motion passed.

Holiday & Meeting Calendar for 2022

A **Motion** was made by Tom Tithof to approve the 2022 Holiday & Meeting Schedule. Support for the motion was made by Coetta Adams. Roll Call – Gary Keeler (yes), Coetta Adams (yes), Gerald Cole (yes), Mark Emmendorfer (yes), Steve Schlicht (yes), Mary Quast (yes), Tom Tithof (yes). Vote - All yes. Motion passed.

Senate bill 7 Opt-Out 2022

Resolution 21-008 is for our 2022 Health Care Expenditure for employees. We do not charge for 20% of our health insurance for our employees, we cover this cost. A **Motion** was made by Tom Tithof to approve Resolution 21-008. Support for the motion was made by Gerald Cole. Vote - All yes. Motion passed.

Resolution on Tax Reverted Property

The property located, on the corner of Willard and M-13, went back to the county due to back taxes. The county then tried to resell it, there was no interest. the county offered it back to us, Montrose Township, the unit of government where the property is located. It was an old gas station and the property is contaminated. Supervisor Emmendorfer presented a resolution to not reclaim the property and allow that county to take possession of it and care for it.

A **Motion** was made by Jerry Cole to adopt the Resolution 21-009 for the tax reverted property to reject the transfer of the property from the Genesee County Treasurer. Support for the motion was made by Gary Keeler. Vote - All yes. Motion passed.

Update 14222 Nichols Rd Property

Supervisor Emmendorfer signed the closing paperwork on the Nichols Rd. property, Monday, November 8th. After the closing and paying the buyer's realtor fees, we received \$31,173.95 for the sale of 14222 Nichols Rd. Sold by Connie Yeaster.

American Rescue Plan Act Update

Supervisor Emmendorfer shared the township was approved to receive the ARP act funds. We should receive the first half of the funds, \$310,000 within the next 2 weeks. We had a meeting with Congressman Kildee and his Assistant. They are looking into a few things for us, such as, how the money can be spent. We are hopeful that we can use the funds to purchase a new firetruck.

McNaughton-McKay Electric Company Quote

Supervisor Emmendorfer presented a quote from McNaughton-McKay Electric Company for \$1739.34 for a new self-regulating cable, remote sensor, seal kit, and downspout hanger. Metcalf Electric said they would install this at a rate of \$92/hour. They expect it to take approximately 4 to 6 hours. This repair shall not exceed \$2,500 and will be paid through the Facility Maintenance line item, 101-103-931.000.

A **Motion** was made by Gary Keeler to approve \$2,500 from the Facility Maintenance Line item for this repair. Support for the motion was made by Coetta Adams. Roll Call – Coetta Adams (yes), Gerald Cole (yes), Mark Emmendorfer (yes), Steve Schlicht (yes), Mary Quast (yes), Tom Tithof (yes), Gary Keeler (yes). Motion passed.

Budget Amendment

None

Citizen Comments:

None

Extended Board Member Comments:

Steve Schlicht thanked the board for coming out and voting. We had a larger number of absentee voters than in person voting. The Mosquito Abatement program passed 393 yes votes – 131 no votes.

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Gary Keeler asked for an update on the Marshall Rd project. Supervisor Emmendorfer said the original date of completion was November 5th. Supervisor Emmendorfer went to check on the project and they had a cave in. This issue put the project behind a few weeks. They are now saying the project will be completed by the end on November as long as they do not endure any other problems.

Adjournment: A **Motion** was made by Steve Schlicht to adjourn the meeting. Support for the motion was given by Gary Keeler. Vote - All yes. The meeting adjourned at 6:51p.m.

Submitted by:
Steve Schlicht, Clerk

Steven Schlicht, Clerk

Mark Emmendorfer, Supervisor