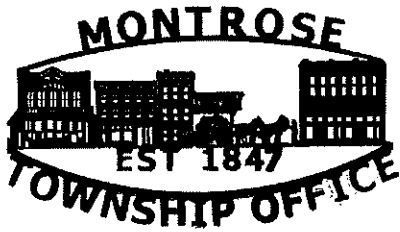


April 20, 2021



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Montrose Township Board Meeting

DATE: April 20, 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 Cook.

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 Tom Tithof to approve the agenda. Support for the motion was given by Gerald Cook. All yes. Motion passed.

Citizen's Comments: None

Minutes: Supervisor Emmendorfer asked if there were any corrections or questions about the March 16th, Board Meeting minutes. There were no questions.

Gary Keeler made a **Motion** to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2021 Board Meeting as presented. Support for the motion was given by Coetta Adams. Vote - All yes. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Quast discussed the graphic she added to the report to show where the tax money goes when residents pay the township. She will be including a similar one in the summer tax bill. She also mentioned that our water account delinquency rate is at its lowest since she has been treasurer.

Revenue/Expenditure Report: Board Members reviewed the Revenue/Expenditure report.

No questions or comments.

Presentation of Bills: Supervisor Emmendorfer presented the bills for approval. Total for the month is \$178,450.74

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

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Gary Keeler made a **Motion** to pay the bills as presented. Support for the motion was given by Tom Tithof. Roll call – Steve Schlicht (yes), Mary Quast (yes), Tom Tithof (yes), Gary Keeler (yes), Coetta Adams (yes), Gerald Cook (yes), Mark Emmendorfer (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 updated the board on replacing the liter fence AKA “The Super Fence” the landfill is installing on the east side of the property. This fence was installed in 2012 and has made a huge improvement on keeping liter inside the landfill and stopping it from ending up in the neighborhoods during wind storms. There were several holes in the existing fence and it is a new stronger design. They will also be hosting an open house for the Fire Department on Sunday May 2nd. This will allow the trucks to come in and see where fire hazards may be and also to drive up on the hill to familiarize themselves with the area in case of emergency. There also has been some trespassing and the Montrose Police have been out to the site and have been helpful with the issue. There were some questions about the trees that were replanted by the Michigan Eagles 6 years ago and Tim stated the trees are doing well and the Michigan Eagles to use this site to show new employees how successful the project is.

APM: They have started their wetland spraying and will start the off-road spraying soon.

Fire Department: Chief George Taylor said his department will be doing some hose testing April 30th around 8:00 am and it should last around 4 hours.

Police Department: Police Chief Cochran said that our new patrol car is being upfitted and should be on the road soon. We did have some complaints about speeding on Nichols and Seymour Road so officers have been working those areas and have stopped several people who were not obeying the speed limits.

Building Department: nothing to add

Senior Center: The center has been slowly adding exercise and other classes back to its schedule. They continue to offer meal delivery for those in need of it.

Business:

Genesee County Water & Waste John O’Brien Master Plan (Power Point)

John O’Brien shared the master plan from Genesee County Water & Waste. Some changes will be made to the Anthony Agnone Treatment Plant including removing some old storage tanks that are no longer in use. The sewer system is in good shape, they will be updating the pumping station on Farrand Road that has been in use since the 1960’s.

It is projected that we will need to double the size of the treatment plant by 2040 if that is the case the projected cost would be around \$140,000,000. over the next 20 years. The plant is not a water treatment facility, but a waste water treatment facility. What they do is collect all the material and solids, treat it and discharge the clean water into the Flint River. They produce 30,000,000 pounds of solid sludge per year which is treated with lime and released to farmers fields. There are some concerns that the PFAS that is being released to the treatment plant may cause farms to stop using the sludge to fertilize. If farms stop using the bio solids there would need to be a way to dispose of it. They would not consider incinerating it so they may digest it to produce natural gas. In the worst-case scenario, they would have to work with local landfills to dispose of the waste. They are currently working on a good solid back up plan if the farms stop using the sludge. There was also some discussion about possibly raising rates over the next 5 years. He will be bringing that to the board next year and that is why he is presenting this master plan update so we know where the money will be going. The last time there was an increase was 2017.

Ditching Proposals

Supervisor Emmendorfer stated that the township has \$34,000 left over in our 50/50 funds. The proposed addition ditching sites are Farrand Rd from Duffield to 12273 Farrand Rd. The cost would be \$23,556.39 with our cost being \$11,778.20. The next one is Duffield Rd from Dodge Rd going north to address 10218 for the cost of \$18,660.45 with our cost being \$9,330.23. Then there is Duffield Rd from Dodge Rd going south to 9329 at a cost of \$26,385.42 with our cost being \$13,192.71. These 3 projects would use up the majority of the funds we had left over out of the 50/50 funds with a total of a cost to us at around \$34,300. A **Motion** to approve the ditching projects was made by Gary Keeler. Support for the motion was given by Gerald Cook. Roll call - Mary Quast (yes), Tom Tithof (yes), Gary Keeler (yes), Coetta Adams (yes), Gerald Cook (yes), Mark Emmendorfer (yes), Steve Schlicht (yes). Motion passed.

RMS Contract with Genesee County 911

Supervisor Emmendorfer presented the contract for review. This is a contract with Tyler Technologies. This contract is for certain services including record management services. There were several other municipalities that were hesitant to join with Tyler Technologies but they did come around. If we join now, we can leave after our contract is up in one year, but if we wait to join this service will cost the Township thousands of dollars more when we do get on board in the future. The cost now is \$2001.70 because of the size of our department, it is based on how many officers you have. The whole county will be using this same software so that if an officer pulls someone over in one part of our county, we will have that information and know why they were pulled over. The City of Flint is using this software and since they are using it, we are able to use their licensing and get the program for our officers which is a significant savings for the rest of the county. A **Motion** was made by Tom Tithof to recommend that we sign the contract with Tyler Technologies at a cost of \$2001.70 which will not be charged until 2023. Support for the motion was given by Gary Keeler. Roll call – Tom Tithof (yes), Gary

Keeler (yes), Coetta Adams (yes), Gerald Cook (yes), Mark Emmendorfer (yes), Steve Schlicht (yes), Mary Quast (yes). Motion passed.

Montrose Boy Scout pack 123 Pavilion Request

Supervisor Emmendorfer presented the application for the pavilion rental for the Blue and Gold Banquet on May 22, 2021. He is asking that the Board waive the rental fee of \$50 and the deposit of \$50. A Motion was made by Gerald Cook to allow pack 123 to use pavilion A on May 22, 2021 for their banquet at no cost. Support for the motion was given by Tom Tithof. Roll call - Gary Keeler (yes), Coetta Adams (yes), Gerald Cook (yes), Mark Emmendorfer (yes), Steve Schlicht (yes), Mary Quast (yes), Tom Tithof (yes). Motion passed.

Senior Center Barber Park Request

Supervisor Emmendorfer presented a letter from Sara Warren from the Senior Center requesting the approval from the Board to erect a tent at Barber Park for an event to recognize local veterans. They are partnering with the Gleaners for this event which will take place Thursday, June 24, 2021 at 6pm. The tent will be removed the next morning. A **Motion** to approve the use of the tent was made by Gary Keeler. Support for the motion was given by Tom Tithof. Vote – all yes. Motion passed.

Hot Water Installation Wash Bay Options

Supervisor Emmendorfer presented the quotation to the Board from Action plumbing & heating for \$6,190. where they would install a Takagi tankless water heater. There is also a quote from Goyette Mechanical for \$4,400. where they would install a Rinnai tankless water heater. This would primarily be used in the winter to keep the ice and snow off the police cars and fire trucks. A Motion to accept the bid from Goyette Mechanical for \$4,400 was made by Gerald Cook. Support for the motion was given by Gary Keeler. The money will come from the General Fund. Roll call - Coetta Adams (yes), Gerald Cook (yes), Mark Emmendorfer (yes), Steve Schlicht (yes), Mary Quast (yes), Tom Tithof (yes) Gary Keeler (yes). Motion passed.

Barber Park Basketball Court Proposal

Supervisor Emmendorfer was approached by the Thorsby Family to do something for their late son Barry Thorsby at the new basketball courts since he was a basketball fan. They are willing to cover the cost of four benches and the cement which they will be placed on at a cost of \$14,500. There would be a plaque of some sort to say in loving memory of Barry Thorsby. The only cost to the township would be the cost of setting tubes beneath where the cement will be laid for the benches to be placed. There was some discussion about having the basketball court double as a pickle ball court as well there will need to be more discussion on that due to regulation sizes and if more tubes would need to be placed under the cement for those nets. A **Motion** to accept the donation from the Thorsby Family for the benches and the cement was made by Gerald Cook, and also the digging of the holes for the benches. Support for the motion was given by Tom Tithof. Supervisor Emmendorfer will get a quote for the holes and bring it to the next meeting. Roll call – Gerald Cook (yes), Mark Emmendorfer (yes), Steve Schlicht

(yes), Mary Quast (yes), Tom Tithof (yes), Gary Keeler (yes), Coetta Adams (yes).
Motion passed.

GCRC Marshall Rd. Culvert Replacement Proposal

Supervisor Emmendorfer presented the bill from GCRC for the repair work that needs to be done on the culvert on Marshall Road, just north of Vienna Road. They need to remove the previous culvert and replace it because it washed out. The cost to the township is \$103,000. Supervisor Emmendorfer has some reservations about paying for the culvert he feels this is their road and not the responsibility of the Township to maintain. There was some discussion about the paperwork from the Road Commission saying they would be paying seventy-five % of the cost, but that is a mistake, they would be paying fifty % of the cost. The Supervisor also shared a letter from Congressman Dan Kildee about the Federal Support for Mid-Michigan Under the American Rescue Plan Act which will provide the Township \$584,000 which we could use to pay for this project. If approved now we would take the money from the impact fee. A **Motion** to table this motion until next month was made by Tom Tithof. Support for the motion was given by Gerald. Vote- all yes.

Budget Amendments:

Supervisor Emmendorfer shared with the board that after the special meeting on 4/13/2021 in regard to the new employee we need to transfer some funds to a new line item for his salary. We need to take \$5,778 from the code enforcement line item 101-380-702 and \$16,666 from the building inspector line item 101-380-802 along with an additional \$28,816 out of the general fund and transfer to line item 101-382-702 which would be the wages for the Building/Zoning and Code Enforcement. That would be enough money to support the new employee for the remainder of the year. A Motion was made by Tom Tithof to transfer the funds from the 3-line items totaling \$51,260. Support was given by Coetta Adams. Roll call - Mark Emmendorfer (yes), Steve Schlicht (yes), Mary Quast (yes), Tom Tithof (yes), Gary Keeler (yes), Coetta Adams (yes), Gerald Cook (yes). Motion passed.

Extended Board Member Comments:

Steve Schlicht shared with the Board that there is an election on May 4, 2021. The Township will hold a public accuracy test on April 27, 2021 anyone is welcome to come and see how the process works.

Citizen's Comments:

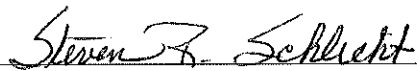
Rex Wheeler of 9198 Sheridan Road New Lothrop, MI which is in Montrose Township. He has been contacted by Granger Power out of New York to lease his land for solar farms. He has placed over 3,000 signs in the community to bring awareness to residents about the solar farms trying to lease land in our area. He has concerns about several things including how to put a fire out if one was to occur. The Hazleton Fire Dept has been in contact with Granger Power for instruction in case of fire and they have been ignored.

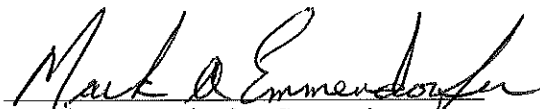
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State Representative Dave Martin was in attendance and he shared that they are working on some proposals to give the clerks more time between elections and also possibly getting rid of the May elections in the future.

Adjournment: Gary Keeler made a **Motion** to adjourn the meeting. Support for the motion was given by Gerald Cook. Vote - All yes. The meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Submitted by:
Steve Schlicht, Clerk


Steve Schlicht, Clerk


Mark Emmendorfer, Supervisor