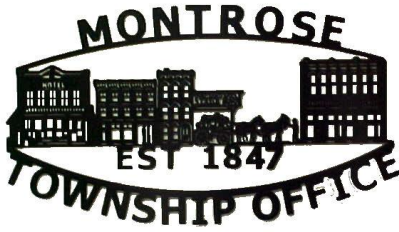


July 20, 2021



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Montrose Township Board Meeting

DATE: July 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 stated there were a few additions to the agenda, CTI Invoice, and also a Board Resignation.

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

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

Citizen's Comments:

Resident, Keith Vansickle that resides at 12106 N. Morrish Rd brought his concern about the speed that vehicles are driving down Morrish Rd between 3pm- 10pm. He offered to allow Police Officers to park in his driveway to catch the speeding vehicles. He is concerned also about the speed volunteer firefighters drive down Seymour Rd on the way to the station.

Minutes: Supervisor Emmendorfer asked if there were any corrections or questions about the June 15, 2021 Board Meeting minutes.

Tom Tithof made a **Motion** to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2021 Board Meeting. Support for the motion was given by Steve Schlicht. Vote - All yes. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: CD 115322472 was cashed in to pay for the new water main. \$150,000 was put into a new CD for the Water Account. \$200,000 was taken out of the General Funds and put onto a CD. Interest rates are slowly going up, right now, we are

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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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collecting 0.2%. We have one CD still collecting a good interest rate, that CD doesn't mature until 2023.

Revenue/Expenditure Report: Tom Tithof noticed that one person has hooked up to the new water main. We are expecting a few more to be hooked in soon. We picked up 9-11 new water customers that were hooked into the city water line but will now be connected to township water line.

Presentation of Bills: Supervisor Emmendorfer presented the bills for approval.

Tom Tithof noticed that we paid for the water main.

Tom Tithof made a **Motion** to pay the bills as presented. Support for the motion was given by Gerald Cook. Roll call – Mark Emmendorfer (yes), Steve Schlicht (yes), Mary Quast (yes), Tom Tithof (yes), Gary Keeler (yes), Gerald Cook (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: Nothing new to report.

APM: Brian from APM stated they are out spraying as many yards a day as possible. They are extremely busy and the weather plays a big part in how many they can get done. Since last board meeting, they have had 316 work card request, 281 mosquito annoyance request to have their yard sprayed, 35 party events, and covered 213 miles of ULV fogging in the township.

Fire Department: Chief George Taylor shared that last week Apollo was here to do yearly maintenance check on the fire trucks. On August 3th and 4th the Department is requested to bring over a fire truck to Lamb of God fellowship for the kid's summer camp.

Police Department:

Back in January 2021 there was a traffic accident in Montrose that led to the Township collecting a forfeiture of \$151,583.62 cash. Genesee County collects a 15% service fee. After paying the county the service fee Montrose Township will keep \$128,846.08 of the forfeiture. A resident spoke up and asked where these funds will be going. Supervisor Emmendorfer spoke up and said that the money is in the Police account and has stipulations as to what it can and can't be used for. It can not be used for man hours.

Building Department: Supervisor Emmendorfer shared that Bill McIlmurray is very busy, we have several new houses going up in the township. As for code enforcement he has been busy working with the residents and coming up with mutual understanding of

what needs to be addressed on their property at the moment. Residents are accepting the changes that need to be done on their property and working with Bill to complete it.

Senior Center: Supervisor Emmendorfer shared that we are waiting on the cement mason to get to the Senior Center to brick in the 3 windows.

Business:

1st Reading of Odor Ordinance

Supervisor Emmendorfer shared that odor have been an issue in the township in the past. The purpose of this Ordinance is to establish guidelines for the code enforcer and police officers to go by when a complaint is made. As for farm animals residents must follow the state regulations, Right to Farm Act. Gary Keeler brought up the Anthony Ragnone treatment plant and the odor that is sometimes released from there. Supervisor Emmendorfer stated that as long as the Anthony Ragnone treatment plant follows State guidelines there isn't much we can do about the odor. Gary Keeler asked if Anthony Ragnone Treatment Plant should be added to the exceptions of the ordinance. After some discussion about the verbiage of the ordinance there was an agreement to add Anthony Ragnone Treatment Plant as an exception in this ordinance. A **Motion** was made to accept the 1st reading of the Odor Ordinance with changes to Exceptions 94.73 (B) stating Sanitary Landfills and Anthony Ragnone Treatment Plant operated in accordance with State Law by Gerald Cook. 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.

Discussion on Moratorium from Medical Marijuana Caregiver Facilities

Supervisor Emmendorfer stated that the township has numerous requests about Home Care Centers. As he has been studying the ordinance, he has noticed some language that needed clarification and correction. To correct the language the township needs to file a moratorium, to have time to bring it before the Planning Commission and give them the opportunity to make corrections or changes. **Motion** was made by Tom Tithof to accept the resolution instituting a moratorium on the acceptance of applications, permits, or other request for the operation of a medical marijuana caregiver facility. Support for the motion was made 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.

Trash Removal Parcel # 13-35-300-005

8318 Frances Rd is a vacant property that has been charged the past two years for trash removal. They are requesting that we reimburse the property owners for those two years, a total of \$255.72.

Motion made by Tom Tithof to accept the request. Support for the motion was made by Coetta Adams. 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.

Purchase Police Car:

Supervisor Emmendorfer has been in contact with Signature Ford regarding a new police car. The new car would cost the township \$34,699. It would not cost much to upfit the new car because all the equipment coming off the old car will be transferred to the new car. The money to pay for this car will be coming from the forfeiture account. Tom Tithof asked what we are going to do with the old car. Supervisor Emmendorfer would like to use the old car for the township building department. Right now, the accessor and building official are sharing one car. A resident asked if this old car is too old for the police wouldn't it be too old for the building department too. Supervisor Emmendorfer explained that an officer sometimes has to drive at a high rate of speed to get to an emergency, or on a chase. Once a car gets to those high miles the failure rate is much higher and could be dangerous for the officers. A **Motion** made by Tom Tithof to purchase the new police car for \$34,699.00. Support for the motion was made by Gary Keeler. 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.

Purchase of New Suction Hose for the Fire Department: Chief George Taylor shared that two links of the departments current 6-inch hose did not pass the hose test and needs to be replaced. The recommendation is that we purchase 2 new hoses from Apollo for \$713.50. A **Motion** made by Gerald Cook to purchase two sections of the suction hose from Apollo for \$713.50. Support for the motion was made by Coetta Adams. 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.

Resignation of Firefighter

Joshua Merry turned in a letter of Resignation due to some medical issues he is dealing with at this time. A **Motion** made by Steve Schlicht to accept the letter of Resignation from Joshua Merry. Support for the motion was made by Gerald Cook. 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.

14222 N. Nichols Property Sale

Supervisor Emmendorfer stated that he put an ad in the Tri- County Citizen paper two different weeks and didn't have any bids. There was discussion about ways to get some interest from the public. Possibly use a realtor, put a for sale by owner sign on the property, or use Facebook Marketplace. Supervisor Emmendorfer said he would look into this more and bring it back to the next meeting in August.

Playground Mulch Proposal

There are limited places that you can purchase playground mulch from, it is engineered wood fiber specifically for playgrounds. The minimum order is 45 yards. We split this order with the City of Montrose and Maple Grove Parks and Rec, each of us taking 15

yards of mulch. The cost \$1,377.00, split 3 ways is \$459 each. A **Motion** made by Gary Keeler to purchase the playground mulch for \$1,377.00 and split it with the City of Montrose and Maple Grove Parks and Rec. Support for the motion was made by Gerald Cook. 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.

Hart Intercivic Renewal

The township election equipment was purchased back in 2017. At the time of the purchase, we entered into a 10-year maintenance contract. The first 5 years of the contract was free. In 2022 the first 5 years will come to an end. Hart reached out to us and said if we renew by the end of October 2021, they will give us a discount of \$1,038.00. Instead of paying \$10,380.00 we will pay \$9,342.00. Supervisor Emmendorfer stated we will be having an election in November for our APM Mosquito Abatement contract renewal. Along with the \$9,342.00 we need to transfer for the equipment maintenance, we also need to transfer \$3,000 to cover the cost of this November election. A **Motion** made by Tom Tithof to transfer 12,342.00 from the General Funds to cover the 2021 elections and the maintenance contract. Support for the motion was made by Gerald Cook. 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.

CTI Invoice

This invoice is for a refurbished Dell 7th generation computer, installation and update our camera system. A problem occurs when security screens in the township office and police office, and Chief Cochrane's computer are all running at the same time, it lags and cannot keep up. CTI took a look and suggested an update is needed. The update needed will cost \$871.03. Supervisor Emmendorfer suggested using the funds from the money that has been coming in from salvage inspections. A **Motion** made by Gary Keeler to purchase this equipment from CTI and take the \$871.03 from salvage inspections. Support for the motion was made 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.

Board Resignation

Gerald Cook sold his home and will be moving out of the township. A **Motion** made by Coetta Adams to accept Gerald Cooks resignation effective 7-21-2021. Support for the motion was made by Tom Tithof. Vote - All Yes. Motion passed.

Extended Board Member Comments

Gerald Cook stated that he has had fun serving on the board. Steve Schlicht introduced his deputy clerk, Nicole Allard who is learning the duties of a clerk during a Board Meeting. Gary Keeler asked if Road Commission has treated the roads. Supervisor Emmendorfer said that on Morrish road between Farrand Rd and Lake Rd they did treat with Permashine. When treating Morrish Rd, they got it too wet and it did not turn out like it is suppose to. When they treat Wilson Rd they are going to go back out to Morrish

Rd and redo it. Mary shared that we have had positive feedback about the information being put on social media.

Budget Adjustments:

Supervisor Emmendorfer stated there is a budget adjustment that needs to be made. We have \$40,000 in the Interest Impact Account that he would like to transfer the money to the Senior Center Capital Improvement Account to cover the upgrades that have been done. A **Motion** made by Gerald Cook to move \$40,000 from the Impact Interest Account to the Senior Centers Capital Improvement Account. Support for the motion was made by Coetta Adams. 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.

Citizen Comments

Resident suggested putting area realtors name in a hat and drawing one to decide who sells the township land on Nichols Rd.

Adjournment: Gerald Cook made a **Motion** to adjourn the meeting. Support for the motion was given by Steve Schlicht. Vote - All yes. The meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Submitted by:
Steve Schlicht, Clerk

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Mark Emmendorfer, Supervisor