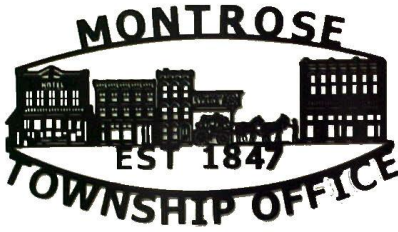


April 18, 2023



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Montrose Township Board Meeting

DATE: April 18, 2023

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. All Present

Agenda Approval:

Supervisor Emmendorfer asked to add the discussion on a Lucas Machine to the agenda. Tom Tithof asked to add the discussion of the Solar Ordinance to the agenda as well.

A **Motion** was made by Gerald Cole to approve the additions to the agenda. Support for the motion was given by Coetta Adams. Vote - All yes. Motion passed.

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

Citizen's Comments: No Comments

Minutes: Supervisor Emmendorfer asked if there were any corrections or questions regarding the March 21, 2023 Board Meeting minutes. None was mentioned.

A **Motion** was made by Gary Keeler to approve the minutes from the March 21, 2023 Board Meeting. Support for the motion was given by Steve Schlicht. Vote - All yes. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Mary Quast shared that she reinvested the Frankenmuth Credit Union Sewer CD at a interest rate of 4.25%.

Revenue/Expenditure Report: Tom Tithof asked to place the Percentage of Funds left for the year back on the new Revenue/Expenditure Report.

Presentation of Bills: Supervisor Emmendorfer presented the bills of \$236,265.61 for approval.

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

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

Brent Run: Tim Church was not in attendance. He is at an open house regarding the Genesee County Solid Waste Plan. He will be in attendance this Thursday for the Open House here from 4-6.

Fire Department: Two trainees that were sent to the Saginaw County Fire Academy have passed their practical exam, once they pass the written exam, they will be ready to start going on runs with the department. There was a discussion about the ISO report. Supervisor Emmendorfer stated because the Fire Hall is now housed here the insurance rates should be better due to the fire hall being centrally located in the Township.

Police Department: Chief Jamie Cochran didn't have anything new to report.

Building Department: Reports included in packet.

Senior Center: Everything is going well at the Senior Center.

Business:

1st Reading of ordinance Amendment 153.021-2023-02

This is the rezoning of the property at Elms Rd and MckinleyRd. The Planning Commission recommended approving the rezoning request from Douglas M. Taylor. Parcel id 13-13-200-044. A **Motion** was made by Tom Tithof to approve the 1st Reading of Ordinance Amendment 153.021-2023-02 to rezone parcel 13-13-200-044 from RS- Residential Suburban to RF- Residential Farm. Support for the motion was made 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). Vote - All yes. Motion passed.

Letter of Resignation ZBA

Kris O'Neal turned in a letter of resignation to the ZBA due to lack of availability.

A **Motion** by Gary Keeler to approve the resignation. Support for the motion was made by Gerald Cole. Vote - All yes. Motion passed.

Request of Bench at Cemetery Chapel

The Township has received a request from the Fortenberry's to donate a new bench to sit outside of the small chapel at the cemetery in honor of her father Richard Axtel. The bench would have a small plaque placed on it with Mr. Axtel's name.

A **Motion** made by Gerald Cole to approve the request. Support for the motion was made by Coetta Adams. Vote - All yes. Motion passed

Clarification on expenditures

November 1, 2022 the Township Board approved the Spicer Group Recreation Master Plan. The Recreation Master Plan expired December 31, 2023. At that time a Motion was made by Gary Keeler to approve the contract with Spicers to work on the Recreation Master Plan at an hourly rate not to exceed \$9,200. We did not designate which fund or line item this would be paid from.

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A **Motion** was made by Gary Keeler to take the money out of the Park Fund to pay for the Recreation Master Plan, not to exceed \$9,200. Support for the motion was made by Tom Tithof. Roll Call - Mary Quast (yes), Tom Tithof (yes), Gary Keeler (yes), Coetta Adams (yes), Gerald Cole (yes), Mark Emmendorfer (yes), Steve Schlicht (yes). Vote - All yes. Motion passed.

Public Safety Contract with the City of Montrose

The Public Safety Agreement for Fire and Police Services in the City of Montrose expires at the end of 2023. We are asking for a 5% increase for 2024, 3% increase in 2025, and 3% increase in 2026. In 2027 the agreement will be up for renewal. In the current agreement if the City receives a complaint regarding services provided to their residents they would have to send over the complaint in writing to the Supervisor. In the new agreement when the City receives a complaint they send over the written complaint to the supervisor. A 3-person committee from our Public Safety Department and a 3-person Committee from the city that will come together and discuss the complaint. The City of Montrose requested to appoint a member of their council to sit in on all Township Public Safety Committee meetings that deal with Police, Fire, or Rescue Services.

A **Motion** was made by Tom Tithof to approve the Public Safety Agreement between the City of Montrose and Montrose Charter Township pending the approval of the City of Montrose on Thursday. Support for the motion was made by Gerald Cole. Roll Call - Tom Tithof (yes), Gary Keeler (yes), Coetta Adams (yes), Gerald Cole (yes), Mark Emmendorfer (yes), Steve Schlicht (yes), Mary Quast (yes). Vote - All yes. Motion passed.

Budget Amendment

The Township Michigan Municipal League Workers Compensation Fund Yearly Policy invoice has increased this year due to accidents and sick leaves last year. A transfer of \$14,036 from General Savings to membership and dues 101-103-958.000 is requested to pay this invoice.

A **Motion** was made by Gary Keeler to transfer the \$14,036 from General Savings into Membership and Dues, 101-103-958.000. Support for the motion was made by Tom Tithof. 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.

Lucas Machine

A new Lucas machine is \$20,084.25. We can purchase a refurbished used Lucas machine for \$12,810.50. The ministerial association of Montrose has raised \$5,000, and over the next few months hope to raise an additional \$3,000 toward this purchase. Fire Chief, George Taylor said that he was going to talk to MediLodge and Green for Life to see if they would donate any money toward the purchase. Chief Police, Jamie Cochran has talked to Neil Rankin and he said Neil would ask the Jennings Foundation and another Genesee County Grant Foundation to raise money for a new machine. The used Lucas machine quote expires on 5/31/2023.

A **Motion** was made by Tom Tithof to approve the purchase of the used Lucas machine at \$12,810.50, and the ProCare Warranty for \$1,764 with the funds coming from the Fire Equipment Fund. Support was given 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). Vote - All yes. Motion passed.

Planning Commission Solar Ordinance Recommendation

Tom Tithof led a discussion about what the Planning Commission recommended regarding the Solar Ordinance.

A **Motion** was made by Tom Tithof to present draft 2 at the public hearing with correction and the exception on page 4 to read; If deemed appropriate, the Planning Commission can require specific fencing as needed. Support was given by Steve Schlicht. Roll Call - Gerald Cole (yes), Mark Emmendorfer (yes), Steve Schlicht (yes), Mary Quast (yes), Tom Tithof (yes), Gary Keeler (yes), Coetta Adams (yes).

Citizens Comments:

Jim Coon, 9322 Sheridan Rd, Jim Coon shared his feelings about the solar ordinance.

Rex Wheeler, 11063 Eastman Rd, Rex Wheeler shared his thoughts about the solar ordinance.

Richard Y. 7227 Wilson Rd, shared his thoughts on the solar ordinance and the sound aspect of it.

Extended Board Member Comments:

None

Adjournment:

A **Motion** was made by Gary Keeler to adjourn the meeting. Support for the motion was given by Gerald Cole. Vote - All yes.

The meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Submitted by:
Steve Schlicht, Clerk

Steven Schlicht, Clerk

Mark Emmendorfer, Supervisor