



Montrose Charter Township
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Montrose Township Regular Board Meeting
March 18, 2008

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Mark Emmendorfer at 7:00pm and began with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call: Present- Emmendorfer, Keeler, Newcomer, Sullivan. Absent- Domine, Persails.

Citizens Comments:

Mark Emmendorfer explained that rezoning comments would be taken later in the meeting.

John Soave questioned the appointment process for filling the vacant Trustee position? Soave said he was concerned that the township could be overlooking other interested residents. Emmendorfer said that this was an election year and that he did not think it necessary to go to the expense and time that would be required to obtain applications and perform interviews because whoever was chosen would have to run in the general election. Emmendorfer said that he talked with Planning Commission member, Tom Tithof, and Tom expressed an interest in the Trustee position. Therefore, Emmendorfer said that he was recommending Tithof to fill the vacancy. John Soave said he would have been interested in the position if he would have been contacted.

Dan Hill said that it was his belief that the vacancy was going to be posted in the newspaper. Mark Emmendorfer said that he had never made that statement

Minutes:

Motion made by Gary Keeler to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2008 Township Board Meeting as written. Support by Don Sullivan. Vote- All yes. Motion passed.

Revenue/Expenditure Report:

Not Available.

Presentation of Bills:

Motion made by John Newcomer to pay the bills as presented. The total amount is \$16,066.96 which includes a Pictometry bill for \$520.00 that was not included in the regular list of bills. Support by Gary Keeler. Vote- Mark Emmendorfer (yes), Donald Sullivan (yes), Gary Keeler (yes), John Newcomer (yes). Motion passed.

Reports:

Police- Report on file.

Chief Ellis said that on March 26 Don Simota will go to Chicago to receive training on the chemical detection device. Don will then come back and train other members of the police and fire departments. This is all part of the grant that the police department received for this device from the federal government.

Building Department- Report on file. No permits issued.

Senior Center- Report on file. Sandy said that activity and use have increased.

Building and Grounds- No report.

Business:

Manssur Rezoning Request;

Dennis Manssur has requested rezoning of parcel 13-35-200-007 from Residential Farm (RF) to Mobile Home/Manufactured Home Park (MHP).

Supervisor Mark Emmendorfer explained the recommendation of the Planning Commission to deny this rezoning request.

Debra Hoffman, of 9210 Rivergrove spoke against the proposed rezoning and submitted a letter which she read to the Board.

Motion made by Gary Keeler to deny rezoning parcel 13-35-200-007 from RF to MHP.

Support by John Newcomer. Vote- Mark Emmendorfer (yes), Donald Sullivan (yes), Gary Keeler (yes), John Newcomer (yes). Motion passed. Rezoning denied.

Kish Rezoning Request;

Gary Kish has requested rezoning for part of parcel 13-04-400012 (lots 3-24 and 29-37 and lot 44 of Kee-Wah Din Farms). Mr. Kish would like to rezone this property from Agricultural (AG), to Residential Suburban (RS). Supervisor Emmendorfer and Building Official Dennis Miller explained the reason for the rezoning request. Gary Keeler said that the Planning Commission has recommended approval of this rezoning request.

Motion made by Donald Sullivan to approve the rezoning request for a portion of parcel 13-04-400-012 from AG to RS as requested. This is to be considered the first reading for the rezoning. Support by Gary Keeler. Vote- Mark Emmendorfer (yes), Donald Sullivan (yes), Gary Keeler (yes), John Newcomer (yes). Motion passed. Rezoning granted.

Sewer Use Ordinance;

Mark Emmendorfer explained that the ordinance was not ready at this time.

Motion made by Gary Keeler to table this item. Support by John Newcomer. Vote- All yes. Motion passed.

Fireman's Insurance;

Supervisor, Emmendorfer, said that he had only heard from a few firemen about the proposed insurance. Mark explained the coverage's and said it was his recommendation for the Township to switch to the new insurance plan. The plan will provide up to \$30,000.00 insurance coverage and up to \$300.00 per week income for as many as 260 weeks.

Motion made by Donald Sullivan to approve a new insurance program for the firemen. The insurance program will be through the Michigan State Fireman's Association (Plan 1). The cost is \$47.00 per fireman per year. Support by Gary Keeler. Vote- Mark Emmendorfer (yes), Donald Sullivan (yes), Gary Keeler (yes) John Newcomer (yes). Motion passed.

Trustee Resignation;

Letter of resignation received from Fred Domine. Fred has resigned his position of Trustee from the Township Board.

Motion made by Gary Keeler to accept the resignation of Fred Domine. Support by Don Sullivan. Vote- All yes. Motion passed.

Trustee Appointment;

Supervisor, Emmendorfer, recommended that Tom Tithof be appointed to fill the vacant Trustee position.

Motion made by Gary Keeler to appoint Tom Tithof to the vacant Trustee position. Support by John Newcomer. Vote- All yes. Motion passed.

Planning Commission Resignation;

Letter of resignation received from Tom Tithof. Tom has resigned his position on the township Planning Commission.

Motion made by John Newcomer to accept the resignation of Tom Tithof from the Montrose Township Planning Commission. Support by Gary Keeler. Vote- All yes. Motion passed.

Planning Commission Appointment;

Supervisor, Emmendorfer, recommended that Maurice Fikes be appointed to fill the vacant Planning Commission position. Motion made by John Newcomer to appoint Maurice Fikes to the vacant Planning Commission position. Support by Gary Keeler. Vote- All yes. Motion passed.

American Legal Publishing Cost and Update;

Supervisor, Emmendorfer, explained none of the ordinance changes for 2007 have been sent to American Legal for publishing. Therefore, the cost figure reflects a full year of changes. The total cost to update our ordinances would be \$2,226.00.

Motion made by John Newcomer to approve payment to American Legal Publishing in the amount of \$2,226.00 for updating our ordinances. Support by Don Sullivan. Vote- Mark Emmendorfer (yes), Donald Sullivan (yes), Gary Keeler (yes) John Newcomer (yes). Motion passed.

Briar Ridge Liquor License Transfer;

Township attorney, Otis Stout, recommended the transfer of the liquor license be approved. Stout also said that township Liquor Ordinance should be sent back to the Planning Commission for review. Attorney stout said that there five areas of the township ordinance that need to be addressed.

Motion made by Donald Sullivan to transfer the Briar Ridge Liquor License to *Montrose Briar Ridge Inc., with a Dance Permit*. Support by Gary Keeler. Vote- Mark Emmendorfer (yes), Donald Sullivan (yes), Gary Keeler (yes) John Newcomer (yes). Motion passed.

Breathing Air Systems Contact Update;

Supervisor, Emmendorfer, explained that the agreement had been changed to include a refund of fees if “in the event of grievous breach of contract, we will refund any unused portion of this contract.” This item included for information only.

Safety Equipment for Fire Deptment;

Republic Services has agreed to purchase safety Crib Blocks for the township at a cost of \$1,300.00. We have also asked Republic if the township could purchase the safety vests through them to take advantage of any savings that might be afforded Republic because of the large quantities they purchase for their employees. This item included for information only.

Credit Card Assignment for the Township Hall;

Supervisor, Emmendorfer, asked for approval to add Fred Domine to the Township Hall credit card.

Motion made by Gary Keeler to add Fred Domine to the township hall credit card. Support by John Newcomer. Vote- Mark Emmendorfer (yes), Donald Sullivan (yes), Gary Keeler (yes) John Newcomer (yes). Motion passed.

Christian Faith Church Update;

Mark Emmendorfer gave an update on our efforts to resolve the water and sewer billings to the church. Mark said that we have one more meeting scheduled with them. This item included for information only.

Any other Business:

1. Supervisor, Emmendorfer, explained the 9% increase on our health insurance. This item included for information only.

2. Supervisor, Emmendorfer, said that the Park committee had met and discussed applying for a MNRTF (DNR) grant for the Township Park. It is the Park Committees recommendation that we proceed with the grant application for \$442,000.00. Our match for this grant would be \$150,000.00.

Motion made by Mark Emmendorfer to approve the MNRTF Grant application for improvements at the township park. Support by Gary Keeler. Vote- Mark Emmendorfer (yes), Donald Sullivan (yes), Gary Keeler (yes) John Newcomer (yes). Motion passed.

3. Mark explained how the funding for the senior center is accomplished using the Senior Citizens millage. The money is coming into the township

Adjournment:

Motion made by Gary Keeler to adjourn the meeting. Support by John Newcomer. Vote- All yes. Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

Submitted by

Fred Domine, clerk

Mark Emmendorfer - Supervisor **Fred Domine** – Clerk **Donald Sullivan** – Treasurer
Township Trustees - **Gary Keeler, John Newcomer, William Persails, Tom Tithof**