



Montrose Charter Township
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Montrose Township Regular Board Meeting
April 15, 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-Domine, Emmendorfer, Keeler, Newcomer, Sullivan, Tithof.
Absent- Persails.

Citizens Comments:

AYSO coach Tracy Ramin spoke on behalf of the Montrose boys U14 soccer team. This team has been chosen to represent all of Michigan at the 2008 National Soccer Tournament in Honolulu, Hawaii. Ramin said this is a very expensive venture. Coach Ramin submitted a letter of explanation and asked if the Township Board would make an exception and approve selling concessions at the Township Park during AYSO sponsored games played at the park? Items sold would be candy bars, chips, and other pre-packaged snack foods. Motion made by John Newcomer to allow AYSO to sell concessions at the township to raise money for the trip to Hawaii. Support by Gary Keeler. Vote- All yes. Motion passed.

Chuck Persons informed us about the Historical Society web site and explained that it had a lot of content of local interest.

Minutes:

Motion made by Gary Keeler to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2008 Township Board Meeting as written. Support by Tom Tithof. Vote- All yes. Motion passed.

Revenue/Expenditure Report:

Report is on file with minutes.

Treasurers Report:

Don Sullivan read the treasurers report.

Presentation of Bills:

Motion made by John Newcomer to pay the bills as presented. The total amount is \$29,132.64. Support by Gary Keeler. Vote- Mark Emmendorfer (yes), Donald Sullivan (yes), Gary Keeler (yes), John Newcomer (yes), Fred Domine (yes), Tom Tithof (yes). Motion passed.

Reports:

Police- Report on file.

Chief Ellis said that Don Simota has completed the gas detection training and will now train the rest of the police department and six firemen in the use of the gas detection device.

Building Department- Report on file. Dennis said that the building inspection agreement we have with the city is working out well.

Senior Center- Report on file. Sandy said that all is well. There is a lot of participation.

Building and Grounds- Report on file. Maynard said the playscape at the Township Park has received an additional 50 cubic yards of mulch. Maynard also spoke about the ongoing problem with dogs and the fact that their owners are not cleaning up after them at the Park.

Fire- Report on file. Albert said that the firemen are going to have a Breakfast and Open House at the Fire Hall on May 4th. Cost for the breakfast will be \$6.00.

Business:

Franklin Bank Presentation;

Christina Wiskur and Sheryl Henderson from Franklin Bank gave a presentation of the services offered by Franklin Bank and how they thought they could benefit the township.

Motion made by Gary Keeler to refer this information to the Finance Committee for their recommendation. Support by John Newcomer. Vote- All yes. Motion passed.

Kish Rezoning 2nd Reading;

Gary Kish rezoning of parcel 13-04-400-012 from Agricultural (AG) to Residential Suburban (RS). 2nd reading. Motion made by Gary Keeler to accept the 2nd reading for rezoning parcel 13-04-400-012 from AG to RS. Support by Tom Tithof. Vote- All yes. Motion passed.

Legal Opinion referencing the Number of Readings required to make Ordinance changes;

Attorney Stout expressed the opinion that we only need to have one reading to adopt an ordinance and that ordinances would become effective upon publication. Otis referenced MCL41.181 through MCL41.187 and MCL42.22 for his opinion.

Recommendation on Fire Department Explorer Group;

It is the Fire committees recommendation that the Fire Department Explorer program be suspended until such a time that the Township Board feels we have adequate leadership available to administer the program at an acceptable level. Motion made by Gary Keeler to suspend the Explorer Group per the Fire Committee recommendation. Support by Fred Domine. Vote- All yes. Motion passed.

Supervisor Emmendorfer instructed Chief Rush to advise the Board about the Explorer equipment. What equipment should be stored, given away, thrown away? Chief Rush will get back with Mark.

Liquor Control Ordinance;

Motion made by Gary Keeler to table action on this item and to refer it back to the Planning Commission. Support by Donald Sullivan. Vote- All yes. Motion passed. Otis Stout will make his recommendations to the Planning Commission.

Christian Faith Church Final Proposal;

The total owed by Christian Faith Church for water and sewer hookups and service has been determined to be \$11,919.60. The township will pay the amount owed to Genesee County water and Waste out of our Sewer Fund which will be repaid to this fund as the payments are made by the church.

Motion made by John Newcomer to establish a single lot assessment district for Christian Faith Church. This assessment would be established for a period of ten years at 6.5% interest on the amount of \$11,919.60. One tenth of the total amount plus interest is to be paid each year for a period of ten years. Support by Tom Tithof. Vote- Emmendorfer (yes), Domine (yes), Sullivan (yes), Tithof (yes), Keeler (yes), Newcomer (yes). Motion passed. Due to the extenuating circumstances surrounding this issue, the failure of prior Boards to take action, and the amount of time that this situation has existed it was deemed this action would be in the best interest of both the Christian Faith Church and Montrose Township.

Water Line Survey Results;

Mark Emmendorfer presented the results of the water line survey cards that he mailed out. Based on the results of this survey, Fred Domine made a Motion for Mark to obtain preliminary cost estimates for the construction of water lines in the 10,000 mile of Wilson Road and the 11,000 mille of Nichols Road. Support by Don Sullivan. Vote- All yes. Motion passed.

Emmendorfer also suggested that the Board should adopt a uniform method of assessing the costs of water lines constructed throughout the township.

Jennings Memorial Grant Update;

Mark Emmendorfer said the Jennings Foundation has awarded the Township a grant in the amount of \$30,000.00 contingent on the Veterans Memorial group raising \$90,000.00 match money. This money will be used to construct the proposed veterans memorial building in the township park.

Other Business:

1. Mark Emmendorfer said that the new traffic signals on M57 should be working within two weeks. The control boxes are being programmed now.

2. Mark presented a proposal from Genesee County Road Commission to ditch both sides of Morrish Road between Dodge and Wilson Roads at a cost to the township of \$19,640.78 using our 50/50 matching funds. The project is for 5,280 feet of ditching and replacing 9 driveways.

Motion made by John Newcomer to enter into agreement with Genesee County to ditch Morrish Road (both sides) between Wilson and Dodge Roads for the sum of \$19,640.78. Support by Don Sullivan. Vote- Newcomer (yes), Domine (yes), Emmemdorfer (yes), Sullivan (yes), Tithof (yes), Keeler (yes). Motion passed.

3. Mark Emmendorfer presented the 2008 Genesee County dust control program. Genesee County will pay 100% of the cost for the first application of Calcium Chloride and the Township would be responsible for the cost of the second application.

Gary Keeler made a Motion for Montrose Township to pay \$24681.14 for the second application of Calcium Chloride to the Township Roads for dust control. Support by John Newcomer. Vote- Newcomer (yes), Domine (yes), Emmendorfer (yes), Sullivan (yes), Tithof (yes), Keeler (yes). Motion passed.

4. Emmendorfer presented a maintenance service agreement for our fire trucks. This proposal is from R&R Fire Truck Repair. The agreement is for the annual maintenance to fire trucks #14, #17, #13, E-11 and E12. The total cost of this maintenance is \$4,200.00. Motion made by Gary Keeler to enter into agreement with R & R Fire Truck repair for annual maintenance of our fire trucks for the amount of \$4,200.00. Support by Tom Tithof. Vote- Newcomer (yes), Domine (yes), Emmendorfer (yes), Sullivan (yes), Tithof (yes), Keeler (yes). Motion passed.

Citizens Time:

Dan Hill asked if the sewer line that was constructed along Seymour Road north of M57 had been paid off. Answer by Mark Emmendorfer was no, we have about seven years before it is paid.

Adjournment:

Motion made by John Newcomer to adjourn the meeting. Support by Gary Keeler. Vote- all yes. Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.

Submitted by
Fred Domine, clerk

Mark Emmendorfer, Supervisor

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