



Montrose Charter Township
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Montrose Township Regular Board Meeting
August 19, 2008

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

Roll Call:

Present- John Newcomer, Fred Domine, Mark Emmendorfer, Gary Keeler, Tom Tithof, Don Sullivan, and Bill Persails. Absent- None

Citizens Comments;

Glenn Powell spoke in favor of recycling and the proposed container pick up.

Sarah Diem wanted to know if the township was going to pay the difference between the current pricing and the proposed pricing if we go to containers. Sarah also stated that she thought this was a different issue than the township paying 100% of all garbage pick up.

Craig Bierny asked why the minutes were not on the township web-site? Why is the tax assessment roll not on the web-site? Why does the township tax on taxable value and not a flat tax?

Jean Segar asked if paid garbage collection would be put on the November ballot.

Ron Polk asked if the Township Board had agreed to pay for 100% of garbage collection.

Sarah Diem asked about the cost of recycling?

John Spencer commented on the fact that he thought road repairs are performed inadequately.

Les Christiansen said that noise at the landfill is greatly diminished and he is pleased. He questioned the operating on holidays? Les wanted to know if the Fire Department would respond to ambulance calls.

Supervisor, Mark Emmendorfer explained that the date for putting an item on the November ballot by petition was August 12, 2008 and the date for local proposals is August 26, 2008.

Mark also explained that he has discussed putting the paid garbage collection question on the ballot with board members and the township attorney. Attorney, Otis Stout, issued an opinion that this should not be a ballot issue because Garbage collection has been voted on and was passed by a majority vote of the township. Emmendorfer further explained that it was his opinion that paying for garbage collection would not benefit all property owners and commercial enterprises within the township.

Supervisor, Mark Emmendorfer explained the garbage pickup agreement proposed to the township by Republic Waste Services;

- A. Unlimited pickup once a month for the entire township.
- B. Container pickup (either 65 or 95 gallon)
- C. Free recycling every other week.
- D. Extra bulky item pick up by telephone request.
- E. Continued issuance of Dump Permits to township residents.

Minutes:

Gary Keeler made a Motion to approve the Minutes of the July 15, 2008 Township Board Meeting as written. Support by Bill Persails. Vote- All yes. Motion passed.

Treasurers Report:

Don Sullivan gave the treasurers report.

Presentation of Bills:

Motion made by Tom Tithof to approve the bills as presented. Tom's motion was amended to include the purchase of a used set of Jaws of Life from The Saginaw Township Fire Dept. and the purchase of a new set of cutters for this set of Jaws. The total amount of Jaws of Life purchase and cutters will be \$7855.00. Support by Bill Persails. Vote- Mark Emmendorfer (yes), Donald Sullivan (yes), Gary Keeler (yes), John Newcomer (yes), Fred Domine (yes), Bill Persails (yes) Tom Tithof (yes). Motion passed.

Reports:

Police- Report on file. Building Department- Report on file. Senior Center- Report on file.

Building and Grounds- No Report.

Fire Department- Report on file.

Business:

C & M Ambulance Contract;

Mark explained reasons for having an ambulance based in the township. The ambulance base would afford residents quicker ambulance service and would reduce the number of calls that our Fire Department would have to respond to. The reduction in Fire Department calls would equate to money saved. Mark said that he had contacted both C&M and Twin Township ambulance companies. Twin Township did not respond with a proposal. The proposal from C&M would provide 24 /7 day coverage for the township for a trial period of up to six months.

The contract will be broken down into two 90 day trial segments and would be evaluated at the end of the first 90 days. Montrose Township would provide a base for the ambulance personnel. The township would agree to subsidize C&M in an amount not to exceed \$7,500.00 per month for the trial period. Rent for the base would be \$500.00 per month. The start up date could be as early as October 1, 2008.

Gary Keeler made a **Motion** to enter into a ninety (90) day contract with C&M Ambulance to locate and staff an ambulance base in Montrose Township. The effective date of the contract will be 10/01/2008. The maximum monthly charge to Montrose Township by C&M would be \$7,500.00. Gary amended his Motion to also include the \$500.00 rental for a house for the base. The motion was supported by Tom Tithof. Vote- Mark Emmendorfer (yes), Donald Sullivan (yes), Gary Keeler (yes), John Newcomer (abstain), Fred Domine (yes), Bill Persails (yes) Tom Tithof (yes). Motion passed.

Solid Waste Contract Proposal;

Mark Emmendorfer explained the proposed Waste Collection Contract offered by Republic Waste Services to Montrose Township. The contract proposes unlimited waste pick up once a month. The use of either 65 or 95 gallon garbage containers furnished by Republic. Republic will also maintain and replace these containers as necessary. Recycling every other week. Republic will furnish the recycling containers. Extra, bulky item, pick up. Bulky item pick requires a telephone call to Republic for scheduling. Continuation of Dump Permits issued to Montrose Township residents.

Bill Persails made a **Motion** for Montrose Township to enter into a contract with Republic Waste Services for Waste pick up. The cost of the waste pick up will be \$8.96 per unit per month. Waste pick up under the new contract to begin 1 January, 2009. Support by John Newcomer. Vote- Mark Emmendorfer (yes), Donald Sullivan (yes), Gary Keeler (yes), John Newcomer (yes), Fred Domine (yes), Bill Persails (yes) Tom Tithof (yes). Motion passed.

Ordinance Supplement Agreement;

Mark explained the necessity for adopting this Ordinance. It was recommended that we adopt this ordinance by American Legal Publishing Corporation and our attorney, Otis Stout.

John Newcomer made a **Motion** to adopt An Ordinance Enacting and Adopting a Supplement to The Code of Ordinances for the Township of Montrose And Declaring An Emergency. This Ordinance to be known as Montrose Township Ordinance 169. Support by Gary Keeler. Vote- Mark Emmendorfer (yes), Donald Sullivan (yes), Gary Keeler (yes), John Newcomer (yes), Fred Domine (yes), Bill Persails (yes) Tom Tithof (yes). Motion passed.

Proposed Township Property Sale;

Larry Elliott has asked the township if he can purchase approximately one acre of land for \$3,000.00. The parcel he would like to purchase is at the back of a parcel of land owned by Montrose Township on Morrish road. This parcel contains the cell tower that we have leased to Unison. It is Otis Stout's opinion that the township can sell this land to Mr. Elliott. Unison has been contacted and they agree with Mr. Stout.

Motion made by Gary Keeler to authorize Mark to have a contract prepared for the sale of approximately one acre of land to Larry Elliott for the sum of \$3000.00. Mr. Elliott will be responsible for all costs related to the sale of this parcel. This contract will be bought back to the Township Board for final approval.

Support by Tom Tithof. Vote- All yes. Motion passed.

Schedule of Fees- Zoning Compliance Permit;

Dennis Miller has suggested that we reduce the cost of the Zoning Compliance Permit to \$25.00.

Motion made by Fred Domine to reduce the cost of a Zoning Compliance Permit to \$25.00. Support by Bill Persails. Vote- Mark Emmendorfer (yes), Donald Sullivan (yes), Gary Keeler (yes), John Newcomer (yes), Fred Domine (yes), Bill Persails (yes) Tom Tithof (yes). Motion passed.

McAfee Road Resolution for Traffic Enforcement;

This is a Resolution authorizing the Montrose Township Police Department and its officers to enter upon McAfee Road to enforce violations of the Montrose Township Code of Ordinances and the Michigan Motor Vehicle Code.

Tom Tithof made a **Motion** for the Montrose Township Board to adopt a Resolution for Traffic Enforcement on McAfee Road by the Montrose Township Police Department. McAfee road is a private road. Support by John Newcomer. Vote- All yes. Motion passed.

McAfee Road Resolution for a Public Hearing;

Adoption of this Resolution will schedule a Public Hearing to recognize the McAfee Road Maintenance and Repair Association Inc. as the official organization and spokesperson on behalf of the McAfee Road residents. The Public Hearing will be held September 16, 2008 to hear any objections. **Correction 09/16/2008.** Adoption will schedule a Public Hearing for the \$250.00 per parcel assessment recommended by the McAfee Road Maintenance and Repair Association Inc.

Gary Keeler made a **Motion** to adopt this Resolution and schedule a Public Hearing for September 16, 2008. Support by Bill Persails. Vote- All yes. Motion passed.

Reconsider Publishing Agenda;

The Township has received numerous requests to publish the agenda for the township board meeting in the Tri-County Citizen. The Board had discontinued publication of the agenda as a cost cutting measure.

Motion made by Bill Persails to publish the monthly township board meeting agenda in the Tri-County Citizen. Support by Fred Domine. Vote- Mark Emmendorfer (yes), Donald Sullivan (yes), Gary Keeler (yes), John Newcomer (yes), Fred Domine (yes), Bill Persails (yes) Tom Tithof (yes). Motion passed.

Standard of Conduct for Public Officials;

Resolution Establishing Standards of Conduct For Public Officers and Employees.

Attorney, Otis Stout summarized the proposed resolution.

Motion made by Fred Domine to postpone this item until the September meeting. Support by Gary Keeler. Vote- All yes. Motion passed.

Other Business;

Mark Emmendorfer presented the Board with information about “Dogipot Pet Stations”. Discussion took place about purchasing and installing one or two of these in the township park. No action was taken.

Fred Domine asked about renting the Senior Center to the public. Renting of the center was put on hold as of June 30th because of the remodeling project. We agreed to examine our rental policies and pricing after the renovation was complete but before making any further rental reservations. So far, the Township Board has not made any decisions and people are calling the township hall and asking about renting the Senior Center. We also need a rental agreement form.

Otis said that he would furnish us with a rental agreement for the Senior Center and the Park.

Mark said that he would hold a meeting of the Senior Center Committee to make recommendations to the Board.

Gary Keeler made a **Motion** to rent The Senior Center until December 31, 2008 using the current guidelines. This will give the committee time to make their recommendations to the Board. Support by John Newcomer. Vote- All yes. Motion passed.

Citizens Comments; None

Adjournment;

Motion by Bill Persails to adjourn the meeting. Support by John Newcomer. Vote- All yes. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:35pm.

Submitted by
Fred Domine, Township 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**