



Montrose Charter Township
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**Montrose Township Regular Board Meeting
 September 15, 2009**

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Mark Emmendorfer at 7:00pm.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call: Present- Mark Emmendorfer, Fred Domine, Gary Keeler, Tom Tithof, Dan Hill, Linda Miller. Absent- None.

Citizens Comments: Supervisor Emmendorfer asked for Citizens comments.

Sadie Leonard said that a towing company located in the township is owned by a convicted felon and that it was her belief that this person should not be towing vehicles for the Montrose Township Police Department. Sadie presented the board members with packets containing information which, she believed substantiated her opinion.

Ronald Babcock said that he is the convicted felon that Sadie is referring to. He said that as a nineteen year old he was given money by a police officer asked to buy him to buy some cocaine. Which, he did. He said that he was not a drug dealer. Mr. Babcock said that his towing company is licensed by the State of Michigan.

Minutes: Gary Keeler Made a Motion to accept the minutes of the August 18, 2009 regular Board Meeting as written. Support for the motion given by Tom Tithof. Vote- All yes. Motion passed.

Gary Keeler Made a Motion to accept the minutes of the August 27, 2009 special Board Meeting as written. Support for the motion given by Tom Tithof. Vote- All yes. Motion passed.

Treasurers Report:

Supervisor Emmendorfer gave the treasurers report.

Revenue/Expenditure Report:

Supervisor M. Emmendorfer presented the Revenue/Expenditure report which is on file with these minutes.

Presentation of Bills: Tom Tithof Made a Motion to pay the bills as presented. Support for the motion given by Dan Hill. Vote- Domine (yes), Tithof (yes), Keeler (yes), Hill (yes), Miller (yes)

Reports:

Fire- Darrell Ellis said that the Fire Dept collected \$ 1,774.94 for MDA over the Labor Day week end. Ellis said that the township has received a \$6,500.00 grant from Waste Connection for the purchase of water rescue equipment. The Montrose Firefighters Association has also donated \$1,500.00 for the purchase of some safety equipment.

Chief Darrell Ellis shared a letter received from Sheriff Robert Pickell commending the Montrose Township Fire Dept. while assisting at the White Oil Company fire in Vienna Township.

Police- Report on file. Chief Ellis said that the police department has apprehended three individuals suspected of breaking and entering.

The township also received a letter from the Montrose Blueberry Festival Committee thanking the Montrose Township Police and Fire Departments for their help during the Blueberry Festival.

Building/ Assessing Department- Report On file

Building and Grounds- Report on file. Maynard Reed is trying to straighten some of the old burial head stones in the cemetery. Maynard is also pruning and cutting shrubs in the cemetery that have been damaged by deer.

Maynard and his crew have also installed barriers at the park to try and prevent people from driving around the entrance gate.

The Township Board received a letter from Eilene Cross congratulating the cemetery caretakers on the fine job that they do.

Senior Center- Report on file. Sandy said that things are busy.

Ambulance- Report on file. The ambulance charge for the month of August is \$4,000.00.

Business:

Township Treasurer Appointment:

Gary Keeler made a **Motion** to appoint Christina Monk as Montrose Township Treasurer. Support for the motion given by Fred Domine. Vote- Linda Miller (no), Dan Hill (no), Tom Tithof (no), Mark Emmendorfer (no). Fred Domine (yes), Gary Keeler (yes). Motion failed.

Dan Hill made a **Motion** to appoint Mary Johnson as Montrose Township Treasurer. There was no support for the motion. Motion died.

Linda Miller made a **Motion** to appoint Gail Fikes as Montrose Township Treasurer. Support for the motion given by Tom Tithof. Vote- Linda Miller (yes), Tom Tithof (yes), Mark Emmendorfer (yes), Fred Domine (no), Gary Keeler (no), Dan Hill (no). Tie Vote. Motion failed.

Dan Hill made a **Motion** to appoint Mary Johnson as Montrose Township Treasurer. There was no support for the motion. Motion died.

Dan Hill made a **Motion** to table the treasurers' appointment. There was no support for the motion. Motion died.

Tom Tithof made a **Motion** to appoint Christina Monk as Montrose Township Treasurer. Support for the motion given by Gary Keeler. Vote- Linda Miller (no), Dan Hill (no), Fred Domine (yes), Tom Tithof (yes), Gary Keeler (yes), Mark Emmendorfer (yes). Motion passed.

Christina Monk declined the appointment.

Gary Keeler made a **Motion** to appoint Gail Fikes Montrose Township Treasurer. Support for the motion given by Linda Miller. Vote- Linda Miller (yes), Dan Hill (yes), Gary Keeler (yes), Tom Tithof (yes), Fred Domine(yes), Mark Emmendorfer (yes). Motion passed.

Gary Keeler made a **Motion** to Swear in Gail Fikes and to seat at tonight's meeting. Gail may abstain from voting on any issue that she is not familiar with. Support for the motion by Fred Domine. Vote – All yes. Motion passed.

Firefighter Resignation;

Supervisor Emmendorfer read a letter of resignation from Firefighter Anthony E. Emmendorfer.

Gary Keeler made a **Motion** to accept the resignation and retirement of Anthony E. Emmendorfer after forty three years of service to Montrose Township. Support for the motion given by Fred Domine. Vote- All yes. Motion passed.

Fellow Firefighters presented Tony Emmendorfer with a retirement Plaque and his Fire Helmet.

Master Plan Review;

Planning Commission did not have five members present at their meeting and therefore could not make a motion to recommend passage of the Master Plan at their meeting on September 17, 2009. They did conduct the Public Hearing.

Tom Tithof made a **Motion** to table the Master Plan Review until our next meeting. Support for the motion given by Gary Keeler. Vote- All yes. Motion passed.

Tractor/ Loader Blade Assembly Disposition;

Fred Domine explained that several years ago, township purchased a front blade for use on the cemetery tractor front end loader to do snow removal. The blade is not used and needs to be sold.

Gary Keeler made a **Motion** to sell the Blade. Selling price to be advertised as \$1,000.00 Or Best Offer with the ability to sell for a low price of \$300.00. Support for the motion by Tom Tithof. Vote- Miller (yes), Hill (yes), Keeler (yes), Tithof (yes), Fikes (yes), Domine (yes), Emmendorfer (yes). Motion passed.

Results of Sale of Police Car;

Supervisor Emmendorfer reported that the 2001 Ford Police car was sold for \$1,850.00.

Results of Negotiating Purchase of Property at 127 S. Saginaw St;

Supervisor Emmendorfer said that the Township was able to purchase the property for \$10,000.00. There were back taxes due, a past due water bill and a street assessment which brought the total to \$14,148.76. This was under the \$15,000.00 that was appropriated at the August meeting and we proceeded with the purchase. Demolition of the house and garage are next. Supervisor Emmendorfer said that he has gotten three bids for demolition. They are; Dicks Tree Service (\$8,000.00), Bellil Enterprises (\$4,800.00), M-57 Aggregate (\$4,400.00).

Emmendorfer explained that these bid prices did not include; disconnection of gas and electricity, cutting and capping the water and sewer, or demolition permits that may be necessary.

Tom Tithof made a **Motion** to accept the bid from M-57 Aggregate of \$4,400.00 for the demolition of the house and garage at 127 S. Saginaw Street. Support for the motion was given by Linda Miller. Vote- Domine (yes), Miller (yes), Hill (yes), Keeler (yes), Fikes (yes), Tithof (yes), Emmendorfer (yes). Motion passed.

Budget Adjustments for 127 S. Saginaw St.

Supervisor Emmendorfer explained that the Board has approved expending money to purchase and demolish the house at 127 S Saginaw Street but we neglected to adjust the budget and determine where the money was coming from.

Gary Keeler made a **Motion** to adjust the budget by \$22,000.00 and to transfer the money from the Impact Fund to the General Fund. This Budget adjustment is for the purchase and demolition of the house at 127 S. Saginaw Street. Support for the motion was given by Tom Tithof. Vote- Domine (yes), Miller (yes), Hill (yes), Keeler (yes), Fikes (yes), Tithof (yes), Emmendorfer (yes). Motion passed.

Consideration of Board of Review Appointment;

Supervisor Emmendorfer presented a letter from John Lund expressing interest in serving on the Montrose Township Board of Review. Mark explained that we can have two

alternates on the Board of Review and it is his recommendation that we appoint John Lund to this position.

Tom Tithof made a **Motion** to appoint John Lund to the Montrose Township Board of review. Support for the motion was given by Dan Hill. Vote- All yes. Motion passed.

Other Business:

Supervisor Emmendorfer described the renovations at the Township Hall. He explained that the customer service area is being moved to the main part of the township hall. The former building inspector's office has been torn out and this portion of the hall will become the customer service area where the secretaries are located and residents will be able to conduct daily business. The Main entrance will be moved to the present hall entrance. Hopefully this will give our office a professional look but retain some of the old architecture and nostalgia of the original building.

To cover costs, we need to adjust our budget and transfer \$16161.57 from the Construction Fund (101-000-003.000) to our General Fund. The budget for the Capitol Improvement Line (101-103-983.000) will be increased accordingly.

Tom Tithof made a **Motion** to transfer \$16,161.57 from the Construction Account (101-000-103.000) to the General Fund. These monies will be charged to Capital Improvement 101-103-983.000. Support for the motion given by Gary Keeler. Vote- Domine (yes), Miller (yes), Hill (yes), Keeler (yes), Fikes (yes), Tithof (yes), Emmendorfer (yes). Motion passed

Supervisor Emmendorfer explained *Reverse Calling* by 911.

Supervisor Emmendorfer spoke about the letter sent to the State Tax Commission in reference to the denial of the tax exempt status for the Eagles Club. The Tax Commission replied that the action taken by the township was appropriate.

Fred Domine asked for permission to get bids to have section eight of the Township Cemetery surveyed. He said that we only have about thirty lots left to sell. Domine said that we should also establish our easements to McKinley Road.

Gary Keeler made a **Motion** to obtain bids for surveying section eight and the easements at the township cemetery. The money for the survey is to come out of Cemetery Savings. Support for the motion was given by Tom Tithof. Vote- Domine (yes), Miller (yes), Hill (yes), Keeler (yes), Fikes (yes), Tithof (yes), Emmendorfer (yes). Motion passed

Dan Hill asked if Mark had found out if voting would be permitted in the Township Hall after the office is moved to the meeting hall area? Supervisor Emmendorfer said that we are purchasing a folding partition that can be extended to separate the two areas and this will enable us to still use the Township Hall as a polling place.

Dan Hill inquired if something was going on with the towing companies? He noted that both Sadie Leonard and Ron Babcock were at the meeting but did not see anything on the agenda addressing towing.

Supervisor Emmendorfer told him that Ron Babcock is in the towing business and has met all the criteria for towing with 911 and the State of Michigan. Calls are assigned to the two local township towing companies on an alternating basis by 911.

Citizens Time:

Les Christensen asked when chloride will be applied to the roads? The county is doing it now.

George Taylor asked if the Fire Department could use the two story house at 127 Saginaw Street for ladder training.

Ed House thanked the board for making good sound decisions.

Supervisor Emmendorfer gave a report on the construction of the new cell at the Brent Landfill.

Harry Powell asked if we had advertised for demolition bids for the house at 127 S. Saginaw? Mark explained that we did not have to advertise for bids under \$5,000.00

Adjournment:

Gary Keeler made a **Motion** to adjourn the meeting. Linda Miller gave support for the motion. Vote- All yes. Meeting was adjourned at 9:05pm.

Submitted by
Fred Domine, Township Clerk

Mark Emmendorfer, Supervisor

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Mark Emmendorfer - Supervisor **Fred Domine** – Clerk **Gail Fikes** – Treasurer
Township Trustees - **Gary Keeler, Dan Hill, Linda Miller, Tom Tithof**