



Montrose Charter Township
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Montrose Township Board Meeting

PLACE:

Montrose Township Hall, 139 S Saginaw Street, Montrose, MI 48457

DATE:

August 17, 2010

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

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

Roll Call: Present- Mark Emmendorfer, Fred Domine, Gail Fikes, Gary Keeler, Tom Tithof, Linda Miller, Dan Hill. Absent- 0

Agenda Approval:

Supervisor Emmendorfer asked to add Ordinance 10-184 to the agenda and to make this the first reading of Ordinance 10-184. This would become agenda item one.

Tom Tithof made a **Motion** to add the first reading of Ordinance 10-184 to the agenda. Support for the motion was given by Gary Keeler. Vote- All yes. Motion passed.

Tom Tithof made a **Motion** to approve the agenda. Support for the motion was given by Dan Hill. Vote- All yes. Motion passed.

Citizens Comments:

None.

Minutes:

Gary Keeler made a **Motion** to approve the minutes of the July 20th Regular Board Meeting as written. Support for the motion was given by Dan Hill. Vote- All yes. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer, Gail Fikes, presented the treasurers report.

Revenue Expenditure Report:

Supervisor Emmendorfer presented the Revenue/ Expenditure Report.

Presentation of Bills:

Dan Hill made a Motion to pay the bills as presented. Support for the motion was given by Linda Miller. Vote- Domine (yes), Fikes (yes), Tithof (yes), Keeler (yes), Hill (yes), Miller (yes), Emmendorfer (yes). Motion passed.

Reports:

Fire Dept- Report is on file with these minutes.

Police Dept- Report is on file with these minutes.

Building Dept- Report is on file with these Minutes.

Senior Center- Report is on file with these minutes. Sandy said that the Senior Center has been quiet this month.

Building and Grounds Dept- Report is on file with these minutes.

Business:Ordinance 10-184;

Supervisor Emmendorfer explained that our previous attorney, Otis Stout, issued an opinion stating; “we only needed one reading of ordinances before publication and adoption”. Attorney Austin disagrees and has issued an opinion that we need two readings of an ordinance. Except in the case of a Zoning Ordinance, the Township Board reading would be considered the second reading because the Public Hearing at the Zoning Committee (Planning Board) would be considered the first reading. Also, an Ordinance must be published after the second reading and becomes effective upon publication, unless a date upon which the ordinance shall become effective, which is subsequent to the date of publication of the ordinance, is specifically provided in the ordinance or if the Ordinance is a Zoning ordinance it will become effective on the eighth day after publication.

Attorney Austin suggested that the Township Board change the content of Ordinance 10-184 and re-adopt all previous Ordinances since May 20th, 2008. The first reading of this ordinance would be August 17th 2010 and the second reading would be September 21st, 2010. Fred Domine suggested that for the sake of clarity we title this Ordinance 10-187 instead of redoing Ordinance 10-184

Dan Hill made a **Motion** to adopt Ordinance 10-187. This Ordinance re-adopts all township Ordinances previously adopted since May 20th, 2008 (Ordinance 08-165) to the present August 17th, 2010 date. This will be considered the first reading of this ordinance. The second reading of Ordinance will be September 21st, 2010. Support for the motion was given by Gary Keeler. Vote- Fikes (yes), Tithof (yes), Keeler (yes), Hill (yes), Miller (yes), Domine (yes), Emmendorfer (yes). Motion passed.

ICMA 401/457 Employee Loan Program, Discussion/Implementation;

Fred Domine said that he has received requests from two township employees to borrow money from their 401a retirement accounts. Fred explained that Montrose Township currently has two types of retirement plans, a 401a plan and a 457 plan. The 457 plan account is made up entirely of contributions from the employee. These contributions (a predetermined amount) are deducted from the employees pay every pay period. To

participate in the 401a, the employee has to contribute at least 1% of their gross pay every pay period. The township then contributes an amount equal to 5% of the employees gross into the employees 401a account. When this retirement program was set up by a prior township board only 457 accounts were made eligible for loans. The township would have to pass a resolution and fill out an application before we could allow loans on the 401a plan. Much discussion took place between the board members

Gary Keeler made **Motion** to refer this matter to the township Finance Committee. The Finance Committee will make their recommendation to the Board at our September Board meeting. Support for the motion was given by Dan Hill. Vote- All yes.

Cemetery Church on the Hill Preservation plan:

Supervisor Emmendorfer explained that 7 or 8 years ago the Township spent about \$100,000.00 refurbishing this landmark. These funds were largely obtained through a CBDG grant that we received at that time. Time has taken its toll and the church is once again in need of repair. Emmendorfer explained that the church receives little or no use at its present location and suggested moving it. Emmendorfer said that he would investigate the cost of moving it.

Discussion took place between the Board members.

Tom Tithof made a **Motion** to refer the Church on the Hill preservation/renovation question to the Building and Grounds Committee for their recommendation and to investigate if there would be any ramifications because CBDG grant money was expended on the original renovation. Support for the motion was given by Dan Hill. Vote- All yes. Motion passed.

Twin Township Ambulance Building Proposal Update:

Emmendorfer explained that locating the ambulance base at the cemetery was probably not a good fit. He went to explain that he and Twin Township have investigated building west of the river on some property presently owned by Glenn Powell. To make this work would require an expenditure of about \$200,000 to \$250,000. This amount is more than either the Township or Twin Township could or would spend at the present time.

There was discussion on extending the current 3 year Ambulance Contract to a ten year contract. Hopefully this would demonstrate to Twin Township that we want to work with them. Attorney Austin said that would like to examine the contract before he would concur that the Board has the ability to extend the contract.

Mark said that he would have the Public Safety Committee go over the contract and obtain their recommendation about extending the contract.

Rich Cummings asked about the possibility of combining the ambulance base with a new headquarters building for Fire, Police and Ambulance. This would be long term (5 or 6 year) development for the township.

Resolution of intent to create a Special Assessment District for Wheeler Drive:

Supervisor Emmendorfer said that the township has received a petition from the residents of Wheeler Drive asking that they be allowed to establish a Special Assessment District for the Maintenance of Wheeler Drive.

Dan Hill made a **Motion** to approve the resolution to establish a Special Assessment District for the Maintenance of Wheeler Drive. Support for the motion was given by Tom Tithof. Vote – All yes. Motion passed.

The intent to establish the Special Assessment District will be published in the Tri-County Citizen.

Any Other Business: None

Citizens Comments: None

Adjournment:

Dan Hill made a **Motion** to adjourn the meeting. Support for the motion was given by Gary Keeler. Vote – All yes. Motion passed. The Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm

Submitted by
Fred Domine
Montrose Township Clerk

Mark Emmendorfer, Supervisor

Fred Domine, Clerk

Mark Emmendorfer Supervisor **Fred Domine** Clerk **Gail Fikes** Treasurer

Dan Hill Trustee **Gary Keeler** Trustee **Linda Miller** Trustee **Tom Tithof** Trustee