



**Montrose Charter Township**  
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**Montrose Township Special Board Meeting**  
**January 26, 2010**

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, Tom Tithof, Gary Keeler, Dan Hill Linda Miller and Gail Fikes. Absent-0

**Citizens Comments:** None

Supervisor Emmendorfer said that he had received a retirement letter from Phil Casciano, announcing his retirement from the Fire Department effective February 1, 2010. Mark asked the Board if he could add Cascianos' retirement to the agenda. Dan Hill protested doing this because he did not think it was permissible to alter the agenda of a Special Meeting.

**Business:**

**Montrose Township Barber Park Grant Proposed Improvements and Discussion (Rob Eggers, Spicer Group)-**

Rob Eggers explained the DNR Grant that the township has been awarded. The grant is to construct a restroom, park path connectors, a boat launch, parking lot expansion to accommodate the boat launch, play structure expansion, electricity, water service, interpretive signs, and two floating fishing platforms. The DNR Grant will not pay for The Survey Phase \$7,200.00, Water Main Design Phase \$2,400.00.

The Board discussed the various options available. Tom Tithof asked about the possibility of relocating the Walking Path Connectors to the West of where they are shown preliminary plan. Tom thought relocating them would make it easier for future development of the athletic field area.

The Board discussed the restroom, the potential for vandalism, and additional maintenance required. The following question was raised: Is the restroom really worth the additional expense that it will generate? Rob Eggers said that the restroom and the fact that it will be handicap accessible was probably one of the key factors that got us the grant. Eggers said that the DNR is looking at accessibility when it awards grants.

Rob said that with the Boards permission, they (Spicer) could begin the Design Phase of the project. The Design Phase includes the Park Restroom, Boat Launch, Parking Lot Expansion, Walking Path Connectors, Fishing Platforms and Sewer Line.

Dan Hill made a **Motion** to sign the Letter of Agreement for Professional Services with The Spicer Group for the Improvements to the Montrose Township Barber Memorial Park. Support for the motion given by Gary Keeler. Vote- Domine (yes), Keeler (yes), Miller (yes), Hill (yes), Tithof (yes), Fikes (yes), Emmendorfer (yes). Motion passed.

#### Centrex Phone System for Police/Fire Departments-

Mark presented two proposals from CenturyLink Telecommunications. The first proposal was for \$3,085.29 and included CenturyLink installing a Cat 5 line between the Fire Department and the Police Department. The second proposal was for \$2,785.29. This proposal deleted the installation of the Cat 5 line between the two departments.

Gary Keeler made a **Motion** to accept the CenturyLink proposal in the amount of \$2,785.29 for a new telephone system for the Police and Fire Department. Gary's motion also included an expenditure of up to \$300.00 to MGR Equipment for the installation of the Cat 5 line between the police department and the fire department. Support for the motion was given by Linda Miller. Vote- Domine (yes), Keeler (yes), Miller (yes), Hill (yes), Tithof (yes), Fikes (yes), Emmendorfer (yes). Motion passed.

Gary Keeler made a **Motion** to take the money from the General Fund and to expend it out of the proper Police and Fire Accounts. Support for the motion given by Linda Miller. Vote all yes. Motion passed.

#### **Other Business:**

Supervisor Emmendorfer referenced the (Red Book) Authorities and Responsibilities of Michigan Township Officials, Boards and Commissions, 2000 Edition. Page 58 under Special Meetings. which says that at a Special Board Meeting with all board members present, (business that might come before a regular meeting of the board may be transacted).

Based on this information, Supervisor Emmendorfer asked to add the retirement of Phil Casciano to tonight's agenda.

Fred Domine made a **Motion** to add Phil Cascianos' retirement to the agenda. Support to the motion given by Tom Tithof. Vote- 6 yes, 1 no. Motion passed.

Tom Tithof made a **Motion** to accept the retirement of Phil Casciano from the Montrose Township Fire Department effective February 1, 2010. Support for the motion was given by Gary Keeler. Vote- All yes. Motion passed.

**Citizens Comments:** None

**Adjournment:**

Gary Keeler made a **Motion** to adjourn the meeting. Support for the motion was given by Tom Tithof. Vote- All yes. Meeting adjourned at 8:07pm.

Submitted by  
Fred Domine, Township Clerk

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Mark Emmendorfer, Supervisor

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