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# Monterey Township Meeting Minutes

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*October 2021*

Call to order, Roll call and Pledge of Allegiance

A meeting of Monterey Township Board was held on 10/4/2021 at 7:00 pm.

Board members included:

Supervisor	Henry Reinart
Clerk	Megan Frank
Treasurer	Julie DeHaan
Trustee	Eric Commons
Trustee	Gerry Williams

Citizens present: 5

Public Comment:

Reports

1. Visiting Officials:
  - a. Max Theile – 3 things
    - i. Mask mandate – has been rescinded temporarily if not permanently.
    - ii. County budget 2022 – gone up 14.3% from 35mil to 50mil.
    - iii. County apportionment committee that redistricts county – has determine that we will go from 7 to 5 and district. Will change for the next 10 years.
    - iv. Gerry Williams selected to be on Broadband Committee
2. Assessors: No report
3. Township Board Members:
  - a. Frank – Finished up audit and rolled over to new budget. Planning on scheduling tabulator maintenance. Working on Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> election have 6 AV ballots back, send out 36 AV applications. Have public accuracy testing/VAT testing scheduled for Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>.
  - b. Commons – Cleaned up cemetery. Pictures to be sent to insurance of broken stone for replacement.
  - c. Reinart – Phone calls to company that laid fiber optic from a different township to see cost.
  - d. DeHaan – Nothing.
  - e. Williams – Selected for Broadband Committee. Meetings begin soon.
4. Other Township boards (Planning/ZBA/etc. ):
  - a. Planning board – Nothing.
  - b. ZBA – Has not met. Might have variance for Nov. meeting.
5. Other boards (Fire/EMS/Library/etc.):
  - a. Fire – Meets this month. Going through bi-annual audit.
  - b. EMS - Nothing
  - c. Library – New openings for board. Director

Motions:

- Williams motion to approve Meeting Minutes from the month of July. Commons supports.
  - o 5 Yays / 0 Nays. Motion approved.
- Frank motion to approve financials. DeHaan supports.

- 5 Yays / 0 Nays. Motion approved.
- Frank motion to approve paying bills. DeHaan supports.
  - 5 Yays / 0 Nays. Motion approved.

#### Unfinished business

1. Zoning enforcement –
  - a. One gravel pit renewed (4 ½ years ago) for 5 year. On 136<sup>th</sup> – not following special use permit.
  - b. 25<sup>th</sup> St, new gravel pit coming in without permit - Confusion on who owns it.
  - c. Blight issues – Tony got extension to continue cleaning up.
2. Cemetery Maintenance:
  - a. Stone Repairs – Patten MI Monuments from Hastings , \$1,175.00 to move 4 stones. Does not include foundation of stone and looking to do during spring. Need to talk with current sexton about interested in fixing stones. Current sexton is Lylie Boyles.
  - b. Tree Trimming – 1 tree on south of driveway with dead branches. Current company requesting to either have Consumers come and take tree out. Henry to get ahold of Consumers to remove tree. Maybe spend some money on planting new trees.
    - Reinart looking for motion to contact Lenhart Lawn and Landscaping and buy tew new trees for cemetery. (Placing on corners of the south driveway on the north side) Williams makes motion, Commons supports
      1. 5 Yays / 0 Nays. Motion approved.
  - c. Megan looking to attend Cemetery training to take over more cemetery duties, even if cost money.
3. ARPAS Funding – First check received for \$128,637.50. Will receive remaining check for next half in Oct./Nov.

#### New Business

1. ZBA Nomination – Billy Leach retired. Henry moves to nominate Mark Granger to replace Billy. Williams supports.
  - a. 5 Yays/ 0 Nays. Motion approved.
2. Hopkins Library Nomination – Karen Brower would like to resign. Henry moves to nominate Jodi Brenner to replace Karen. Frank support.
  - a. 5 Yays / 0 Nays. Motion approved.
3. Parking Lot Concerns – Cars being used as carpool. Will be sending note to park cars in back of building to be considerate of township functions. Henry to address the purple car here.
4. 127<sup>th</sup> Ave Neighborhood Concerns – Carl Avery bringing concerns about certain events happening by his house.
  - a. Kristian Begala – 125 37 County Rd, 408 Newberry, MI, 49868 witnessed when at Carl Avery’s house, gentleman and female got into a physical altercation. Police notified of event. Another event, gentleman antagonizing Carl. Witnessed gentleman go inside, turn lights off and stay there overnight multiple days in a row.
  - b. Carl Avery – Witnessed a little red truck rev truck continuously. Witnessed them abuse owner of property. Car accident happened on 132<sup>nd</sup> st for a roll over accident. Gentleman then addressed by EMT/Paramedics at concerning residence. No beds currently in trailer. Couch and chairs.

- c. Discussed with PCI 6 months ago and individuals signed avadavat that no one is currently living there.
- 5. Township Policy Book – Will push to next meeting.

Public comment:

- Lois Commons requesting something to be done with neighbor. States that enough junk in yard to cause woodchuck disturbance to Lois' property.

Adjournment – Frank motion to adjourn. DeHaan supports. 5 Yays / 0 Nays. Motion approved. Adjourn 8:16pm.



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Megan Frank  
Monterey Township Clerk

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Date of approval