
Monterey Township Meeting Minutes

November 2023

Call to order, Roll call and Pledge of Allegiance

A regular meeting of Monterey Township Board was held on 11/06/2023 at 7:00pm

Board members included:

Supervisor	Henry Reinart
Clerk	Megan Frank
Treasurer	Julie DeHaan
Trustee	
Trustee	Jerry Williams

Citizens present: 10

Public Comment:

- Blight Ordinance questions.

Reports:

- a. Visiting Officials:
 - a. HAFD Rep: No rep.
 - b. SFD Rep: Nozzle and hoses for new truck in. MI Fire Grant applied for. Flea Market funds purchased new tools. Trainings completed.
 - c. Assessor: Nothing.
 - d. Scott Beltman: ROBIN Grant for internet has been awarded. Building to begin 11/13/23. First zone will be west of Wayland. 123.Net to serve almost everyone in Monterey Township. Broadband project to complete withing 18-24 months. Water testing discussed. Discussion of new building remodel/project.
- b. Township Board Members:
 - a. Megan Frank: Financials done; bills paid. Began organizing for Feb. Primary election.
 - b. Julie DeHaan: Dec. Tax bills to be mailed 12/1/23.
 - c. Henry Reinart: Rabies reported in Allegan County. Dump discussion. Missing hunter discussion. Dumont Lake water discussion.
 - d. Jerry Williams: ROBIN Grant discussion.
 - e. Eric Commons: Nothing.
- c. Other Boards:
 - a. Planning Commission: Meeting 11/13/23. Discussion of rezoning on 127th (Young's) and Phase 1 Development (Spec Lake 125th).
 - b. Zoning Board of Appeals: Met last month for last month. Discussed a variance about building home closer to road.
 - c. Fire Board: Met last month. Updating banking information.
 - d. WAEMS Board: Meets 11/08/23.
 - e. Library Board: Approved remodeling plans (to include new doors, drywall, carpet, paint)

Approve Minutes:

- Frank motion to approve the October 2023 Special Meeting Minutes. Commons supports. 5 Yays / 0 Nays. Motion approved.

Approve Financials:

- Frank motion to approved the October 2023 Financials. DeHaan supports.

5 Yays / 0 Nays. Motion approved.

Pay Bills:

- Frank motion to pay the bills for November of 2023. Williams supports.
5 Yays / 0 Nays. Motion approved.

Unfinished Business:

- a. Blight/Zoning Updates: 126th – Contacted PCI once, will do again. 134th – discussion
- ~~b. Cemetery Maintenance:~~
 - ~~i. Stone Repairs:~~
- ~~c. Township Policy Book:~~
- d. ARPA's Funding Projects:
 - i. Whitman: Discussion about building addition.
- e. Digitizing Records: Still processing books. Estimated completion to be beginning of January 2024.
- f. Drain District Concerns:
 - i. Salem-Monterey Drain: Drain office wants Board to do a township petition on culvert they replaced this last summer.
- ~~g. Bond Management Plan:~~
- h. Cemetery Ordinance: Megan to type up this month.
- i. AT&T Metro Act: No act yet.
- j. 123.Net Metro Act: Board did approve at special meeting on 10/23/23.
- k. Ordinance 23-06 Michigan Gas Franchise:
 - i. Frank motion move to open a public hearing regarding a franchise in Michigan Gas corporation. Williams supports. 5 Yays / 0 Nays. Motion approved.
 - i. Discussion about Ordinance.
 - ii. Frank motion to move to close public hearing regarding a franchise in Michigan Gas corporation. Commons supports. 5 Yays / 0 Nays. Motion approved.
 - iii. Williams motion to approve Ordinance 23-06 Michigan Gas Franchise. Commons supports. 5 Yays / 0 Nays. Motion approved.

New Business:

- a. Pat Peterson: ARPA funding discussion.
- b. Charter Franchise: Discussed their intentions with their franchise. Waiting on official franchise.
- c. Cemetery Deeds:
 - Deed 81 (9/23) – Grave 7, Lot 34 (pg 49)
 - a. Frank motion to approved Deed 81. DeHaan supports. 5 Yays / 0 Nays Motion approved.
 - Deed 83 (10/23) – Grave 4 , Lot 157 (pg 79)
 - b. Frank motion to approve Deed 83. DeHaan supports. 5 Yays / 0 Nays. Motion approved.
- d. Transfer Station Shed: Needed for transfer station.
- e. 2024 Rates/Fee Schedule: Discussed.
Commons motion to approve 2024 Fee schedule as amended. Williams supports.
5 Yays / 0 Nays. Motion approved.
- f. 2024 Meeting Dates: Discussed.
Frank motion to approve 2024 Board meeting dates. DeHaan supports.
5 Yays / 0 Nays. Motion approved.

Public Comment:

- Heather Kholer: ARPA's fund.
- Carl Avery: Concerns about trash dumping.
- Pat Peterson: Senior Services discussion.
- Allen McDonald: 134th Clean up discussion.

Adjournment – Frank motion to adjourn. Commons supports.

5 Yays / 0 Nays. Motion approved. Adjourn 8:56PM.

Megan Frank
Monterey Township Clerk

Date of approval