
Monterey Township Meeting Minutes

December 2022

Call to order, Roll call and Pledge of Allegiance

A meeting of Monterey Township Board was held on 12/05/2022 at 7:00pm

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| Board members included: | Supervisor | Henry Reinart |
| | Clerk | Megan Frank |
| | Treasurer | Julie DeHaan |
| Citizens present: 6 | Trustee | Eric Commons |
| Public Comment: | Trustee | Jerry Williams |

- None

Reports:

- a. Visiting Officials:
 - a. Scott Beltman (Almost Commissioner): Broadband update
- b. Assessor:
- c. Board Members
 - a. Frank – Financials done/bills paid. Received a rough draft of minutes from Board of Canvassers and Monterey Township did great in the Nov 8th Election. Statewide recount of Proposal 2 & 3 occurring December 15th, 10am at Griswold Auditorium with Barry & Ottawa County. No one in Allegan Co. requested to participate in Proposal 2 recount. 4 jurisdictions requested to participate in Proposal 3 recount. Contact Bob Geneski if you would like to help/participate in the recount in any way. Organizing items for end of the year paperwork. Would like discuss a possible ordinance for Cemetery, just to have a legal leg on things.
 - b. DeHaan – Winter property taxes went out. Collecting 2,697,360.89 million dollars. \$8,896 Drain collection.
 - c. Reinart – Attended Road Commission meeting. Road Commission also sent out Local Paved Road ratings.
 - d. Commons – Nothing
 - e. Williams – Master Plan discussion. Solar Panel ordinance discussion.
- d. Other Township Boards
 - a. Planning Commission – Master Plan discussion.
 - i. Commons motion to approve the draft of the Master Plan. Williams supports.
 - 1. 5 Yays / 0 Nays. Motion approved.
 - b. ZBA – Did not meet.
- e. Other Boards
 - a. Fire – January next meeting. Air packs discussed later.
 - b. EMS – Met last month. Still waiting for grant for new ambulance.
 - c. Library – New Village Rep (Sam Adams). Will start renting out board games (1 week at a time). Will still keep a fee on hotspot rentals. Annual reviews for staff. Looking to add

a little more to bonus for staff. Next meeting Dec. 13th. Megan to ask about contract about hotspot.

Motions:

- Frank motion to approve November special meeting minutes. Commons supports.
 - o 5 Yays / 0 Nays. Motion approved.
- DeHaan motion to approve November financials. Frank supports.
 - o 5 Yays / 0 Nays. Motion approved.
- Frank motion to pay bills. DeHaan supports.
 - o 5 Yays / 0 Nays. Motion approved.

Unfinished business

- a. Blight/Zoning Updates - Passed along properties for PCI to work. Gravel pit discussion.
- b. Cemetery Maintenance – No new update. Megan to work on Ordinance.
- c. ~~Township Policy Book~~
- d. ARPA Funding – No new update. Still discussing different options.
- e. Broadband – In motion.
- f. Hall Repair – All painted. Did not hear from Modern Roofing.
- g. Hopkins Fire Truck Payment – Truck to be sent out for bid. Proposal to be discussed at January Meeting. Final approval at April Meeting.
- h. Digitizing Records – Still looking for companies to use.
- i. Drain District Concerns – Process extended from Salem/Monterey drain.
- j. Bond Management – Will discuss at next meeting.
- k. Hall Internet – Megan will look into possible liability issues with residents using our internet.

New Business

- a. Hopkins Fire Air Packs – Will be ordering new Air Packs. Will be approving purchase at a possible special meeting. Estimating \$125,000.
 - a. Frank motions to authorize the Hopkins Area Fire Dept to purchase new air packs and possible use of funds up to \$10,000. Williams supports.
 - i. 5 Yays / 0 Nays. Motion approved.
- b. Jenson Rezoning Ordinance 22-02 – discussed.
 - a. Williams motions to approve Jenson Rezoning Ordinance 22-02. Commons supports.
 - i. 5 Yays / 0 Nays. Motion approved.
- c. Salaries – Discussed an increase.
 - a. Frank motion to increase the 2023-2024 Salaries for the Clerk & Treasurer to \$20,000, Trustees to 2,000, and Supervisor to \$12,000. Commons supports.
 - i. 5 Yays / 0 Nays. Motion approved.

Public Comment:

- Board of Canvassers: Megan deserves an increase. Reviewed road review. Drain Salem/Monterey drain review.
- Fence height question. Complaint about neighbor collecting tires.

Adjournment – Frank motion to adjourn. DeHaan supports.
5 Yays / 0 Nays. Motion approved. Adjourn 8:04pm.

Megan Frank
Monterey Township Clerk

Date of approval