
Monterey Township Meeting Minutes

February 2023

Call to order, Roll call and Pledge of Allegiance

A regular meeting of Monterey Township Board was held on 02/06/2023 at 7:00pm

Board members included:

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

Citizens present: 8

Public Comment:

Discussion of crossed off items on agenda.

Reports:

a. Visiting Officials:

a. Scott Beltman (County Commissioner) – County signed contract with 123.NET. 123.NET going through grant process. Hoping that Board to approve grant resolution. Will know about grant info by the 1st of May.

b. Tyler Frank (Assistant Fire Chief) – Rep for any fire related questions even for Fire Truck purchases coming up.

b. Assessor: BOR coming up in March.

c. Township Board Members:

a. Frank – Financials done/bills paid. Payroll complete. Monterey selected for State Audit of Nov 2022 election – did great. ACCA meeting mid-month to discuss Proposal 2 changes for elections – a lot of changes! Still working on cemetery ordinance. Hamilton Public Schools Election in May. Researched information about fire millage.

b. DeHaan – End for property tax collection. Due 2/14/23. Have collected just shy of 17% left of our total roll.

c. Reinart –

d. Williams – Nothing.

e. Commons – Nothing.

d. Other Township Boards:

a. Planning Commission – Looking at an ordinance for Solar. Resolution 2023-002

i. Williams motions to approve the adoption of the 2023 Update to the Monterey Township Master Plan. Commons supports.

1. 5 Yays / 0 Nays. Motion approved.

b. ZBA – Having special meeting on 2/20/23. 2 people applying for relief from zoning ordinance.

c. Fire – Discussed later in meeting.

d. EMS – Meeting this month. Payment for services to increase \$3,000.00. Bob Hess retiring in 09/2023.

e. Library – Library Fine free as of 02/2023. No longer charging late fees on overdue materials Library owns. Late fines will still apply to mobile hotspots, and charges will still apply for damaged or lost books.

Approve Minutes: Frank motion to approve the Jan 2023 Meeting Minutes. Commons supports.

5 Yays / 0 Nays. Motion approved.

Approve Financials: Frank motion to approve the Jan 2023 Financials. DeHaan supports.
5 Yays / 0 Nays. Motion approved.

Pay Bills: Frank motion to pay bills for the month of Feb 2023. DeHaan supports.
5 Yays / 0 Nays. Motion approved.

Unfinished Business:

- a. Blight/Zoning Updates – Nothing new.
 - a. Frank motions to add T. Krocavich back to the PCI list. Williams supports.
 - i. 4 Yays / 0 Nays. Motion approved.
- ~~b. Cemetery Maintenance~~
- ~~c. Township Policy Book~~
- d. ARPAS Funding Projects Ideas:
 - a. Frank – Substation / Election Hall.
 - b. DeHaan – Communications (new signage for township information)
 - c. Reinart – Turn current hall into shelter?
 - d. Williams – Hall (location?)
 - e. Commons – Substation / Hall
- e. Broadband:
 - a. Grand Support Resolution: Emailed a copy of sample resolution. County looking for support.
 - i. Commons motion to move the Resolution #2023-004. Williams supports.
 - 1. 5 Yays / 0 Nays.
- ~~f. Hall Repair~~
- g. Digitizing Records – Going to ask Bob Geneski about who digitized Allegan County’s old records. Frank will follow up and bring info to next board meeting.
- ~~h. Drain District Concerns~~
- i. Bond Management Plan – DeHaan following up with MTA.
- j. Hall Internet – Frank will be contact AT&T for more information about possible Term & Conditions.
- k. Fire Millage – Commons motion to resend previous motion 2023-003. Frank supports.
 - a. 5 Yays / 0 Nays. Motion approved.
 - i. Discussed Milage and possible Special assessment. Will discuss more at next meeting after further investigation of information.
 - ii. Reinart does roll call vote as to move forward with Resolution #2023-003 to put on the May 2, 2023 ballot.
 - 1. 0 Yays / 5 Nays. Resolution 2023-003 fails.

New Business:

- b. Approve Future Land Use Plan – Will most likely not be doing road project for this year.
- c. 2023 Road Maintenance – Commons motions to up to \$50,000.00. DeHaan supports.
 - i. 5 Yays / 0 Nays. Motion approved.
- d. 2024 Fire Truck Purchase – To do the appropriate formula, cannot get correct numbers.
 - i. Reinart motions to authorize HAFD to purchase the new fire truck for \$654,594.00. Williams supports.
 - 1. 5 Yays / 0 Nays. Motion approved.

- e. 2023-2024 Hopkins Fire Budget Approval – 247,745.00 / \$5,000. Going into savings account.
 - i. Commons motions to approve Fire Budget. Frank supports.
 - 1. 5 Yays / 0 Nays. Motion approved.
- f. 2023-2024 Budget Discussion – Budget workshop 2/27/22 at 7PM
 - i. DeHaan motions to approve our Budget Workshop for 2/27/23 at 7PM. Frank supports.
 - 1. 5 Yays / 0 Nays. Motion approved.
- g. Township Newsletter – Discussed about Quarterly Newsletters and/or new website.

Public Comment:

- Heather Kholer – Confirmed Frank’s suggestion for New Hall/Substation. Fire Truck raffle.
- Pat Peterson – Special assessment questions. Website questions. Agrees with Frank about new all for ARPA funds. Mess of cut up trees across from Dumont Store. BOR questions.
- Al Radspealer – BOR concerns. Road Concerns. ARPA explanation/concerns. Tax questions. Power Company concerns about cleaning.
- Earl Collier – Questions about lawn care service. Road questions.
- Carl Avery – Concerns about neighbor.
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Adjournment – DeHaan motion to adjourn. Frank supports.
5 Yays / 0 Nays. Motion approved. Adjourn 9:10PM.

Megan Frank
Monterey Township Clerk

Date of approval