
Monterey Township Meeting Minutes

February 2024

Call to order, Roll call and Pledge of Allegiance

A regular meeting of the Monterey Township Board was held on 02/05/2024 at 7:00pm

Board members included:

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

Citizens present: 13

Public Comment: None

Reports:

- a. Visiting Officials:
 - a. (HAFD Rep): No rep provided.
 - b. Dan Kipen (SAFD Rep): Picked up in Jan 2024 in call volume (45 total). Still working on the Year End Report. 51 calls in Monterey 2023.
 - c. Bob Geneski (County Clerk): Discussed 2022 Annual Report.
 - d. Scott Beltman (Commissioner): Pat Peterson as Vice Chair for Allegan GOP. In process of new Health Officer. Broadband update – Monterey to be done by end of 12/31/24 and discussion of dissolving the workgroup. Remodeling began at Dumont Lake building – to be completed no later than 12/31/24. Not able to attend March meeting. Discussion of a CREO for the County/Township.
- b. Assessor: Preparing for March Board of Review (Scheduled: 3/11-3/12)
- c. Board Members
 - a. Frank – Financials done/bills paid. Early Voting/Election Prep. Issued 497 Applications and 181 AV Ballots. Received 48 back. Issued 36% of ballots and received 26% back. Completed Preliminary testing, public accuracy testing and VAT testing on all machines – went well, 1 small hiccup. Went to MTA Capital Conference – very informative.
 - b. Reinart – (Verbal report) 28th ST not bid yet, but the one project that was already bid in 2024 came in at 10% below estimate. Could not attend Road Commission meeting – looks like only primary road in Monterey with a lower PASER is 128th. Main work being done in our 4 Township area is milling and repaving 142nd from the 39th St through Overisle to 48th St. Still working on trying to clean up some issues we have been having with dispatch.
 - c. DeHaan – 75% of taxes collected. Office hours on 2/14 and 2/19. In need of a new printer.
 - d. Commons – None
 - e. Williams – None
- d. Other Township Boards

- a. Planning Commission – Had meeting last month. Both items will be discussed later on. Tom Green brought up property on Freemans’ (128th and 30th)(construction business-dirt from town and bringing it to farm town. Look at ordinance?
- b. ZBA – Will meet 2/19 for a special meeting regarding a variance for Stephen Young’s property.
- e. Other Boards
 - a. Fire – Hopkins fire budget proposed and will need to be approved. 3.10% increase – consistent with cost of living. Department laptop died so received a new one. Transitioning to a new payroll system. Building a new website. Frank requesting to push to March for approval as she as questions in regards to Wages increase.
 - b. EMS – Budget was approved at the last meeting. Budget went up just a little (cost of living). Going to remodel a bit to convert 2 bedroom/random room into 4 bedrooms. New ambulance delayed, expected summer 2025.
 - c. Library – Library board meeting 2/13. Library set to close 2/15 for 6 weeks for remodel. Sent a letter to Township about obtaining office space again – in negotiations about where to go from here with space.

Motions:

- Williams motion to approve January 2024 meeting minutes. Commons supports.
 - o 4 Yays / 0 Nays. Motion approved.
- DeHaan motion to approve December financials/January Financials. Commons supports.
 - o 4 Yays / 0 Nays. Motion approved.
- DeHaan motion to pay bills. Williams. supports.
 - o 4 Yays / 0 Nays. Motion approved.

Unfinished business

- a. Blight/Zoning Updates:
 - 2653 134th Ave: No new update.
 - 2503 Beech Ct: No new update.
 - 3472 127th Ave: No new update.
 - 2684 126th Ave: No new update.
- b. Digitizing Records – Still on track to receive books back towards the end of Feb. Taking longer due to the condition of some of the books and making sure the pages scan correctly.
- c. Cemetery Ordinance: Completed and will review in March for final review.
- d. Transfer Station Shed: No new update.
- e. 2025 Road Projects: Several patches on 26th just north of 130th that are falling apart however whole road isn’t bad enough for a crush and reshape plus not enough in budget. Road Commission said we should be able to cut those really bad parts and fill them before we do a full 2IN overlay.
- f. Text My Gov: Pushing topic to another month.
- g. 2025 Gravel Recommendations: Not much extra in budget after rebuild of 28th ST this year, but don’t have a problem with it. 1 Resident has been complaining about 31st St for last several years (only complaint received). Stick with what we have and discuss more next month.
- h. Republic concerns: Discussed.

New Business

- a. Cemetery Deeds: Deed #84 for Grave 2 Lot 70 Nort Part Page 139.
DeHaan motion to approve Deed #84. Williams supports.
4 Yays / 0 Nays. Motion approved.
- b. Ordinance 24-01: Rezone from A-1 Agricultural to R-1 Rural Estates. Discussed.
Motion to adopt ordinance: Williams motions/Commons supports. 4 Yays / 0 Nays. Motion approved.
Ordinance discussed. Roll Call vote: Yays: Commons, Williams, DeHaan, Frank
- c. Wamhoff SUP: Special use permit discussed. Planning commission approved to move to board to approve with stipulations.
Commons motion to move forward with special use permit with stipulations. Williams supports.
4 Yays / 0 Nays. Motion approved.
- d. 2024-2025 Hopkins Fire Budget: Discussed but will be pushing to next month for discussion.

Public Comment:

- C. Avery: Transfer Station discussion. Freeman's questions.
- Al Radspealer: Note taking questions.
- Pat Peterson: ARPA questions.
- Heather Nusbaum: Keel property/past variance questions. Wanting to place on March Agena.
- Earl Collier: Questions about ballot initiative for solar ordinance.

Adjournment – Williams' motion to adjourn. DeHaan supports.
4 Yays / 0 Nays. Motion approved. Adjourn 7:49pm.

Megan Frank
Monterey Township Clerk

Date of approval