
Monterey Township Meeting Minutes

March 2024

Call to order, Roll call and Pledge of Allegiance

A regular meeting of the Monterey Township Board was held on 03/04/2024 at 7:00pm

Board members included:

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

Citizens present: 9

Public Comment: None

Reports:

- a. Visiting Officials:
 - a. Tyler Frank (HAFD Rep): YTD 93 calls. Monterey Township had 1 fire call and 5 medicals. Staffed with 28. Chief R.Kerber has stepped down but still a FF, current interim Chief is Eric Alberda.
 - b. Dan Kipen (SAFD Rep): Waiting for CE's, held FF dinner, Annual Report complete. 3 Monterey calls – 1 unauthorized burn/2 medical disregards. 4 Calls total in Monterey YTD.
 - c. Sally Brookes – Allegan County Treasurer rerunning.
- b. Assessor: Preparing for March Board of Review (Scheduled: 3/11-3/12). Organizational meeting 3/5/24.
- c. Board Members
 - a. Frank – Financials done/bills paid. Quarterly papers complete. Newsletter will be complete by the end of the month. Early Voting/Presidential Primary complete. Prepping for May Election (Hamilton Schools).
 - b. Reinart – Discussion with Jill about broadband.
 - c. DeHaan – Settle with Co. tomorrow for property taxes.
 - d. Commons – None
 - e. Williams – Broadband meeting (now meeting quarterly). Petition meeting with Rachelle Smitt (Allegan Township Hall) 3/7/24 to discuss ballot initiative on solar public act.
- d. Other Township Boards
 - a. Planning Commission – Meeting 3/11/24. 3 items on Agenda.
 - b. ZBA – Met in Feb for S.Young – denied.
- e. Other Boards
 - a. Fire – Chief Kerber stepped down. Fire Authority now developing/defining rolls between Department/Board/Staffed FF. Job description looking to be approved at 7/2024 meeting. Selection will confirm Chief in 10/2024.
 - b. EMS – To meet this month.

- c. Library – Library currently closed for construction. Hoping to get back in and set up within the next 3-4 weeks. Library building committee formed to discuss options for the office space currently occupied by Hopkins Township.

Motions:

- DeHaan motion to approve February 2024 meeting minutes. Commons supports.
 - o 5 Yays / 0 Nays. Motion approved.
- DeHaan motion to approve February 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:
 - 2653 134th Ave: Ticket to be issued.
 - 2503 Beech Ct: Ticket to be issued.
 - 3472 127th Ave: Ticket to be issued.
- b. ARPA's Funding Projects: Discussion of new projects.
- c. Digitizing Records – Frank will call on this.
- d. Cemetery Ordinance: Discussed.
- e. Transfer Station Shed: Discussed.
- f. 2025 Road Projects: Not needed.
- g. Text My Gov: Zoom meeting with Julie 3/5/24
- h. 2025 Gravel Recommendations: Discussion of recommended 127th (between 32nd and 36th), 31st (between 130th and 132nd) and 34th (between 127th and 128^h).
Commons motion to move forward with the recommended Gravel projects of 127th and 31st.
Frank supports.
5 Yays / 0 Nays. Motion approved.
- i. 2024-2025 Hopkins Area Fire Department Budget: 3% increase going to the FF fire calls/training salary. Monterey subsidy to go up about \$500 – total: \$66,854.93
Frank motion to approve the HAFD budget. Commons supports.
5 Yays / 0 Nays. Motion approved.

New Business

- a. Cemetery Deeds: None.
- b. Local Ordinance Control Petition: Ballot initiative meeting at Allegan Township Hall 6-7:30PM 3/7/24
- c. Gypsy Moth Control: Board declined spraying for gypsy moths.
- d. 2024 Cemetery Lawn Maintenance: Discussed. FFA clean up 4/20/24 9AM-1PM Megan to order flags for Memorial Day program. Cemetery Walk Thru 6PM 4/8.
Reinart motion to renew the cemetery lawn maintenance agreement. DeHaan supports.
5 Yays / 0 Nays. Motion approved.
DeHaan motion to approve a special meeting Cemetery Walk Thru for 4/8/24 at 6PM. Frank supports.
5 Yays / 0 Nays. Motion approved.

- e. EGLE Transfer Station Permit: Discussed new permit system. Henry to talk with individual. Dumpster discussed for opening weekend. Looking to just do a 4 punch card and to print ourselves.
- f. Dam Safety: Sandy pines had a meeting. Reinart motions to allow Catherine Kaufman (lawyer for Monterey Township) to look into Dam Safety/township liability. Frank supports. 5 Yays / 0 Nays. Motion approved.
- g. Roof/Chimney: Discussed. Reinart motions to have a roofing company come and quote for the chimney flashing. Frank supports. 5 Yays / 0 Nays. Motion approved.
- h. Carpet Cleaning – Discussed. Frank motion to hire a company to come clean carpets. Reinart supports. 5 Yays / 0 Nays. Motion approved.

Public Comment:

- Pat Peterson: Dam safety question. Senior services announcement.
- Carl Avery: Neighbor complaint.

Adjournment – Frank motion to adjourn. Williams supports.

5 Yays / 0 Nays. Motion approved. Adjourn 7:57PM

Megan Frank
Monterey Township Clerk

Date of approval