
Monterey Township Meeting Minutes

June 2024

Call to order at 7 pm, Roll call and Pledge of Allegiance

A regular meeting of the Monterey Township Board was held on 06/03/2024 at 7:00pm

Board members included:	Supervisor	Henry Reinart
	Clerk	
Citizens present: 30	Treasurer	Julie DeHaan
	Trustee	Eric Commons
Public Comment:	Trustee	Jerry Williams

- Scott Beltman: For 1 yr townships open to ORV. No uptic to road incidents. Casco Twn open – all but Blue Star, Twn completely open: Valley, Clyde, Allegan, Dorr. Hopkins waiting on planning commission who gave unanimous approval. Heath and Salem letters to Road Commission – up to ORV group to request. Sheriff will start to enforce road restrictions
- Russ Compagner 2755 128th, John Schaendorf 2698 128, Don Compagner 3538 136th: all can't legally leave house on side by side
- Lois Commons concern with kids on ORVs and speed

Reports:

- a. Visiting Officials:
 - a. (HAFD Rep): Tyler Frank presented May report.
 - i. YTD 210 calls
 - ii. 6/16 Pancake Breakfast 7-11 AM
 - b. Dan Kipen (SAFD Rep): presented May 2024 report
 - i. 179 calls YTD
 - ii. Cruise in for Kids burn camp car show: 6/7 from 6-9 PM
 - iii. Library touch a truck and demo: 6/10 1-3 PM
 - iv. Jamestown Kids day with fire truck request 6/27
 - c. Scott Beltman (Commissioner):
 - i. Last meeting cancelled. Next meeting Thursday 6/6, 9 AM & 1 PM
 - ii. Welcomed questions. Seeking re-election. Compliments on ditch mowing; discuss clipping back trees on road sides.
- b. Assessor: No report
- c. Board Members
 - a. Frank – (submitted to and presented by Reinart) May election went smoothly; general fund financials complete; early voting in August & election 8/6.
 - b. Reinart – absent from May meeting as welcomed new baby 5/6, rest later in report
 - c. DeHaan – Summer property tax bills to be prepared and mailed 7/1.
 - d. Commons – None
 - e. Williams – None

d. Other Township Boards

- a. Planning Commission discussed Fred Miller sandpit, paperwork not presented, denied.
- b. ZBA did not meet in April, nothing on agenda

e. Other Boards

- a. Fire meets this month. Search for new chief continues. First bill for 2024 truck. Reinart moves to approve bill for truck when received as not in June bills. Williams seconds. All ayes, motions passes.
- b. Library: no report. Next meeting 6/11.

Motions:

- Williams motion to approve minutes. Commons supports.
 - o 4 Yays / 0 Nays. Motion approved.
- DeHaan motions to approve financials. Williams supports.
 - o 4 Yays / 0 Nays. Motion approved.
- DeHaan motions to pay bills. Commons supports.
 - o 4 Yays / 0 Nays. Motion approved.

Unfinished business

a. Blight/Zoning Updates:

- Three properties given 30 days to cleanup, time limit expires end of this week.
- Commons motions to send 3 properties for bids if default: 2503 Beech Ct; 3482 127th Ave; 2653 134th Ave. Williams supports. Motion passes.
- Bursma Complaint: 3046 125th – run down, roof caving in. Animals problematic for business next door. Henry to inquire on building code issue.

b. Digitizing Records – First half complete; waiting for update on second half.

c. Cemetery Ordinance – Discussion. Add ordinance number and remove specific names listed as contacts. Continue to review and discuss next meeting.

d. Text My Gov. Township working with TextMyGov as a way to improve communications with residents. Will be live within the next month. Links & information found on website. Text “YesMonterey” to 91896 to be added to our contact list.

e. EGLE Transfer Station Permit: Henry continuing to work on permit. No response from first request.

f. Water fill site: Quote from Kraai to increase well. 10k gallon cistern; 450 gal/min will fill truck in 7 min, preferred size. According to ISO, effective fill station 250 gal/min for 2 hrs.

- Estimate of 450 gal / min out of ground well, \$53,087.50
- Discussed plans for other use of ARPA plans. Tabled to next month.

g. Sandy Pines Dam – by fall should be work in progress.

h. Hall repairs

- Mini splits completed
- Chimney Flashing – Hamilton company declined to give quote. Modern roofing quote to repair \$2,995. Reinart motions to approve; Williams support. All ayes. Motion passes.
- Bathroom repairs – Megan working on costs

i. Cemetery Repairs

- Reinart to meet with Patterson rep next week.
- Cement work – Reinart will seek cost
- Water line between chapel and south water tank, hole in line needs repair. Nozzle leaking. Williams will look at

- Two trees: need to consider removing
 - i. conifers, north drive, halfway to West, leaning & pulling up Sebright stone
 - ii. As going south, second driveway, not much left to trunk
- Request to plant lilac tree, where maple tree removed. Board to consider different tree.

New Business

- a. Discussion on ORV ordinance. Motion to approve resolution 24-1 by Williams; 2nd Commons.
Role call vote: Jerry – Yes, Eric-Yes, Julie-Yes, Henry: Yes. Motion passes
- b. Approve Audit Engagement letter with Walker Fluke and Sheldon. Moved by DeHaan. Second Commons. All ayes, motion passes.
- c. PCI safety. Considering options to improve safety of PCI staff while working on blight requests

Public Comment:

Peterson – shed is missing.

Avery – Complaint board has not installed trail cam at Transfer station.

Williams motion to adjourn; Second by Commons. All ayes. Closed meeting 8:15.

Julie DeHaan
Monterey Township Treasurer

Date of approval