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# Monterey Township Meeting Minutes

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*February 2021*

Call to order, Roll call and Pledge of Allegiance

A meeting of Monterey Township Board was held via Zoom due to Public Act 228 of 2020 on 2/1/2021 at 7:00 pm.

Board members included:

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

Citizens present: 1

No Public Comment

Reports

1. Visiting Officials: None
2. Assessors: Brian spoke with other supervisors and MTA, and decided to move forward with a Zoom Board of Review meeting. Looking to see if a hybrid option is possible to allow citizens to meeting. Dates provided/posted still correct. First Tuesday in March will be an organizational meeting and the following Monday and Tuesday will be fore appeals.
3. Township Board Members:
  - a. Frank– Risk Limiting Audit performed 1/15/21. Had Election Coordination Meeting for Ottawa County 1/28/21. Completed W2's and mailed appropriate documents. Reviewed Liquor Ordinance information. Jan 2021 Financials.
  - b. DeHaan – 80% taxes collected for winter. About 740,000 to go.
  - c. Commons – None
  - d. Williams – None
  - e. Reinart – Answering random stuff. Chris got email about a Zoom meeting on Thursday to discuss county ground water. Monterey Township plays big geologic role in Ottawa county. Also did Liquor ordinance review.
4. Other Township boards (Planning/ZBA/etc ):
  - a. Planning board – Meeting next month. Langlois gravel pit up for discussion. Reinart requested for Williams to pull special use permit for golf course.
  - b. ZBA – will not meet until May.
5. Other boards (Fire/EMS/Library/etc):
  - a. Fire – Bob Kerber selected to be new Fire Chief and will begin 4/1/2021. HAFD looking to do big celebration in 2022 for 100<sup>th</sup> year celebration of fire department. HAFD

- received grant for another vehicle – will go to Watson station. Budget about the same as last time. HFD covering Watson, approved.
- b. EMS - Pricing for use to go up again this coming year to pay for another two vehicles. One ordered and will receive in June 2021. Other vehicle will be determined at later date. Monterey Township bill will go up another couple thousand.
  - c. Library – New director.

#### Motions:

- Frank motion to approve Special Meeting Minutes from 1/19/21. DeHaan supports.
  - o 5 Yays / 0 Nays. Motion approved.
- Frank motion to approve financials. Williams supports.
  - o 5 Yays / 0 Nays. Motion approved.
- Frank motion to approve paying bills. Commons supports.
  - o 5 Yays / 0 Nays. Motion approved.

#### Unfinished business

1. Blight Update: PCI working on things.
2. Cemetery Maintenance: Nothing new.
3. 2021 Lawn Care: Bidding language updated. Bidding open now and will close Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>. Will send out to newspaper and website. Notify those who are interested to place bids to Clerk before Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>.
  - a. Williams motions to approve amended contract. Commons supports.
    - o 5 Yays / 0 Nays. Motion approved
4. Liquor ordinance – Last ordinance passed in 1985. Was placed in Zoning Ordinance book but must have either been taken out. Frank unable to find documentation of election for liquor ordinance. Contact Earl Collier about information. If no election held, must create and vote new ordinance in.
5. Recycling policy questions
  - a. Tax exempt houses: Monterey Township will be charging everyone uniformly. Instruct Brian – every household will get flagged in addition to businesses that want to participate.
  - b. 2021 Gravel Program: Williams motions to participate in Allegan County Road Commission gravel program for 2021. Commons supports.
    - o 5 Yays / 0 Nays. Motion approved.
  - c. Hall rentals: No rentals until March 2021. Will readdress at next meeting. Last meeting, Frank suggested using hall as office space. Reinart wants to look at numbers before being to a vote.

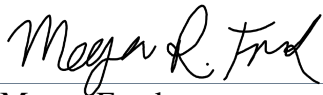
#### New Business

1. Watson Fire Boundary: No big impact for Monterey Township. Approved at Hopkins Township Board meeting.
2. Board nominations for Planning Commission & ZBA

- Planning Commission (2021 – 2024) – Supervisor nomination: Scott Boeve
  - Reinart motion to nominate Scott Boeve. Williams supports
  - 5 Yays / 0 Nays. Motion approved
- ZBA (2021 – 2024) – Supervisor nomination: Scott Boeve
  - Reinart motion to nominate Scott Boeve, Commons supports.
  - 5 Yays / 0 Nays. Motion approved.
- 3. Poverty Exemption Changes: State changed some exemptions and rules. State law now says if someone is impoverished, they should not be losing their house. If they meet certain standards, taxes may be exempt for that year. Must go through BOR + Supervisor. Assessor suggestion to put a hold on it until next year. Board agrees.
- 4. Tax Collection Agreement – Hamilton Summer Taxes = \$13.05/parcel. Reinart motion let treasurer sign agreement, Commons supports.
  - 5 Yays / 0 Nays. Motion approved.
- 5. Budget Workshop: One special meeting this month. On Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> , same day as we accept bids for lawn mowing. Will be at 7:00pm at the Township Hall.

Public comment: None

Adjournment - 8:13pm



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Megan Frank  
Monterey Township Clerk

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Date of approval