
Monterey Township Meeting Minutes

February 2025

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

A regular meeting of the Monterey Township Board was held on 2/03/2025 at 7:00pm

Board members included:

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

Citizens present: 18

Public Comment: NONE

Reports:

- a. Visiting Officials:
 - a. FFA Presentation
 - b. Scott Beltman – Gale Dugan nominated a chairman of commissioners. Scott as vice-chair. A community survey will take place at the end of February.
 - c. Reinart reported on behalf of Dan Kipen (SAFD Rep): 7 incidents, 0 in Monterey. 20 medical calls, 2 in Monterey.
- b. Assessor: Upcoming Board of Review - 3/10 & 3/11
- c. Board Members
 - a. DeHaan – Property tax bills due 2/14. Roll turned over to county on 3/1.
 - b. Commons – NONE
 - c. Williams – NONE
- d. Other Township Boards
 - a. Planning Commission: March meeting location projected to be moved to Monterey Methodist Church due to timing of BOR.
- e. Other Boards
 - i. Fire: Fire budget presented – slight increase to subsidy.
 - ii. Ambulance: Yankee Springs official request to leave group.

Motions:

- Williams motion to approve the January 20, 2025 special meeting minutes. Commons supports.
 - o 4 Yays / 0 Nays. Motion approved.

Unfinished business

- a. Blight/Zoning Updates:
 - Court judgement received for clean up if not complete by homeowner by 4/1.
 - 134th property - injunction not fiscally sound option.

- b. Future Road Improvement Plan: Research approximate cost of projects discussed from special meeting
- 132 ³/₄ mile \$494K
 - 25th St: a little bit of muck, \$814K
 - 134th ¹/₄ mile \$400K
- Reinart motions for the following future major project goals, Williams supports:
- Crush and reshape 130th Ave between 24 St. & 26 St.
 - Replace 2 culverts on 127th Ave W of 26th St
 - Rebuild and future pave 134th Ave between 32nd St & 34th St
 - Rebuild 34th St. between 128th Ave & 130th Ave
 - Rebuild 132nd Ave between 25th St. and 26th St.
- c. Cemetery lawn bid on website and Allegan co news. Bids are due by 3/3 Board Meeting.

New Business

- a. Cemetery Deeds: None
- Sexton request: we don't have stone size rule. Request for direction; grave 48". All stones need 2" foundation margin.
 - Williams motions to limit size of stone on single grave site to 34" - Commons supports. 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion approved.
- b. Reinart motions to nominate Paul Collier (term 2025 to 2028) for planning commission, Commons supports. 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion approved.
- c. Commons motions to approve Ordinance 2025-01, Williams supports. Discussion regarding compliance for private road when expansion happens and Planning Commission recommendation for denial.
- Roll call vote: Commons: no. Williams: no. DeHaan: no. Reinart: no. 0 Yas / 4 Nays. Motion fails.
- d. Commons motions to approve crack, chip, and fog seal 2.03 miles of 130th Ave, Williams supports. Discussion road was repaved 7 years ago, estimated cost of repairs \$70K. 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion approved.
- e. Insurance – Nulty interested to review. Reinart to discuss with Frank to pull information for quote comparison.
- f. Grant programs available for residents needing well or septic repairs. Information will be available on website.
- g. New fiscal year to begin 4/1/25. Preliminary Budget Meeting 2/10 at 7 PM
- h. Consumers has franchise for electric and agreement for natural gas and proposing to combine two. Will review for next meeting.

Public Comment:

- P. Bursma – inquiries regarding Dollar General.
- C. Avery: inquiry tire collection.

Adjournment – Williams motion to adjourn. DeHaan supports. 4 Yays / 0 Nays. Motion approved. Adjourn 8:07 pm.

Julie DeHaan, Treasurer

Date of approval