
Monterey Township Meeting Minutes

June 2021

Call to order, Roll call and Pledge of Allegiance

A meeting of Monterey Township Board was held on 6/7/2021 at 7:02 pm.

Board members included:

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

Citizens present: 5

Public Comment:

- Confusion of brush/bush removal from cemetery. Try to clarify who does what.
- Blight update: will discuss later down the agenda.

Reports

1. Visiting Officials: none
2. Assessors: Nothing too big. March board of review went well just different because of COVID. 1 personal property exemption. 6 Vet exemptions. Special thanks to the board for serving. Will have a July board of review. July 20th at 6pm. Just 1 or 2 items to address. Started on 20% review (focused on middle 1/3rd of township) Did 169 improved properties. In addition, drove around to see who is building without permits. 1 in 7 properties has something new on it. Busy year. Sales have been steady and dollar amount high. Volume not really higher. Certificates from board need to be given to Brian.
3. Township Board Members:
 - a. Frank – Election prep underway. Consolidating with Allegan Township learning as we go. Accuracy Testing scheduled for 6/30 10am at Hopkins Township hall. Bills paid. Filed quarterly paperwork. Financials complete. H.A.B.R.C. requesting money for 4th of July celebration.
 - b. Commons – Nothing
 - c. Reinart – Did Memorial Day program. Went great and great turnout. Metal chairs still work well.
 - d. DeHaan – Summer tax bills going out July 1st. Looking to head up a Newsletter about the board. Investment options: currently earning 1.5% on our account. Over in FDIC insurance. Looking to add Consumers LMCU/Credit Union/High Point to investment policy. 1 Delinquent property tax (Oil Well) – 2 attempts in contact.
 - i. Reinart motions to add LMCU/Credit Union/High Point Bank to investment policy. DeHaan moves, Williams Supports. 5 Yays / 0 Nays. Motion approved.
 - e. Williams – Renew Langlois gravel pit as was.
4. Other Township boards (Planning/ZBA/etc.):
 - a. Planning board – No meeting next week. Will be meeting in July.

- b. ZBA – Applicate pulled application.
- 5. Other boards (Fire/EMS/Library/etc.):
 - a. Fire – Has not met yet. Have been getting news letters from Salem as well as Hopkins.
 - b. EMS - Met in May. Nothing too big. Current move in Lansing to make it a requirement for EMS in townships. Not current update in regards to move. 2 new trucks coming in November.
 - c. Library – Spoke with Morgan Coon. Rep from Monterey: New director in on M/W. Lorinda (aid) fired. New hire – needing board approval. Need rep from Watson twp to replace Barb R. Still waiting on Village for replacement rep. Need new library rep for Monterey so Morgan can become Clerk’s chairperson for Elections.

Motions:

- DeHaan motion to approve Meeting Minutes from the month of May. Commons supports.
 - o 5 Yays / 0 Nays. Motion approved.
- Frank motion to approve financials. DeHaan supports.
 - o 5 Yays / 0 Nays. Motion approved.
- Frank motion to approve paying bills. DeHaan supports.
 - o 5 Yays / 0 Nays. Motion approved.

Unfinished business

1. Blight Update: Talked with Tony – board asked to clean up property. No progress by July – PCI will be involved.
2. Cemetery Maintenance:
 - a. Stone Repairs – Will be scheduling Cemetery 7/14 for a special meeting to discuss which stones to repair.
 - b. Bushes being cut down - George Berry’s Grave
3. Hall Rentals: Had our first hall rental this past weekend. Everything went well. Kim Hooker to come in once a month to clean hall.


New Business

1. Liquor Application – Goes into effect next Sunday 6/13/21.
 - o Williams motion to approve Application form. DeHaan supports.
 - o 5 Yays / 0 Nays. Motion approved.
2. FEMA Map Review – Released info about flood insurance. Monterey only has a few houses that need flood insurance (Most on Dumont Lake). Maps provided. There is an appeal process available. County Webinar about appeal local townships appeal process Thursday 6/7/21. Contact Henry for info.
3. Monterey/Allegan Township Consolidation – Looking to consolidate Monterey/Allegan
 - o Frank motion to approve agreement letter to consolidate Aug 3 election. Williams supports.
 - o 5 Yays / 0 Nays. Motion approved.
4. Dust Control for paving route – Application of water or salt to knock salt down while asphalt trucks working on road. Should be done on all route.

- Williams motions to approve work order. Reinart supports.
 - 5 Yays / 0 Nays. Motion approved.
- 5. 4th of July Sponsorship
 - Commons motions to sponsor 4th of July Hometown Celebration. Williams supports.
 - 5 Yays / 0 Nays. Motion approved.
- 6. Summer Tax Newsletter – Julie will reach out for information.
 - Reinart motions to approve sending out a newsletter with receipts. Williams supports.
 - 5 Yays / 0 Nays. Motion approved.
- 7. Sealing Hall – don't recommend to seal bricks. Recommend to just replacing bricks.
- 8. American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 still providing about \$250,000 to Monterey Township.
 - William motion to write a letter to County about American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 funds. Commons supports
 - 5 Yays / 0 Nays. Motion approved.

Public comment: None

Adjournment – Williams motion to adjourn. Commons supports. 5 Yays / 0 Nays. Motion approved.
8:37PM



Megan Frank
Monterey Township Clerk

Date of approval