
Monterey Township Meeting Minutes

July 2021

Call to order, Roll call and Pledge of Allegiance

A meeting of Monterey Township Board was held on 7/5/2021 at 7:00pm.

Board members included:

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

Citizens present: 3

Public Comment:

- Blight update: Does the area need to be all clean? Board mostly focuses on what we can see.

Reports

1. Visiting Officials: None
2. Assessors: Will be a July Board of Review – posted outside on bulletin board at hall.
3. Township Board Members:
 - a. Frank – Election prep still underway. Public Accuracy Testing/VAT testing complete. Beginning to receive ballots. Received large FOIA request (True North Law), completed with help from Lawyers.
 - b. Commons - Nothing
 - c. Reinart – Will discuss further down in agenda
 - d. DeHaan – Summer tax bills went out. 1.7 mill to collect. State \$36,841.
 - e. Williams – Planning commission info only.
4. Other Township boards (Planning/ZBA/etc.):
 - a. Planning board – Dan Weick wants to open Hair Salon.
 - b. ZBA – Has not met.
5. Other boards (Fire/EMS/Library/etc.):
 - a. Fire – 2 firefighters passed EMT class. 2 will be taking FF1&2 Practical. Pancake breakfast for 6/20 went well. 4th of July prep with Committee members.
 - b. EMS -
 - c. Library – Library Board meets 2nd Tuesday of every month. 7:00pm.

Motions:

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

Unfinished business

1. Blight Update: Began cleaning a little bit. Board gave end date of July 1st. Will be sending FYI letters to other properties to prewarn them about clean up.
 - a. Williams motion to turn Blight over to PCI, to pursue until clean. Williams supports
 - o 5 Yays/0 Nays
2. Cemetery Maintenance: Gerry, Julie and Henry found 4 large stones in the process of tipping.
 - a. Stone Repairs – Henry talked with the stone repair company. 3 step process. 1. Move stone 2. Pour& cure 3. Put stone back. 20-25 lime stone broken in half. Easiest to do is pull in winter, replace in spring. But once sits too long, wont seal correctly and will crack again.
 - b. Tree Trimming – Tree on south side has broken limb. Will look into getting tree service, Schafer’s, from Dorr, to come out and take out dead branch and leave tree. Tree eaten by woodpeckers to be looked at in North drive.
 - o Commons moves to contact Schafer’s
3. Hall Rentals: 4-H come in on a couple Thursday. Kim Hooker will be cleaning once a month. Spider problem will see if issue continues. Will pursue at end of year.
4. Liquor Application: Diamond Springs Golf Course sent in Application. No check, but will contact to send in soon. Once check is received, a notice will be replaced in paper and hearing will be held.
5. FEMA Map Review: If your property in any type of flood plain, but State will take it out. Residents just needs to contact State to take out of flood plain.
6. CARES Act-Stimulus Funds: Allegan Co. would like to use ARPA funds for Broadband but will decide on 7/8. Allegan Co. looking for board members to participate in Broadband Board.
 - a. Reinart nominates Gerry Williams to be on the Broadband Board. Frank Supports. Megan will email Jim Storey and let him know that Gerry Williams is interested in participating in the Broadband Board. Will let Gerry know if application needs to be filled out.

New Business

1. Cemetery Deed Return: Individual moved to different cemetery. Half the family upset about move. Family member from Poplar wants money back.
 - a. Williams motion to buy back Grave 4 of lot 2 (Deed 58). DeHaan supports.
 - i. 5 Yays/0 Nays. Motion approved.
2. 134th/26th: 6 accidents within the last month. Road Commission put up flashing stop signs/counting traffic. Henry to continue communication with Road Commission about improving safety at intersection.
3. Library Board Member: Meets every 2nd Tuesday of the month with certain exceptions. Meetings at 7pm.
 - a. Reinart moves to nominate Megan Frank to Hopkins Library Board. Commons Supports.
 - i. 5 Yays / 0 Nays. Motion approved.
4. Policy Book: Henry received a policy book from MTA a few years ago. Created it to modify Policies for Monterey. Will review chapters once a month, agenda depending.
5. MTA Letter: Principles of Governance. Letter read, signed by board and adopted by Monterey Township.
 - a. Reinart motion to adopt and accept. Williams supports.

i. 5 Yays/ 0 Nays. Motion approved.

Public comment: None

Adjournment – Williams motion to adjourn. Commons supports. 5 Yays / 0 Nays. Motion approved.
8:31PM

Megan Frank
Monterey Township Clerk

Date of approval