

Monterey Township Public Hearing, 10-15-18 7:00pm at the Community Hall

17 residents present – Board members present: Henry Reinart, Jennifer Frank, Lois Commons, Earl Collier, and Eric Commons

Call to Order, Roll Call, Pledge of Allegiance

Frank moved supported by L Commons to approve the October 1, 2018 board minutes. Motion carries 5 yay, 0 nays.

Public Comments

Henry Reinart gave opening remarks recapping the board's previous process and tentative plan moving forward with roads in the township.

Henry Reinart moved supported by Eric Commons to open the public hearing. 5 yays, 0 nays motion carried.

Patricia Peterson – 3057 125th – She thinks 26th street between 128th and 130th needs attention

Brian Timm – 2697 – 127th – feels it would be good to address 26th between 128th and 130th. Feels like seasonal roads should get maintenance attention.

Craig Atwood was introduced as the Managing Director of Allegan County Road Commission. Craig explained keys to the map displayed to use in the public hearing. States seasonal roads get graded 2 times per year to smooth and then maintenance as needed.

Gary Shimmel 3095 – 126th. He would like gravel on his road.

Burton Brenner – 3013 – 132nd. Would like blacktop on 132nd by his farm for dust control.

Mark DeCrocker 3171 – 34th. Inquired how the road projects are funded. Supervisor explained road millage. Asked if property owners get notified when construction projects are scheduled for their roads. (Craig Atwood answers, yes the county sends out letters of notification when a reconstruction happens, they do not for a resurfacing project)

Rachel Hud 3494 – 28th. Her road is narrow, especially on the north end. There is a water problem present on her road and she is hoping for ditch repairs/improvements that may help with the excess water. (Henry Reinart states the Road Commission is doing a culvert inventory and offered the drain commission as an additional resource do assist with the water that is not road runoff related)

Ken Nedereld 3536 – 28th. He represents several of the residents living on his road. He feels his road is poorly graded; it takes the crown out and displaces the gravel. The Shoulders are nonexistent. Holes from where a county truck got stuck still exist. His section of the road has a drain but residents south of

him have water issues. There is an issue with people who use the road heavily with quads, they make donuts and rough up the road. They have been in contact with the police about this and the excessive speed people travel on his road. He would like the heavy farm equipment use to be noted and possible worked into the design of the road, he would like it paved as well. He feels the road is unsafe.

Mark Decrocker 3171 – 34th. He does not need a paved road but would like improved maintenance on his road.

John Wilson 3095 34th St. His road is very dangerous by his house and there has been a fatality there in the past. He feels that the road should be rebuilt to remove the many hills.

Kyle Bockheim 2549 Thompson. 34th between 132nd & 130th Narrow with lots of hills, feels it is unsafe. He thinks that road should be rebuilt.

Al Radspeiler 2688 – 26th Street. Wondered if this public hearing replaces the road board? Henry Reinart replied we haven't had a road board in many years; this public hearing is the place to gather input. Al thinks some gravel roads need to be regraded including 26th street by his house as it is used heavily through the narrows. Al wanted to know why 28th street has not been redone; he votes we do 28th street first. Feels 26th is breaking up and needs repair. Al felt the road commission did a good job on paving 26th.

Ken Nederveld 3536 – 28th. Road safety needs to be first concern. Speed Concerns
Henry Reinart - Police enforce the speed/road safety.

Kathy Dekracker – 3171 34th street. Agrees people drive recklessly. She would like a police presence as quads and snowmobiles make roads unsafe.

Brian Went 3223 132nd – Asked if he would lose road frontage if we blacktop his road?

Craig Atwood – roads are paved 33 feet from center

Brian Went – people drive too fast there is also a big hill that makes it dangerous. His road has a horrible set up with the culvert.

Dennis Commons – 3047 30th Street. 132nd is very dangerous and the county dumps gravel that washes down. It has water issues. 132nd feels like it is unsafe. Washouts on the side of the road will result in accidents. It is bad in the spring.

Jessica McCarty 3480 – 28th. Snowplowing was narrow, shoulders are soft. She requests better plowing.

Fred Miller 3204 132nd. Make sense to do 34th from 128th to 134th.

Henry Reinart – Craig Atwood has put in for a federal grant on 34th between 128th and 130th.

Matt and April Brat 3448 28th – submitted letter to Henry Reinart who read: They would like the roads graded and maintained, brush and trees that block visibility. They have issues with big trucks that use roads, speed issues and quads that tear up the road. The road has poor ditching.

Burton Brenner 3013 – 132nd. Thanked Township board for doing a good job on the road projects for the last decades.

Frank moved supported by L Commons to close the public hearing. 5 yays, 0 nays motion carried.
7:56pm

Jennifer Frank
Township Clerk