

**Monterey Township Board Meeting
November 2, 2015**

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Nevin Cooper-Keel at 8:00pm at the Community Building. Board members present: Nevin Cooper-Keel, Jennifer Frank, Lois Commons, Earl Collier, and Faye Black

There were 22 citizens present as well as Bob Karlie from road commission.

Black moved supported by Commons to approve the October 5, 2015 meeting minutes approved, motion carried 5yays, 0 nays

Bob Karlie gave report from Allegan County Road Commission. New garage is completed, office space is in progress. Discussed current road needs and asked for community input.

FOIA policy was discussed; Cooper-Keel stated he has initialized the Township attorney to put together a FOIA policy for our township that is compliant with current laws, it will cost \$250. Cooper-Keel will follow up on this project with attorney this month.

Frank moved supported by Commons to approve 2016 annual meeting dates and publish them. Motion carried. 5 yays, 0 nays.

Collier moved supported by Black to approve an agreement with Allegan Recycling to charge tax payers \$20 per year for recycling services. Lois Commons will sign the agreement with them. Motion carried. 5 yays, 0 nays.

Hopkins Area Fire Department had multiple presenters to discuss the proposed purchase of a new brush truck to replace the 30 year old tanker truck. A brush truck is a more functional truck that will carry more firemen and equipment as well as be able to be utilized at every call they receive including personal Injury and medical calls. The cost of the truck would be \$141,000 with Monterey Townships share being \$39,788.

Michelle Harris from Watson Township Planning commission spoke in support of the truck purchase and provided detailed price breakdown of the purchase. She asked the board if they had a budget for fire equipment. Frank responded they did and it had \$30,000 budgeted in currently.

Cooper-Keel inquired about the necessity of the truck.

Black moved supported by Frank to approve the purchase of the brush truck at Monterey Townships portion of \$39,788. (Cooper-Keel asked if anyone on the board had a conflict of interest to disclose. Frank responded that she had a son who was a firefighter but that did not constitute a conflict of interest as previously determined. Frank also stated at the advice of the township attorney she should not recues herself from voting.) Motion carried 5 yays 0 nays.

Black motioned supported by Collier to be reappointed to the Fire Board to represent Monterey Township. Motion Carried. 5 yays 0 nays

Commons moved supported by Cooper-Keel to submit Frank's draft of a surveillance camera proposal to the Par Plan Risk Reduction Grant program. Motion carried 5 yays, 0 nays.

Trustee report: Faye Black shared information learned from a recent MTA workshop she attended on FOIA and Medical Marijuana.

Clerk report: Special Election 11-3-15, polls open at 7am and close at 8pm.

Treasurer's report: Summer taxes collected \$745,889.84 with \$10,625.53 going to township.

Commons moved supported by Black to pay bills. Motion carried 5 yays, 0 nays.

Commons moved supported by Black to approve the October 2015 financial report. Motion carried 5yays, 0 nays.

Public Comment

Black moved supported by Frank to adjourn. Motion Carried 5 yays

Jennifer Frank
Township Clerk