

## Monterey Township Board Meeting

April 2, 2014

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 (arrived half way through meeting), and Faye Black

There were 19 citizens present.

Black moved supported by Commons to approve March 2014 meeting minutes, motion carried

Public Comment: Supervisor Cooper-Keel was asked why Planning commission rezoning items were not on agenda, Cooper-Keel stated he was never asked to place them on the agenda. Karon Knoblock stated she emailed him the request and documents. Steve Young asked what a good way to communicate with Supervisor Cooper-Keel and Cooper-Keel responded email is the best way to reach him.

Board agreed to hear a synopsis of the two rezone projects from the planning commission. Karon Knoblock presented on the Lyfords request to rezone their property to be used as a temporary impound lot on 36<sup>th</sup> street. Mitch Lodenstein wants to change his zoning from AG to R1 so they can build a home.

Commons moved supported by Frank to accept Lodensteins rezoning from AG to R1. 4 yay, 0 nay, Collier not present.

Commons moved supported by Cooper-Keel to table the Lyfords rezone request until May's meeting.

Cooper-Keel presented 4 sealed bids in addition to the Boyles submitted quote for lawn care. Frank stated her feelings that the bid process was not carried out in a traditional manner and felt some bids may be compromised, she felt uncomfortable with the process. Frank presented Cooper-Keel with the bid process guidelines found on MTA's website that outlined the traditional bid process. Resident Fred Patrick also expressed his feeling that the bid process was unfair as he requested a bid spec sheet from Supervisor Cooper-Keel who said he would get one to him and did not follow through.

Bids were present from MW Moore & Son, West MI Lawn care, M & S Lawn care and the Quote from Lyle Boyles. Bids were opened with Lyle Boyles being high bidder and M&S Lawn care being low bidder.

Commons moved supported by Frank to accept Lyle Boyles quote. 2 yay, 3 nays, motion did not carry

Cooper-Keel moved supported by Black to accept M& S lawn care bid of \$10,900. 3 yays, 2 nays, motion carried.

Cooper-Keel moved supported by Black to approve the March financial statement, motion carried.

Commons moved supported by Frank to pay bills. Motion carried.

Black moved supported by Frank to approve payment on the Allegan Land and Developments aerial photography for township. 3 yays, 2 nays (lc, ck)

Frank motioned supported by Black to approve the 2014-15 General Fund Budget of \$472,900, motion carried.

Frank motioned supported by Commons to approve the 2014-15 Road Fund Budget of \$681,000, motion carried.

Frank motioned supported by Black to approve the 2014-15 Building Permit Budget of \$30,000, motion carried.

Frank motioned supported by Collier to approve the 2014-15 Cemetery Budget of \$26.55, motion carried.

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Public Comment:

Al Radspieler asked Supervisor Cooper-Keel to write a letter to the tax commission and ask why there is a \$700 per acre difference between per acre assessment on ag land between Allegan and Monterey Township.

Commons moved supported by Black to adjourn. Motion Carried

Jennifer Frank  
Township Clerk