

Monterey Township Board Meeting

May 7th, 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, and Faye Black
There were 17 citizens present and Frank Baker and Max Thiele

Black moved supported by Collier to approve April 2014 meeting minutes approved, motion carried

Public Comment: Frank Baker from Allegan County Sheriff's department presented on central dispatch. They are evaluating their radio service and considering partnering with the State Police and the system they use. He spoke to the funding options of adding a surcharge to phone lines including cell phones.

Max Theil reports change in the ORV statutes that allow Townships to establish rules on ORV's on roads. Board of Commissioners is asking Monterey Township to discuss how they feel about ORV's on their roads and respond next meeting. Commissioner Theil provided each board member packets of literature pertaining to ORV laws and golf carts.

Al Radspealer asked about our Assessor, he would like Supervisor Cooper-Keel to look into if it is a conflict of interest with him working for the Ottawa Equalization office and working as an assessor.

Cooper-Keel moved supported by Commons to approve the Lyford's rezone sent to the board from the planning commission to make a temporary impound lot. Motion carried, 4 yay 1 nay (EC)

Salem Township's master plan was reviewed, Monterey Township can comment on it if they choose.

3057 – 125th street will be going up for auction; the county sent papers to the township in case they wanted to bid.

Frank moved supported by Commons to sign the Audit Engagement letter by Walker, Sheldon and Fluke. Motion carried. 5 yay

Mike Bush, bid winner for the lawn care presented a \$2440 invoice for work he performed that he felt was above and beyond what he should have had to do for spring cleanup. He presented video of the site. Said he notified Supervisor Cooper-Keel of this but Nevin was not able to meet him to give direction. Went ahead with work and it totaled 64 Man-hours. Board discussed paying the contractor above the bid price he submitted. Mike Bush said he would reduce the bill to \$1120.

Collier moved supported by Commons to pay for 32 hours cleanup at cemetery to M&S Lawn care. Motion Carried 3 yay 1 nay (FB) 1 abstain (JF)

Supervisor Cooper-Keel reports the claims are all in for the cemetery trees.

Frank addressed the township hall needing a deeper cleaning. Lois Commons said she would take care of the windows.

Collier moved supported by Cooper-Keel to approve the April 2014 financials. Motion Carried

Commons moved supported by Frank to pay the bills. Motion Carried.

Public Comment:

Pat Peterson reported that a state auditor who was working on our audit did physically visit her property.

ORV's on road was discussed. Some residents were against and some were supportive. The research information passed out was House bill no. 4284 act 117, House bill no. 4299 Act 118, Enrolled Senate bill no. 50 Act 119. Residents encouraged to research is as there is a lot of information out there regarding ORVs.

Al Radespealer again asked Supervisor Cooper-Keel to look into the differences in assessments between townships. Supervisor Cooper-Keel said he would.

Township is having a community clean up day at Poplar Hill Cemetery May 17th. Lunch is provided. Lois will call Paul Lodenstein and get a load of black dirt delivered before that day.

Commons moved supported by Cooper-Keel to adjourn. Motion Carried.

Jennifer Frank
Township Clerk