

Monterey Township Board Meeting

June 2nd, 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 9 citizens present and Jim Walters, Bob Karlie, Bob Genetski and Max Thiele

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

Discussed Agenda, Frank requested it be presented a week prior to the meeting. Board would like it put on website prior to meeting.

Public Comment:

Jim Walters is running for State Senate as a Democrat for the 26th district. He presented his background and left literature.

Max Thiele wanted to correct his last months statement that the County does not own property in Monterey Twp. They do own an 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ acre parcel on 128th and is willing to sell it to Monterey Twp for \$1. Asked if the board had time to review the ORV information presented last meeting.

Bob Karlie from Allegan Co. Road Commission gave report that 134th grading bid should be in June 18th. The county is looking at a new building; their current location was built in 1937 and is in bad shape.

Rep. Bob Genetski reported on the current state budget, the Road Risk Reserve fund that will fix 2 bridges in Allegan County, A possible new research vessel for the DNR, Michigan State Police getting new class and building updates in Wayland, New bill for changes in Auto Insurance, proposed increase to Minimum wage and proposed gas tax increase. Gave recognition to Liz Krause and Jayne Brenner for valuable input at recent DHS conference.

Board discussed ORV's on roads in Monterey Township and a present time are not interested in opening up that possibility. Jennifer Frank will email Max Thiele the townships current stance on ORV ordinances.

Collier moves supported by Frank to abstain from pursuing an ordinance to allow ORV's to run on roads in Monterey Township. Motion carried. 5 yays

The mowing of the town hall has been done by neighbor Dustin Dean voluntarily until the board can get a mow plan in place. This service was left off the bid sheet for lawn care. Nevin Cooper-Keel will contact M&S lawn care and discuss the possibilities of them adding that service to our current contract. He will also speak to them about trash removal at the cemetery and returning unused flags from Memorial Day. If M&S Lawn care is unable to mow the hall supervisor Cooper-Keel will contact other lawn care services and secure a mowing company.

Cooper-Keel moved supported by Black to pay Dustin Dean \$50 for the gas and time he invested in mowing the hall this past month. Motion Carried 5 yays.

Commons moved supported by Frank to approve paying bills. Motion Carried. 4 yays, 1 nay (FB)

Pipe leaking at cemetery and issue under sink in hall. Earl Collier will get a plumber to look at both issues.

There is a grave that has sunk in and created a hole at cemetery. Supervisor Cooper-Keel will speak to lawn service about filling it in.

Hopkins District Library kicking off Summer Reading Program with a science/zombie theme.

Jennifer Frank reports the audit is progressing and the software switch from OurTown to BS&A will come to fruition this month.

There will be an Election Commission Meeting 15 minutes prior to the July 7th meeting. It has been posted outside of the hall.

Letter from Salem Township presented stating our fire protection rate will be \$16,800 for this year. They are asking for improved communication between townships and to have discussions about repairs to 136th Avenue (26th street to 24th).

Collier moved supported by Commons to approve the May 2014 financials. Motion Carried

Black moved supported by Frank to get bids on cement repair to the vault building at cemetery. Faye Black with pursue quotes for repairs. Motion Carried. 5 yays

Other repairs needed for buildings at cemetery are new doors/window trim repair. Discussed possibly presenting this need to the Allegan Technical Center building trades program or a possible Eagle Scout Project.

Public Comment:

Pat Peterson inquired about transfer station rules and possibly getting them printed on the punch cards.

Commons moved supported by Collier to adjourn. Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned 10:25pm

Jennifer Frank
Township Clerk