

Monterey Township Board Meeting

July 7, 2013

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, Faye Black

There were 6 township residents present.

Black moved supported by Commons to approve the June 2, 2013 minutes. Motion carried.

Earl reports pipe is leaking underground at cemetery, he needs a key to get a plumber to look at it.
Nevin will facilitate him getting a key.

Public Comment: Cindy Gamrat introduced herself, she is running for State Representative for the Republican Party.

Brian Busscher the assessor reported on the recent AMAR assessment state audit of the 2013 tax rolls. Monterey Township did not get a passing report and was cited for 7 areas needing attention. Brian Busscher has addressed the first six including a policy presented in February 2014 to the board that they will accept on records transparency.

The difficult point of the audit that needs to be addressed is the accuracy percentage of the assessment roll. To remedy this Brian Busscher suggested we re-assess the entire township. He presented 2 quotes from private companies that both stated they could perform the work at \$25 per parcel, Brian Busscher was willing to reassess all properties at \$20 per parcel. Brian Busscher stated we have 966 parcels in the township so the cost of this would be extensive.

AMAR needs to have a written response to the audit report by July 25th, 2014.

The board discussed possibilities and would like to gather more information before committing to a large reassessing fee. Other supervisors and the tax commission will be contacted to gain insight into possible fixes for the issue.

Black moved supported by Cooper-Keel to have a Special meeting July 15th at 5:30pm at the Township hall to review AMAR options. Motion carried. Frank posted the special meeting notice outside the hall.

July 22nd at 7pm there will be a Board of Review at the township hall.

Nevin Cooper-Keel said he had heard from residents in the Dumont lake area who would like to review our Ambulance service. He invited Rob Griffith from Life Ambulance of Allegan to present. Board

discussed our current service and the services Life presented. Response times and the value of having first responders in the township were discussed.

Cooper-Keel motioned to change the southern portion of our township (128th and everything south of it) to Life Ambulance out of Allegan. Motion was not supported.

Frank motioned supported by Commons to accept the road bid of \$328,442.33 by Brenner Excavating to rebuild 134th from 32nd to 30th street. Motion carried.

Commons moved supported by Collier to accept the June 2014 financial report. Motion carried.

Frank moved supported by Black to accept 2nd mowing road work order by Allegan County. Motion carried.

Frank moves supported by Commons to continue being members of MTA. Motion carried 4yays, 1 nay (CK)

Nevin Cooper-Keel reports lawn care service has agreed to mow hall without additional cost. They will also fill in sunken graves.

Faye Black reports she had Scott Salsner out to look at cement mortar, he could not guarantee the work for more than 5 years. Faye ended up completing the repairs herself.

Cooper Keel motioned supported by Collier to reimburse Faye Black the 95.00 in materials it took to repair the cement. She submitted receipts. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Al Radspeiler feels he is getting overtaxed on his tillable land, also feels the Board of Review did not treat him fairly.

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

Commons moved supported by Cooper-Keel to adjourn, motion carried.

Jennifer Frank
Township Clerk