

Monterey Township Special Board Meeting

July 15, 2014

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Nevin Cooper-Keel at 5:30pm at the Community Building. Board members present: Nevin Cooper-Keel, Jennifer Frank, Lois Commons, Earl Collier, and Faye Black
There were 5 citizens present

Public Comment: Resident Al Radspieler had questions about current assessor

Discussion of the AMAR assessment audit of the 2013 assessment roll. Supervisor Cooper-Keel spoke to tax commission this week regarding this issue. They advised a plan to become more accurate by 2015. Faye Black spoke to Lanice at the Department of Treasure this week regarding this situation.

Brian Busscher thought he assessed around 160 parcels in 2014 of a residential and agricultural mix. He felt he went above and beyond what was expected as he was contracted to maintain the assessment rolls as there were. Brian said in his conversations with the state he felt they would require a total reassessment of the township to satisfy the AMAR audit.

Frank inquired Brian Busscher about the new software he purchased this year and how many sketches were completed on the parcels with the APEX software. Brian reported he had approximately 98% of the township sketched and ready to become a reviewable property.

Frank suggested they showcase to the State the many steps they have taken already to remedy the assessment process including Assessor reviewing 20% of properties each year, hiring a new assessor in 2014, New assessing software, New policies accepted in 2014, contracted Ariel photography to aid assessing. She also stressed her feeling of importance to get a response in to state in a timely matter and not miss their July 25th deadline for response.

Brian Busscher voiced his opinion that he strongly felt the above action plan would not be satisfactory to the state and again advised a complete reassessment of the township.

Black motioned supported by Cooper-Keel to send a letter to State with our above action steps represented and the plan to have our assessor meet his 20% of the township reassessed each year to bring us into compliance. Supervisor Cooper-Keel will draft and submit the letter to the state by the deadline. Motion carried 5 yays 0 nays.

Supervisor Cooper-Keel revisited his suggestion to change our southern portion of the township to Life Ambulance.

Faye Black suggested we put switching of ambulance input on an upcoming planned survey the planning commission is sending out.

Public Comment:

Concerns about the recycling station being abused were discussed. Lois will address this with Ben Williams the Allegan County recycling official.

Commons motioned supported by Frank to Adjourn, motion carried.

Jennifer Frank
Township Clerk