

Monterey Township Board Meeting

August 4, 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 10 citizens present and Tonya Schuitmaker, Bob Karlie, and Max Thiele

Black moved supported by Frank to approve July 7, 2014 meeting minutes approved, motion carried

Commons moved supported by Collier to approve the July 15, 2014 special meeting minutes, motion carried.

Public Comment:

Tonya Schuitmaker introduced herself and distributed literature regarding her on the ballot for State Senate.

Bob Karlie from Allegan County road commission gave a report that 30th street would have a drainage project beginning soon between 132nd and 134th. Addressed questions about the new building they are going to build. Our township road project of a rebuild on 134th should begin the end of August.

Max Thiele reported from the county brought pamphlets on Senior services and Allegan County Veteran Services. Most townships in the county chose to abstain from working on getting ORV ordinances to permit them to run on roads. Reports nonprofit group in Wayland is working on the details of getting a provision to service a larger population of low income patients. A group called Lakeshore Friends of the Blue Star is working to construct a bike/walk trail between South Haven and Saugatuck, they are asking the county to maintain it if they build it. Jail is still not open. The county is aware of Monterey's interest in purchasing the parcel they own in Monterey Township. Lois Commons asked if they were building a new courthouse and Max replied it is a very long ways away.

Pat Peterson suggested we invite Melanie Curtis to speak about common core at one of our meetings.

Al Radspeiler had concerns about his assessment; he addressed them with Max Theil as well as the board.

Residents inquired into the process for a Zoning Violation. He was directed to work with PCI and Supervisor Cooper-Keel to get the process going.

Theresa Steffes from Walker, Fluke and Sheldon presented our audit report for year 2013. Said we had a very good audit that met all accounting and government standards. She presented the audit report section by section. Supervisor Cooper-Keel asked why the fund balance differed from the previous year and she explained it as a timing issue, some funds were there for roads and others had been spent previous years on items like the fire brush truck that were not a factor this year.

Collier moved supported by Frank to approve the Audit report and finalize the audit. Walker, Fluke and Sheldon will also complete the required state reporting from the finalized audit. Motion Carried. 5 yays 0 nays

Collier moved supported by Frank to approve Mary Arndt, Chris Navis, Angie Commons, JoAnne Pace, Evie Green, Kate Johnson and Kim Marvin as election inspectors.Supervisor Cooper-Keel asked if there was a conflict of interest with the board and these workers, the board answered no. Cooper-Keel asked if anyone was related the board answered yes but with no conflict of interest. Frank prompted Cooper-Keel that there was a motion on the floor for a vote. Cooper-Keel responded he was the moderator and did not want to vote

until he addressed the conflict of interest. Directed to Jennifer Frank, Cooper-Keel asked if she was related to an election worker to recues herself from the vote. Frank stated she had no conflict of interest and would not recues herself from the vote as an Aunt/Niece relationship was not defined as a conflict of interest. Commons removed herself from the meeting at this point. Frank again asked the moderator to call for a vote. Motion carried, 4 yays/ 0 nays.

Collier moved supported by black to Pay bills. Motion Carried 4 yays, 0 nays

Collier moved supported by black to approve July 2014 financials. Motion Carried 4 yays, 0 nays

Faye Black asked Nevin Cooper-Keel if he had prepared the question for the planning commission's survey. He stated he did not know he was to do that and did not complete it. Cooper-Keel will prepare the question and email it to Faye Black.

Public Comment:

Pat Peterson asked if the AMAR report was sent out on time and Cooper-Keel stated he mailed it on July 23, 2014.

Pat Peterson wanted information about a "blank" computer Cooper-Keel told her about. Cooper-Keel stated he received a blank computer 2 years ago when he took office from the previous supervisor and wanted forensics to go through it because he feels township files should have been on there and were not. Cooper-Keel felt he could have forensics look at it for approximately \$500. Frank stated she believed the computer he received was used for the assessment roll and she had passed several boxes of handwritten files to Supervisor Cooper-Keel within the first weeks of him taking office that would support the previous Supervisor did not complete much work on the computer. Cooper-Keel stated the assessment roll was on the computer when he received it. Collier became concerned with the tone of the discussion being of an accusing nature, he then left the meeting (9:55pm).

Cooper-Keel moved supported by Frank to adjourn. 3 yays.

Meeting adjourned 10:10pm

Jennifer Frank
Township Clerk