

**Monterey Township Board Meeting  
December 1, 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 21 citizens present.

Collier moved supported by Commons to approve the November 2014 meeting minutes approved, motion carried 5 yays

Cooper-Keel moved supported by Black to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried. 5yays

The township has been working with the attorney, PCI and the court in dealing with Tim Arndt who has been living in a travel trailer on Arndt Drive with a blithe issue on the property. Several neighbors spoke out in frustration at the length of time this has been present in their neighborhood. Board discussed ways to begin addressing the situation as a township now that the court ordered time for Mr. Arndt to act has run out and he fell into incompliance. Supervisor Cooper-Keel had been working with the attorney and what can be done but did not have clarity to the questions of how Mr. Arndt becomes financially responsible for the cleanup, what is the attorney's recommendation on property and Mr. Arndt's personal rights to the property to be cleaned up. The board asked supervisor Cooper-Keel to get the above questions answered in written form from the attorney or court. Board recommended getting bids on contractors who would perform the cleanup.

Faye Black has asked to be removed from the planning commission.

Cooper Keel motioned and Black supported to nominate Earl Collier to fill Faye's position on the planning commission effective next meeting. Motion carried. 5 yays.

Cooper-Keel moved supported by Black to nominate Jerry Williams to the open position on the planning commission. Motion did not carry 2 yay, 3 Nay (JF, EC, LC)

Cooper-Keel reported he had talked with one assessor about filling Brian Busscher's spot as our assessor but she declined. Frank had gathered Assessor's wages from three Townships of similar size, their salary ranged from 20,000 to 31,000 and included reassessing 20% of the properties in the township.

Frank moved supported by Commons to proceed with having Brian Busscher draft a new contract reflecting his additional duties of reassessing 20% of the township annually at the price of \$1500 per month for the board to review and potentially accept to retain Brian Busscher as assessor until the current roll closes. Motion Carried, 4 yays, 1 nay (CK)

Commons moved supported by Frank to pay bills. Motion Carried 5 yays

Collier moved supported by Frank to approve the November 2014 financials. Motion Carried 5 yays

Clerks report presented a letter from the state requesting a Corrective Action Plan on four points of the 2014 financial audit. Frank and Commons have worked with Walker, Sheldon and Fluke and presented a response that would be mailed this week.

Hamilton Schools summer tax paperwork was presented for signatures.

A current budget to actual report was given to each board member.

Frank is working to draft some financial policies the auditor has suggested the board have.

Collier moved supported by Frank to set \$4000 aside in the budget to be available for use with the Tim Arndt blithe situation. Motion carried, 5 yays.

Black motioned supported by Frank to have the planning commission move forward with their resident questionnaire with expenses coming out of the Planning Commission supply line budget. Motion carried, 5 yays.

Supervisor Cooper-Keel will begin representing our Township at the Fire Board meetings with the first one being January 7, 2015.

Treasurers Report: Summer Taxes are closed, Lois read report. Winter taxes have been sent out.

Cooper-Keel is to call plumber about leaky pipe under sink.

Frank will order annual carpet cleaning in hall.

Public Comment:

Carl Avery wanted to thank the board for their hard work.

Bev Keel-Worrel asked if the survey for the planning commission could be sent out to tax payers even if they do not reside in Monterey Township.

Common mentioned Dan Wedge called her in regards to the property the township is purchasing from the county and they are moving forward with the process to make the transaction.

Commons moved supported by Black to adjourn. Motion Carried 5 yays

10:30pm

Jennifer Frank  
Township Clerk