

Monterey Township Board Meeting
February 3, 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 8 citizens present and Max Thiele, Bob Karlie, Life Ambulance, Wayland EMS

December 2013 meeting minutes approved, motion carried

Public Comment:

Max Theil reports Board of Commissioners January Meeting approved Dumont Lake Level issue moved on to district court and was determined to be 6" above the surveyed level. Jail will be hosting open houses in late Feb. and March 2014.

Bob Karliee from the Allegan County Road commission reports the weather has been tough and they have been keeping up plowing. The road commission is doing well on keeping in budget and mentioned we may want to take a look at 136th by Sandy Pines when we are considering road projects. He provided literature on Allegan County.

Cooper-Keel moved supported by Collier to change the Township Board meeting in March, April and May of 2014 to the first Wednesday of the month at 8pm to accommodate Nevin Cooper-Keel's schedule. Motion carried

Wayland Ambulance had Bob present information on their service. They are a government unit created agreements. The service 12 different hospitals, 90% of funding comes from patient pays and patient's only pay if they are transported. Residents can by service plan with them to make things affordable.

John Pinkster from Life ambulance out of Allegan presented on their services. They are privately owned. They staff trucks 24 hours a day with post assistance from Kalamazoo and VanBuren branch. They have response time estimates and provided an info packet with pricing on servicing our southern section of Allegan.

Brian Busscher gave assessors report. 1) He presented a situation with Doug Sebright in Section 33. Mr. Sebright wants to purchase he parcel next to him that has been confirmed a "gap" parcel. Brian Busscher is working with Allegan County to address this parcel and add it to the tax roll. If taxes are not paid on this parcel it will become delinquent and eventually go up for auction. 2) Sandy Pines has withdrawn their tax tribunal after the preliminary results of the appraisal. Both Attorney and Appraiser have been paid. Brian ask if we would decide to pursue this issue further with the attorney as the preliminary appraisal indicates that that property is undervalued and getting legal advice as to how to proceed may be a worthwhile step. It will however have an unknown cost attached to it. 3) Sketches are complete on all but 12 parcels; he is very pleased with the apex software. He has inspected 161 parcels, looked at every sold property and visited all permits property as well as owner requests.4) 2014 equalization rates had increases this year. 5) Roger Klings property was visited by Assessor, Mr. Kling felt

Mr. Busscher was in the wrong to visit property and obtained legal counsel. Council agreed Mr. Busscher had not done anything wrong and Mr. Busscher at Roger Klings request would like the Township Board notified that he does not want you on his property.

Motion to adopt a resolution to approve the 2014 poverty guidelines for tax exemption. Motion by Commons supported by Frank. 4 yay, 1 nay (FB)

Cooper-Keel moved supported by Frank to use the property exemption form provided by Brian Busscher. Motion Carried

Commons moved supported by Frank to accept the Board of Review dates and publish the Board of Review information in the Advance newspaper. Motion carried.

Personal Property has new exemptions; residents who are affected by this are encouraged to get information on filing. The deadline is Feb 10th.

New Veteran's exemptions for 100% disabled vets.

Faye Black gave report from Allegan County Primary Road Mileage meeting she attended.

Cooper-Keel said he has spoke with the insurance company regarding the down tree in the cemetery. He has claims started and will get quotes on tree removal from licensed company.

Kevin and Lyle Boyles submitted a bid of \$15,000 for cemetery lawn care for Poplar Hill in 2014. Copies were given to each board member. They provided proof of insurance.

Frank motioned supported by Collier to continue to use the MLive Advance (Penassee Globe) newspaper as the legal publication paper for Monterey Township. Motion Carried.

Report from the Hopkins Fire Board, there will be an increase in the Township share of \$5000.

Collier moved supported by Commons to approve the December 2013 and January 2014 financial statement. Motion carried.

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

Lois Commons presented a sign proposal from Ben Williams of Allegan County recycling that gave a large and small sign option for in front of the recycling center. Sign is \$60 - \$200 depending on size.

Commons moved supported by Black to adjourn. Motion Carried

Jennifer Frank
Township Clerk