

Monterey Township Board Meeting

May 4, 2015

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 23 citizens present and Max Thiele, Rep. Cindy Gamrat

Black moved supported by Collier to approve the April 6, 2015 meeting minute, Motion carried 5yays, 0 nays.

Max Theile gave report from County Commissioners. Spoke to possible changes to the \$25 recycling fee.

Collier moved supported by Frank to make the following amendments to the 2014-15 budget:

ATTORNEY	101-210-801	Increased by\$925.00
CEMETERY		
ELECTRIC	101-272-940	Increased by \$4.00
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EQUIPMENT	101-276-955	Increased by \$320.00
TRANSFER STATION	101-526-804	Increased by \$598.00
TOWNSHIP SHARE	101-862-715	Increased by \$3,499.00
ROADS	204-446-970	Increased by \$15,580.00
CARRY OVER	101-890-999	Decreased by \$20,926.00

Motion carried. 5 yeah, 0 nays.

Cooper-Keel moved supported by Collier to pay \$750 to Hopkins Area Business and Recreation towards the July 4th celebration and fireworks. Motion carried. 5yays 0 nays.

Cooper-Keel moved supported by Black to accept the road bid from Michigan Paving and Materials in the amount of \$191,547.00 for Project LH4773 on 134th Avenue from 32nd to 30th street. Motion carried 5 yays, 0 nays.

Board discussed having a third party inspect the resurfacing. Earl Collier will contact Kevin Glubker to obtain and estimate for this service.

Cooper-Keel moved supported by Frank to table burn permit discussion until we have more facts. 5 yays, 0 nays.

Commons moved supported by Black to approve the April 2015 financial statement. Motion Carried. 5 yays, 0nays.

Commons moved supported by Black to pay bills. Motion carried. 5 yays, 0 nays.

Brian Busscher gave assessor report. We have settled with Diamond Springs. Field inspections are going well. We will need a July Board of Review and that will be on 7/21/15 at 7pm.

Merle Coffee was present to discuss easement to property the county is transferring to the township. He stated he would not agree to an easement with the township. Board and community discussed this issue.

Clerk report. Presented grant proposal for the risk reduction program through the Par Plan group.

Collier moved supported by Cooper-Keel to submit the proposal titled "Building Security and Safety" for a Risk Reduction grant for a video surveillance system. Motion Carried. 5 yays, 0 nays.

Clerk reports election going well, residents encouraged to vote. The annual audit is also reported to be going very well.

Treasurers report: Thank you to all the community residents and groups that made the cleanup day at poplar hill a success. She is starting to work on summer taxes.

Supervisor report: Attended the Hopkins Fire Board meeting, they will be selling a tanker and looking to purchase another rescue vehicle. Supervisor is working on putting together the Memorial Day service.

State Representative Cindy Gamrat spoke on Proposal 1. Is working on budgets and spoke to proposed changes in No Fault Insurance.

Public Comment:

Henry Reinart – Asked the board to reject the property transfer with the county.

Al Radespieler – Said the county brush hogging on the road side looks bad. He is concerned for the trees.

Fred Patric – Would like to sit with supervisor or board and do a cost benefit analysis of the property transfer from the county. Is not in favor of it.

Bev Wharel – Agreed the property should not be transferred from county to township. Asked about website, agenda being posted on website. Stated the corrections to the minutes were confusing.

Roger Arndt – Asked the board to reject the property transfer with the county.

Carl Avery Asked if sexton managed the headstones at cemetery.

Gary Hentzelman wants road commission to clean up mess they made on the side of the road brush hogging.

Katie Burch – Would never want to use the property in question for transfer from the county as a park. Does not want tax money going to cost of transferring property from county.

Matt Frank – asked board to consider the cost of legal fees in transferring property from county as well as the financial burden a lawsuit would place on a resident to fight the township.

Cooper-Keel moved supported by Black to adjourn. Motion Carried

9:50pm

Jennifer Frank
Township Clerk