

Monterey Township Board Meeting
May 1, 2017

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Henry Reinart at 8:00pm at the Community Building. Board members present: Henry Reinart, Jennifer Frank, Lois Commons, Eric Commons, Earl Collier

There were 10 citizens present as well as Max Theil.

Call to Order and Roll Call

Supervisor Reinart gave updates from Mary Whitfords office

Assessor and Board Members reports:

Clerk had completed census requests, preparing for Audit and reports county has settled on a new voting equipment system. Townships should plan to put a resolution in place and estimate \$2000 for equipment purchase this year.

Treasurer is waiting on one personal property tax collection to close taxes.

Supervisor reports on road work within the township including culvert replacements and repaving. SME has been contacted to serve as a third party density testing company.

Henry Reinart and Earl Collier also attended the meeting regarding Law Enforcement hosted by the Allegan County Township Association.

The Health Department is exploring the addition of a possible regional recycling site in Trowbridge Township.

Max Theile reported on the overview of how the County Commissioner serves the townships. The Circuit court will be moving offices to the Jail. The youth homes lead issue has been corrected. Mr. Theile gave update on Rock 10 plant in Otsego and the Law Enforcement meeting sponsored by Allegan Township Association.

Planning Commission approved Weick's private road site plan. They will hear two requests at next meeting, One from Tod and Tulip Connors and one from Wende Green.

Library board hired a new person, Alicia Schafer. She will start May 11th, 2017.

Fire Board discussed finances and InterLocal Agreement.

Collier moved supported by E Commons to approve the April 2017 board meeting minutes. Motion carried 5 yays, 0 nays.

Collier moved supported by Henry Reinart to approve the April 2017 financial report. Motion carried. 5 yays, 0 nays.

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

Cemetery cleanup went well; several different groups came out to help clean up, level stones and clean veterans stones. Front flowerbed was discussed. DK Landscape needs key to get into cemetery building, Reinart will provide for them.

Quotes for electric to be run out to the flagpole area were discussed.

Frank moved supported by E Commons to submit application for guardrail at transfer station to BHS Insurance Risk Reduction Grant program. Reinart to draft final submission. Motion Carried. 5 yays, 0 nays.

Three quotes for blithe clean up of Brenner properties at 3241 – 125th Avenue were submitted for review.

Collier moved supported by Frank to accept a \$3000 bid from Rog Plaisier of Dorr MI to clean up the 3241 – 125th Ave. property that is not in compliance with township ordinance. Motion Carried 5 yays, 0 nays.

Three other properties were discussed that are currently in review for blithe infractions.

L Commons moved supported Collier to proceed with the next step in the process for blithe infraction for both Tony Kracatovich and Dave Meyers which will be securing bids for cleanup. Motion Carried. 5 yays, 0 nays.

Ticket issued to individual living in camper on 30th street.

New Business:

Private road site plan review for Weick's road was approved at the planning commission meeting.

Collier moved supported by E Commons to approve the planning commission recommended site plan for Weick's road with the following contingencies: Hopkins Fire Chief must approve location of driveways off the private drive, no trees/shrubs may be planted in the private road right of way and no more than two houses be associated with this road. Motion carried 5 yays, 0 nays.

E Commons moved supported by Frank to approve and sign the Interlocal Agreement between the Village of Hopkins, Hopkins Township, Monterey Township and Watson Township. Motion carried. 5 yays, 0 nays.

Frank moved supported by L Commons to approve the Coffee Farm PA116 forms. Motion carried 5 yays 0 nays.

Frank moved supported by Reinart to approve and sign the Audit Engagement Letter with Walker, Sheldon and Fluke. Motion Carried 5 yays, 0 nays.

Black dirt placed at cemetery is not the right type, supervisor Reinart will call the supplier.

Public Comment:

Pat Peterson had questions on the definition of topsoil as pertaining to planning and zoning issues.

Al Radspeiler had concerns with his tax issues with equalization and voiced concern over the manner the county brush hogs the rite of ways.

Frank moved supported by Collier to Adjourn. Motion carried. 5 yays, 0 nays.

Jennifer Frank
Township Clerk