

MONTEREY TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

AGENDA

7/5/2016

1. Open meeting at 8pm. At 8:05.

Present: Cooper-Keel, Black, Collier, Commons.

Absent: Frank.

2. Approve June minutes.

Faye proposes: adding that Al Radspieler saved the township \$19,000 by calling the Holley Vickers at the DEQ and pointing out that a culvert about to be put in was not at all necessary. Ms. Vickers agreed and the project was nixed.

Collier motions, Black supports. Approved 4-0

3. Visiting officials.

Mary Whiteford (State Representative of 80th District): Held office hours at the town hall at 7pm. Updates on state issues.

Max Thiele (Allegan County Commissioner): They spent over \$8 million dollars for the purchase of the 911 radio system last Friday.

4. Roof bids.

Black motioned supported by Cooper-Keel to accept the Pittman bid for \$5,062.50 for Elastomeric Coating paint on 3 township buildings. Approved 4-0

5. Tax Board of Review nomination.

Cooper-Keel nominated Laura Roys to fill the vacant seat on the BOR left from Patricia Petersen's June resignation of her seat. Black seconds. Approved 3-1, with Commons voting against.

6. Tree bids.

Collier motions to approve the lowest bid – from A&C Handyman and Tree Service for a total of \$2950.00 for cemetery tree cutting – seconded by Cooper-Keel. Approved 3-1, with Commons voting no because she ‘wanted to take more time on it.’

7. Road Bid:

Commons motions, seconded by Cooper-Keel, to accept road bid from Brenner Excavating for \$340,701.55 for .89 mile of roadway reconstruction on 132nd avenue from 28th st to 26th street in Monterey Township. Approved 4-0.

8. Board member updates.

Lois Commons: Taxes went out. Lois says that Jennifer said that the security cameras ought to be done later this month.

Faye Black: Attended FEMA meeting with Cooper-Keel and they are in the process of completing flood mapping of Monterey township and surrounding areas. Once completed, if an area is deemed a flood zone in the FEMA map, any federally regulated mortgage company (basically all of them) will require flood insurance upon issuing a mortgage to buy a house in that area. FEMA mentioned that congress passed a bill in 2012 requiring FEMA to generate more money for the national flood insurance program, and possibly the mapping of Monterey is motivated by that – forcing people into the program to raise funding.

Cooper-Keel: Stated that several people had told him that there were campaign signs (not Cooper-Keel’s) posted on their property without their permission. Cooper-Keel mentioned that it is illegal to put your sign on somebody’s property without their permission. Cooper-Keel also mentioned that data recover had been undertaken on the Supervisor’s laptop – as the “My Documents” folder was empty when Cooper-Keel received it from the prior supervisor in January, 2013, and showed that it was last

modified in middle December, 2012. After the township board refused to fund data recovery on the laptop, private citizens paid for it with two tech companies. Both companies found hundreds of files were deleted, including the editable version of the ordinance. Michigan State Police requested prosecution against former Monterey Township Supervisor Chris Reinart.

9. Pay bills.

Commons motions, supported by Collier to pay bills. Approved 4-0

10. Approve financials.

Collier motions, supported by Black to approve financials. Approved 4-0

11. Public Comment.

12. End Meeting.

Cooper-Keel motions, supported by Commons to end meeting. Approved 4-0.