

Monterey Township Board Meeting

August 5, 2013

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, Faye Black

There were 16 township residents and Commissioner Max Thiele present.

Public Comment: Max Thiele gave report the Jail is on schedule for completion by end of September, Occupied by December 1st, 2013.

Karon Knoblock requested a new zoning map and ordinance book to be located at the hall for the zoning and planning commission to use. The recent activities from the planning commission pertaining to the Dame property were not completed through proper channels and will need to be rezoned at next planning commission meeting in September. Jennifer Frank suggested the planning commission look into the MSU online training course, info passed to Faye Black.

Cooper-Keel made a motion to approve the July 1, 2013 minutes. Motion carried.

A proposed outdoor wood burner ordinance was passed to the board and tabled until the board had a chance to read through it.

Ben Williams from Allegan County Health Department gave slide presentation on the Resource Recovery program. Mr. Williams would like to work with the board to educate consumers on recycling. September 21st the county will have a scrap tire collection in Salem Township and at the Allegan Airport.

Cooper-Keel moved supported by Black to put together a newsletter once a year in the spring to be mailed to residents with Township News. Nevin Cooper-Keel will take responsibility for managing this project. The cost of this project will be on 2014-2015 budget, motion carried.

Cooper-Keel announced Pat Peterson to be his Deputy Supervisor. The budget will have to be addresses as it currently has no line items to pay deputies.

Frank moved supported by Commons to pay bills. Motion carried

Cooper-Keel announced he is withdrawing from the Assessor program as he felt it was too much homework to fit his current schedule. He will facilitate the refund to the Township \$510 for the price that has already been paid for this program.

Frank moved supported by Commons to approve the July financial statement. Motion carried

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Reminder that September's meeting is on a Tuesday due to the Labor Day Holiday.

Faye Black addressed her feeling that the secretary of the planning commission does a large amount of work for the pay she receives and maybe a pay scale review is in order.

Cooper-Keel moved supported by Black to pay for Pat Peterson to attend the MTA Planning Commission training in August. 2 Yes, 3 Nays Motion not carried.

Cooper-Keel moved supported by Commons to accept fee legal advice from the Tom Cooley Law Center as an additional information source. Motion Carried.

The planning commission has requested a moratorium be placed on Horizontal Fracturing in Monterey Township, the board agreed to table the request.

Commons moved supported by Cooper-Keel to adjourn, motion carried.

Jennifer Frank
Township Clerk