

Monterey Township Board Meeting

August 1, 2016

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 as well as Max Theil

Black moved supported by Collier to approve the July 2016 meeting minutes. Motion carried 5 yays, 0 Nays

Max Theil reports from county.

Joe from Schaffer Tree presented tree bid for trimming & cabling trees and full removal of trees in cemetery. Discussed current storm damage.

Frank motioned supported by Black for Schaffer Tree service to remove broken hanging limbs and clean up debris from two trees in cemetery resulting from recent storm. Motion carried, 5 yays, 0 nays.

Joe MacDonald was introduced as a resident who works for Grand Rapids Fire who would like to be considered a resource for Monterey Township regarding fire issues.

Supervisor Cooper-Keel said he was having issues with current lawn care service company's level of service. The current services owner Mike Moore stated he hasn't been contacted with issues and is having a communication issue with Supervisor Cooper-Keel. This matter was discussed with the board and Mr. Moore.

Cooper-Keel motioned to void the current lawn care contract and look at the two bids Nevin had brought with him from other companies. The Motion did not get supported.

Clerk reports the security cameras were installed, are functional and she has submitted all the paperwork to the Par Plan Risk reduction Grant program for reimbursement. The August 2nd primary is coming up.

Trustee report: Faye Black has attended the recent road commission open house, fire board meeting and Local Officials meeting and brought literature to share. Collier asked if we had further considered working with Sandy Pines to rebuild 136th from 26th street to Sandy pines drive.

Treasurer reports taxes are coming in.

Supervisor reports he has filed a claim with insurance company for the downed tree limbs in the cemetery. He also obtained bids for lawn care service in the cemetery.

Collier moved supported by Frank to approve the July 2016 financials. Motion carried 5 yays, 0 nays.

Commons moved supported by Cooper-Keel to pay the bills. Motion carried 5 yays, 0 nays.

Public comment:

Gary Shimmel discussed the bidding process and feeling that the lowest bid is not always the best choice.

Pat Peterson thanked Jennifer Frank for her work on the security camera grant.

Resident addressed the washout in the cemetery by the NW drive.

Carl Avery asked about a planning commission ordinance.

Resident spoke his feeling to vote against the library proposal.

Al Radspieler asked if the board sent a letter to the road commission addressing the roadside tree trimming.

Pat Roys asked board to each give opinion on having 2 family members on the same board.

Fred Patrick expressed desire to have transparency and diversity on the board.

Motion to adjourn carried 5 yays, 0 nays.

Jennifer Frank
Township Clerk