

Monterey Township Board Meeting
September 8, 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 6 citizens present and Max Thiele, Mary Whiteford

Frank moved supported by Cooper-Keel to amend the August 3, 2015 minutes to include roll call, state they were taken by Supervisor Cooper-Keel, and indicate if a motion passed or did not pass. Motion carried 5 yays.

Max Theil reports county working on budget, parks tour, jail demolition has started and the youth home needs assessment of possible repairs. Max handed out the "state of Allegan County 2015" report to all board members and interested residents.

Resident Josh Shafer has had an issue with his taxes in escrow getting paid on time. Lois Commons said we are working with core logic to remedy this error, core logic has made the statement they will address any unintended consequences of their recent tax errors.

Mary Whitford spoke of her services within the county and intention to run for State Representative in the future.

Roof bids were not presented at this meeting.

Current noise ordinance was discussed.

Cooper-Keel moved for a resolution supported by Black whereas the planning commission will review Monterey Township's noise ordinance. Motion carried. 5 yays, 0 nays

Supervisor Cooper-Keel reopened conversation regarding the potential transfer of the 11.49 (section 27) acre land parcel from Allegan County. He asked the board for the reasons they turned down the land transfer offer during the July 2015 board meeting. Frank provided documents from the county sighting the restrictions on the property including no road access, landlocked, land subject to a lease, County retentions of first right to purchase for 40 years, and land division all as know obstacles. Supervisor Cooper-Keel discussed these points and did not feel they would limit the land and felt Monterey Township should go forward with this transfer.

Frank called for point of order as the purchase had already failed to go through in a previous vote and asked to move to next agenda item.

Frank moved supported by Black to advance the meeting to the next agenda item. Supervisor Cooper-Keel did not call a vote and advanced to next agenda item.

Clerks report: Monterey Township's submission to the parplan grant program for surveillance cameras for the recycle station was not selected.

The road millage renewal will have to go on one of next year's elections. The board was encouraged to make this a priority to get the proposal written and approved through legal counsel so we would not miss election deadlines.

Drain payment plan and recycle report was made available for review.

Treasurer's report: Taxes have been coming in and are due in September. Recycle station has new signs posted up. Trowbridge Township has done some surveillance camera/fencing work to try and improve station abuse, they will see if those solutions are helpful.

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

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

Public Comment:

Karen Fifelski spoke of a statewide petition regarding fracking proposal. She is the local contact person and will be taking signatures if you are interested.

Carl Avery thanked the board for addressing the Noise Ordinance

Henry Reinart voiced concerns regarding board members use of social media and a specific letter written to the House of Representatives that appeared to be on behalf of the board.

Earl Collier asked the board to look at 136th avenue and the potential to work with Sandy Pines on it resurfacing it. Collier pointed out the fact that the road extends over many townships and would be very expensive to do the whole road.

Commons moved supported by Frank to adjourn. Motion Carried 5 yays, 0 nays.

Jennifer Frank
Township Clerk