

HOPE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

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DECEMBER 14, 2010-7:00PM

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Andy Kobisa, Supervisor
JoAnn Wilkie, Clerk
Starleen Eddy, Treasurer
Mary Jo Letts, Trustee
Bob Davis, Trustee

Visitor's list with clerk's

CALL TO ORDER:

The Supervisor led those present to the pledge to the flag at 7:00p.m.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

There was no business from the floor.

CLERK'S MINUTES:

The minutes from the November 9, 2010 meeting had been dispersed earlier. It was moved by Mary and seconded by bob to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Starleen gave the financial report as of November 30, 2010. It was moved by Mary and seconded by Bob to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion carries.

OUTSTANDING BILLS:

The list of outstanding bills for the General, Fire Dept. and Solid Waste had been dispersed with the minutes earlier. Bob moved and Starleen seconded to pay the bills. A roll-call vote was called-

Mary yes Starleen yes Bob yes JoAnn yes Andy yes

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

FIRE DEPT.:

The Fire Chief reported in November there were two runs. Both of them were medical runs. Tomlinson Co was called again to repair the garage doors. The computer died but the Fire Dept. has a second one that will do all the forms that have to be sent in to State.

At this point there is no need to replace the broken computer. The Firemen have replaced or fixed 90 street number signs in the township. The Fire Dept. has two new applicants they would like the Township Board to appoint to the department. They are Will Bates and Jeff Couture, Bob moved to appoint both to the fire department. Starleen seconded it and the motion carried.

PARK COMMISSION:

Two cedar trees that were donated by Mike Kressler's Family have been taken from the park. A sign has been purchased to offer \$200.00 for any information leading to the arrest of these incidents. It will be put up as soon as possible. There are grants available to be used for security measures, which the park will be looking into. The next meeting will be in March of 2011.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

It was moved by Andy Kobisa and seconded by Bob Davis to adopt the Hope Township Ordinance No. 12-14-2010 which contains the amendments to the Hope Township Zoning Ordinance. The motion carried.

WATER REPORT:

The appeal from Lee Township will probably not be decided until late next year (2011). The County Commissioners have approved the issuance of the bonds for Hope's water project. Rural Development is backing Hope's application for the water project. Our Supervisor has been appointed to another three year term on the Board of Public Works.

CHAPEL/CEMETERY COMMISSION:

The chairperson is working on some investment ideas for the remaining money from the Matthews. Floyd is also looking into ideas for the veteran's monument. The commission will meet and work on the ideas for 2011.

TOWNSHIP CODE AUTHORITY:

The next meeting will be held on December 16, 2010 at 5:00p.m. It will be held at the County Building.

WIXOM LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD REPORT:

The last meeting for this year was held and the Board will next meet on March 2011. The natural weeds are taking over and new chemicals will be tried next spring. The DEQ is watching what chemicals are going to be used in the lake.

TOWNSHIP ROAD COMMISSION:

The cost estimates on the road work submitted have been received from the county road commission. Jim Hockameyer was not present so Don Dice will get them to him. The township commission will go over them and make their recommendation for 2011's work.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1) Bob made the motion to pay the bills that come in and are due before they could go before the board and sent out. They would not arrive by due date and in some instances a past due fee is charged. It was seconded by Mary and a roll call vote was called-
Starleen yes Mary yes Bob yes JoAnn yes Andy yes
- 2) Tim Holsworth has found an investment co. called American Funds that will work for our township's small pension fund. He will come next month to sign up the members involved. Bob made the motion to go with American Funds and Starleen seconded it. Motion carried.
- 3) The Planning Commission's rotation status was discussed and needs to be updated as to when their term's end. Supervisor will check and see if everyone is interested in still being on the commission.
- 4) Discussion was held concerning a street light at the corner of Five Mile Road and Saiko Road. Mary made the motion to have it for the budget's 2011-2012 improvement. Bob seconded it and it carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Bob made the motion to reappoint the following people to the Board of Review:
Tom Clark, Vern Swanton, Wendy Faber and Terry Chrivia as alternate
It would be a two year term expiring on Dec. 31, 2012, Starleen seconded and motion carried.
- 2) Bob moved to send the Bd. Of Review members to the MTA training to be held Feb. 11, 2011 at Mt. Pleasant. It was seconded by Starleen and the motion carried.
- 3) Discussion was made concerning the new law about Sunday morning liquor sales. There is still confusion and misgivings about the law. Bob moved to table it at this time and Starleen seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- 4) The Supervisor looked into special assessments being exempted in poverty cases. The assessment has to be over \$300.00 and it is a lien that is put on the property. When the property is sold or changes names it has to be paid back.

With no other business to come before the Board,

The Board adjourned @8:16p.m.

Joann Wilkie

Hope Township Clerk