

HOPE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 8, 2015-7:00 P.M.
Hope township hall

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

ANDY KOBISA, SUPERVISOR
JOANN WILKIE, CLERK
STARLEEN EDDY, TREASURER
MARY JO LETTS, TRUSTEE
ABSENT: BOB DAVIS

VISITORS:

LIST WITH CLERK'S

CALL TO ORDER:

The Supervisor called the meeting to order by leading the pledge to the flag, at 7:00 p.m.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

NONE

CLERK'S MINUTES:

The clerk's minutes from the August 11, 2015 meeting had been distributed earlier. It was moved by Starleen to approve these minutes. Mary seconded the motion and it carried.

TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT:

The financial report as of August 31, 2015 was handed out and the Treasurer explained the incomes and expenses. It was moved by JoAnn and seconded by Mary to accept the financial report. Motion carried.

OUTSTANDING BILLS:

The list of outstanding bills had been distributed earlier. It was moved by Mary and seconded by Starleen to pay the bills. A roll call vote was polled-

Mary yes Starleen yes JoAnn yes Andy yes Bob (absent)

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Thanks to Cliff and Ann for putting up sign to honor Sarah 'HOPE' Lee. She came in a winner for a reality show, "Tough Enough". She used the show name of Hope, where she lives and mentioned Hope Township several times.

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The fire chief reported 13 fire runs for Aug. There were 7 medical runs, 1 fire run, 2 downed wires and 3 stand byes. Circle K will be coming out 9/21/15 to do annual check on equipment and on the fire trucks. There is other work scheduled to be done on 9/15/2015. Some of the address posts have been damaged or stolen. The fire chief would like to replace these as they are used to locate medical runs and fires. John has checked several places, and they are costing between \$700.00 to \$800.00. There is a 40% shipping fee on the posts. MTA is conducting a seminar on emergency issues, IC Inspector conference and pediatrics; it will be held on Oct. 22-25 at Big Rapids. The cost is \$150.00 for the 3 days, registered by Sept. 30, 2015. Andy moved to pay for the expenses covering the conference and Starleen seconded. A roll call vote was called-

Mary yes JoAnn yes Starleen yes Andy yes Bob absent

PARK COMMISSION:

The last meeting everyone started brain storming for projects for next year. They are also doing a five year planning project list. This is necessary for some of the grant applications. The grant for the concrete handicap ramp and sidewalk was done labor day weekend. They will remove the forms and clean up as soon as the concrete is dry.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

The bill from Rodney Nanny was presented and it was moved by Andy to pay the bill and seconded by JoAnn. A roll call vote was called-

Starleen yes JoAnn yes Mary yes Andy yes Bob (absent)

WATER REPORT:

The Supervisor reported the water line through Hope Township has been completed and everything is cleaned up. The grant money that was not used was sent back to the County to be returned to Rural Development. The amount not used was \$144,000.00.

CHAPEL/CEMETERY COMMISSION;

The commission had scheduled a meeting on the 14th of July. The clerk's husband was in the hospital from open heart surgery and was unable to attend. The chairperson did not call the meeting to order nor were any minutes taken so no salary was paid. There was some confusion pertaining to this. Another meeting will be held on Sept. 14 at 7:00 p.m. at the chapel.

TOWNSHIP CODE AUTHORITY:

Bob was absent so a short report was given. The City of Coleman is now using all of our inspectors but plumbing. Warren Township is using all our inspectors.

WIXOM LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD REPORT:

There is still water in Wixom Lake, the owners were going to drain it down for repairs on dam but there is not enough money to complete the project at this time.

HOPE TOWNSHIP ROAD COMMISSION:

The road work is full under way at this time. The tar will be applied as soon as possible to the roads that are getting the chip and seal work. The road millage is expiring Dec. 31, 2015, so it will have to be put on Aug.'s Primary Election of 2016.

ADJOURN

It was moved to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. by Mary. Starleen supported and motion carried.

Hope Township Clerk

JoAnn Wilkie