

HOPE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
Aug. 14, 2018—7:00p.m.
HOPE TOWNSHIP HALL

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

ANDY KOBISA, supervisor
JOANN WILKIE, clerk
STARLEEN EDDY, treasurer
MARY JO LETTS, trustee
ROBERT DAVIS, trustee

VISITORS:

LIST WITH CLERK'S

CALL TO ORDER:

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

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

Dave Rothman was present and gave an update as to the lowering of the Secord, Edenville and Sanford Dams. This will have a dramatic effect on our townships economy. If for any reason the lakes are not able to refill the water, the lake front property will go down in value. Mr. Rothman informed the board that there is a citizen's group that is interested in purchasing the dams to ensure that they will be kept up to the State's requirements. He will keep us informed of any changes.

CLERK'S MINUTES:

The minutes from the July 10, 2018 meeting had been disbursed earlier. Bob moved to approve the minutes and Mary supported the motion. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT:

The financial report as of July 31, 2018 had been disbursed earlier. The report has been received and will be filed. Discussion was held concerning the administrative fee that could be charged for delinquent property taxes. It has always been Hope's opinion that our people pay enough taxes and we have always denied the fee. After a lengthy discussion it was moved by Andy to NOT charge the administrative fees, Bob supported the motion and a roll call vote was called-

Starleen yes Mary yes Bob yes JoAnn yes Andy yes

OUTSTANDING BILLS:

It was moved by Andy and supported by Starleen to pay the outstanding bills. A roll call vote was called-

STARLEEN YES BOB YES MARY YES JOANN YES ANDY YES

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

FIRE DEPT.:

There were 14 calls for the month of July. Brian had the specs for the new fire truck. It will cost approx. \$50,017.00. An anonymous donation of \$10,000.00 and a gift of \$750.00 was received from a Mid-Michigan group to the Hope Fire Department. A motion was made by Andy and seconded by Bob to use the money towards the new truck. A roll call vote was called-

Mary yes Bob yes Starleen yes JoAnn yes Andy yes

It was discussed to use the rest of the truck money from the Matthews Fund. It would be paid back in full for the money borrowed. The amount borrowed would be \$39,267.00. Andy moved that we use the money from the Matthews Fund and Bob seconded. A roll call vote was called-

JoAnn yes Mary yes Starleen yes Bob yes Andy yes

Brian requested some new nozzles that were needed for the hoses. The cost could be upwards towards \$5,000.00. Bob moved to purchase the nozzles and Mary seconded the motion. A roll call vote was polled-

JoAnn yes Starleen yes Bob yes Mary yes Andy yes

There is a fire conference for the firemen but it doesn't contain enough material to warrant the cost per fireman. There will be more training later for fire department.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

They are still working through the wind turbines and solar panels. We are working through the state and their regulations at this point. The next meeting will be Oct. 3rd at 7:00 p.m. at the township hall.

PARK COMMISSION:

Even though it was a rainy day, we had a good picnic turnout. People got to visit with neighbors that they don't see all the time. Two people have been stung at the playground. The caretaker has taken care of the bees. The bathroom is 95% done at this time. We are waiting to see if the last grant is coming through. If it does we can finish some other work also.

CHAPEL/CEMETERY:

We have been working on a memorial for all servicemen to be placed at the cemetery. The cemetery committee will meet at the chapel on Tues., Aug. 28 at 7:00 p.m. All input is welcomed.

TOWNSHIP CODE AUTHORITY:

The Code Authority is good. Hope had 3 Building permits, 2 Plumbing, 3 mechanical and 4 electrical permits. The next meeting will be held on Aug. 23 at the County Building.

WIXOM LAKE AUTHORITY:

There are 300 houses in Hope that are on Wixom Lake that will be affected with the draw down starting Sept. 4, 2018. They will be looking for defects in the concrete while the water is down. They hope the water will rise at 9 inches a day with the help of rain and water from up the lake.

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Road Advisory Commission:

Andy met with the County Road Commission to discuss the next extra money from the state. This will be \$20,500.00 for each township and doesn't have to be matching funds this time. The Hope Township Road Commission will have a meeting and discuss what roads need work from their five-year plan.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NONE-

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) MCTOA Quarterly meeting-will be Sept.6, 2018 at the Larkin Township Hall. A light meal will be served at 6:30 p.m. and meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. Those attending are Bob, Starleen, Andy, Marge, Starla and Jody, Mary, Dori and JoAnn
- 2) Tire drive is Aug. 25 at the recycling center. Contact them to schedule a time to drop off tires.
- 3) MTA Fall Conference- Oct. 3rd at Gladwin Riverwalk, those planning on attending are- Mary, Starla, Dori, Marge, Andy, Starleen, Bob, and JoAnn.

It was moved by Mary and seconded by Bob to adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

JoAnn Wilkie, Township Clerk