

Hope Township Board Meeting

February 14, 2006

Mike Kressler - Supervisor

Joe Lunsford - Treasurer

JoAnn Wilkie – Clerk

Bob Davis – Trustee

Elgin Childs - Trustee

CALL TO ORDER

The Supervisor called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. BUSINESS FROM FLOOR:

None

2. CLERK’S MINUTES:

With the amending of the Fire Department’s part, Elgin moved to approve the minutes. Bob seconded and motion carried.

3. TREASURER’S REPORT:

Elgin moved to accept the Treasurer’s Report and Bob seconded, motion carried.

4. OUTSTANDING BILLS:

Bob moved to pay outstanding bills and Elgin seconded. A roll call vote was polled:

BOARD MEMBER	YES	NO
JOE	✓	
ELGIN	✓	
BOB	✓	
JOANN	✓	
MIKE	✓	

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

5. FIRE DEPARTMENT:

There were 2 fire runs in January. Jim had a fire truck here from Circle K for inspection. Later discussion was concerned about getting two more bids as this is required from the state. There will be training at the Homer Training Center. Five people are attending from the Fire Department. The fire extinguishers need to be checked and a new one was purchased. Jim noted the town hall and chapel needed to be inspected also. The Fire Department Millage is up and needs to go on the August election. The wording has to be verified and when it needs to be into the County Clerk to be on ballot.

6. PARK COMMISSION:

Pat Taylor is working on grants for the park. One grant would be a large one and fulfill some of the larger purchases the Park Commission has wanted. Steven Braley has been selected to be Caretaker for the year. He finished the park last season and did good job. Also, deciding whether to charge a fee for non-residential people.

7. PLANNING COMMISSION:

A resident on Stark Road would like to apply for a dog kennel. Required paperwork will be supplied to him to apply for a special use permit. Thomas Shores property owners are concerned about not having "keyhole development" in our ordinance. Mike Kressler has given members wording of what other townships have in their ordinances. More will be discussed at the next meeting, which will be April 5, 2006, and to go over any possible changes to zoning ordinance.

8. WATER DISTRIBUTION:

Lee and Mills continue to work towards funding and how many residents actually want water. Hope will be interested in water when it is available, but only if residents show they are acceptable to it.

9. CHAPEL COMMITTEE:

No Meeting

10. TOWNSHIP CODE AUTHORITY:

There will be a special meeting on February 16, 2006 to go over policy and procedures. As of January 23, 2006 the balance in savings was \$24,054, and the balance in checking was \$1,629. The next meeting is February 27 at the county building.

11. WIXOM LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD REPORT:

No Meeting

12. ROAD ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT:

The roads were bad, and not a good turnout. There were three from Road Advisory Committee, so the meeting was held.

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

14. NEW BUSINESS

Bob made motion to publish the meeting dates of Township Board meetings and Planning Commission in the Midland Daily News. Elgin seconded and motion carried.

A discussion was held concerning the pay for the Board of Review members. Andy Kobisa had figures from other Board of Reviews in Midland County. Elgin moved to pay the board of review \$15.00 an hour. Bob seconded and motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned

JoAnn Wilkie
Hope Township Clerk