

Hope Township Board Meeting

May 9, 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.

BUSINESS FROM FLOOR:

Rudy Turk was late getting to meeting, but had concerns about drain ditch backed up by his house. This has been an on going problem and Rudy has contacted everyone he can think of. Decision was made the supervisor would go with Rudy to the County Road Commission meeting to bring it to their attention.

CLERK’S MINUTES:

Minutes from April 11, 2006 meeting had been dispersed earlier. Elgin moved to approve and Joe seconded motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

Treasurer's Report had been dispersed earlier. Elgin moved and Bob seconded to accept report. Motion carried. Also, discussion was held concerning all financial accounts being moved to Chemical Bank. They have offered a good low interest loan for new fire truck. The general checking and Fire Department operating account are already there. The IRS account for Social Security and Medicare have been setup there also. Joe made he motion to move all monies from LaSalle Bank to Chemical Bank and it was seconded by Bob followed by roll call vote:

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

Bob moved to have account for IRS setup in Chemical Bank, Elgin seconded. and a roll call vote was polled

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

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

7 runs for April. Quality painting will start painting fire hall May 22, 2006. The taxes will bring in \$65,000 for township fire budget. Jim will have budget ready for township budget work shop.

Fire truck loan - Chemical Bank:

It was moved by Joe and seconded by Egin to accept Chemical Bank loan for new fire truck. The Fire Chief and Treasurer will decide the amount to be borrowed. The interest rate will be 4.9%. A roll call vote was `polled

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

PARK COMMISSION:

July 29 will be park picnic. Time will be 12:00pm until 3:00pm. The park has received a price for benches of \$40,000. The caretaker will be asked to replace the old flag. The ditchbank needs to be trimmed. Clerk will order the pens for park picnic &

call Mark Musselman for use of his air castle. Considering having horseshoe contest. It was suggested the budget reflect the extra cost for the picnic.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

Discussion was held regarding state taking control of rules and regulations affecting zoning. This is suppose to take effect July 1, 2006. The planning commission will wait to see what effects this will have on our commission and zoning rules.

WATER DISTRIBUTION:

Things are staying the same while the water district and city are working on new contracts.

CHAPEL COMMITEE:

Bob Davis was asked to be replacement for George Maxwell on cemetery committee.

The cemetery rule and regulation book needed updated-discussion was held and the following changes were made:

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TO ACCOMMODATE FROM ONE TO FIVE BURIALS IN NEW CEMETERY AND ONE TO EIGHT IN OLD CEMETERY.

SECT. 3 A

HEREAFTER, CEMETERY LOTS AND BURIAL SPACES SHALL BE SOLD TO RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS(CONSIDERATION WILL BE TAKEN FOR PROERTY OWNERS WHO HAVE MOVED AWAY BUT WOULD LIKE TO BE BURIED IN HOPE AND CAN PROVE THEY WERE A PROPERTY OWNER FOR AT LEAST TWENTY (20) YEARS) FOR NOMINAL PRICE AND NON-RESIDENTS A PRICE COMPARATABLE TO OTHER CEMETERIES IN MIDLAND COUNTY.

SECT.4 A.

ONE (1) CEMETERY LOT (CONSISTING OF STATED LOTS) SHALL BE SOLD AT PRICE SET BY TOWNSHIP BOARD.

SECT.6 D.

.....AND PARALLEL TO LOT LINES, HEADSTONES WILL BE PLACED AT HEAD OR FOOT ONLY TO KEEP A UNIFORMED LOOK IN CEMETERY.

SECT. 7 A

UNLESS CLERK IS NOTIFIED AT FIRST BURIAL, ONLY ONE CASKET WILL BE ALLOWED ON A BURIAL SITE. IF CLERK IS NOTIFIED AT THIS TIME A SECOND CASKET CAN BE BURIED ON TOP OF THE FIRST.

SECT. 9...D

ONLY LICENSED STREET LEGAL VEHICLES ARE ALLOWED ON DESIGNATED ROADWAYS IN CEMETERY.

It was moved by Elgin and supported by Bob to adopt the forgoing rules. Motion carried.

TOWNSHIP CODE AUTHORITY:

Dan Leaman is no longer on township board so he was replaced by Bob Yarhmark as Chairperson. Financial report for March 1 through March 31 was: checking...\$7733.27 and savings..\$13408.33. TCA is still looking for new computer. Next meeting may 22-5:00pm @county building.

WIXOM LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD REPORT:

Residents from Wixom Lake have requested looking into keyhole ordinance concerning lake front water right of ways. Planning commission is waiting for results of state taking over the regulations.

ROAD ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT:

Jim attended the Billings Township board meeting. They have no plans at this time for road work on Midland-Gladwin County Line Road. Joe is going to check with Dan Bloom to see if Mills Township has any plans for work on East Baker Road in their township. Next road commission meeting will be July 27 @7:00pm.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Joe has wording for Fire Department Millage proposal for August primary. He has turned it into county clerk's office and they told him it meets their requirements. Bob moved to accept Joe's millage proposal wording (from MTA) it was seconded by Elgin and motion carried.

Joe made motion to pay for board members and their guests for MCTOA's dinner/meeting on June 1st. Seconded by Bob and motion carried. Those going are - Joe, Mike and Nancy, and Bob.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:35 pm

JoAnn Wilkie
Hope Township Clerk

