

Hope Township Board Meeting

February 13, 2007

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.

The public budget hearing was opened at 7:00pm

BUSINESS FROM FLOOR:

Our County Commissioner, Bill Saterman was present. He is available if anyone needs questions answered or help with issues. Jail is at a halt temporarily. Discussion was held on time cards for all county employees, pros and cons for both sides. Bill will keep us updated on these issues. He will be able to attend our township meeting every four months as four other townships meet on same Tuesday of the month.

Ron, Jerry and Janet Krajnovic were present to appeal the solid waste charge to their property on Saiko and Stark Roads in Hope Township. They had not paid any fees for 20 years and did not feel they should now. Ron Krajnovic had purchased a home and property on corner of Saiko and Stark Roads in October 2005, and feel that because they do not live there full time, they should not be charged the full fee. It was questioned what jurisdiction the board had to place this fee for solid waste, the clerk will send Janet a copy of the ordinance regarding solid waste. Janet replied that she would seek other areas to see how they assessed their solid waste fees and pass on the information.

CLERK'S MINUTES:

Was dispersed earlier from the January 9, 2007 meeting. Bob moved and Joe seconded to accept the minutes. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The financial report was given as of January 31, 2007. It was moved by Bob and seconded by Mike to accept the report. Motion carried.

OUTSTANDING BILLS:

A list of the outstanding bills was dispensed earlier. It was moved by Bob and seconded by Joe to pay bills. A roll call vote was called:

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

DEPARTMENT REPORT

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Fire chief would like to purchase new radio for the new fire truck. The old one will go in the other fire truck. Chassis is at Circle K, Jim has been down there checking the specs and making sure they are going to be right for our equip. Delivery is about ten weeks out.

PARK COMMISSION:

Discussion was held at meeting concerning qualifications for Caretakers. Park commision has had some inquiries for caretaker. Will decide on duties and requirements at next meeting.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

Edenville Township is hosting a meeting concerning the right to farm on February 20, 2007. Discussion was held concerning the occupancy at the horse farm on Hull Road. There is no septic system or well for living at the premises. It was decided that the Secretary of Planning Commission should write a letter to inform the occupants they are staying there illegally. It was moved by Joe and seconded by Mike to have Diane write the letter. Motion carried.

WATER DISTRIBUTION:

The supervisor reported from the District 1 meeting and special meeting with Wade Trim Engineers. D. Wolfe and D. Bergdot from Wade Trim discussed parcel count

and price per parcel for hookups and cost for water lines. Township needs to do survey to get idea where people are interested in getting water and the best route for water line. Possibility of getting property owners addresses from our assessor. County commissioner waterman will help where ever he can. Notify him of any meetings or assistant he should know about.

CHAPEL COMMITTEE:

The board had agreed they were not happy with the previous company that mowed and trimmed the old and new cemeteries. The clerk will put a ad in the Midland Daily News for interested people to interview at March's board meeting. It was moved by Joe and seconded by Bob to construct a wall in basement of chapel to store old papers for township. Motion carried. Mike and Bob will start in the next two weeks.

TOWNSHIP CODE AUTHORITY:

Jeanne Shauger has resigned as treasurer and representative for Jasper Township. Dan Slangle will be taken her place as both Representative and Treasurer. The office girl, Amy Hoover is taking over secretary position for Township Code Authority.

WIXOM LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD REPORT:

RESOLUTION: PERTAINING TO PARCEL # 050-003-100-250-00
EXEMPT FROM WIXOM LAKE TAX

Mike Englis has requested that he be repaid the Wixom Lake fee for spraying as this lot is not on the waterfront. He has two lots on the water, but the third is across the road from water. The board agreed Mr. Englis should not be charged for the lot not on waterfront. The property description is: #050-003-100-250-00. A resolution pertaining to this property description being exempt from the Wixom Lake Improvement Tax, and the tax be reimbursed was made by Joe and was seconded by Bob. A roll call vote was called and resolution passed:

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

TOWNSHIP ROAD ADVISORY COMMISSION:

Next meeting in April.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Lori reported that the cupboards are in, the walls and floors in bathrooms are painted. The new faucets are in bathrooms. Lori requested that new shades be purchased for the main room of the hall. Consensus was yes. Heat registers need to be replaced also. Lori will take care of this.

ADJOURNED—BY MIKE—9:00PM

JoAnn Wilkie
Hope Township Clerk