

Hope Township Board Meeting

March 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.

State representative Bill Caul was present for meeting. He gave a recap of what was happening in Lansing. He stated he would be present if there were any questions for him.

Daniel Cline from, Cline, Close and Dryer, Plt, was present to discuss the position of the township lawyer for our township. Mr. Cline gave his position of how he could help us. Was noted he attended the MTA workshop for attorneys in February. He has been a practicing attorney for 15 years. He recently became supervisor of Iingersol Township, he was a trustee before that and will have experience from this to help with the attorney side.

The public budget hearing was opened at 7:00pm

BUSINESS FROM FLOOR:

Bids for mowing and lawn caring for old and new township cemeteries:

the township received 5 bids for the position.

- 1) Lee's mowing service.....\$1090.00
- 2) Gary Clark..... 480.00
- 3) Ron Yarnell..... 635.00
- 4) Don Dice.....575.00
- 5) Dave Wazny.....480.00

All bids were for one complete mowing of both old and new cemeteries. The two low bidders were present and answered questions of experience, insurance, other jobs and when they would be available. After discussion the board decided to go with Gary Clark's Co. Joe made the motion to hire Gary's company and Elgin seconded it. Motion carried.

Discussion was held concerning the extra mowing at the old cemetery, it was decided that it would be \$45.00 an hour.

CLERK'S MINUTES:

The minutes from the February 13, 2007 meeting were dispersed earlier. Bob made a motion to accept the minutes as presented and Joe seconded. Motion carried

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Joe gave report that approximately 86% of tax money was collected. The rest of the taxes were turned over to county. The township will be paid for the delinquent taxes from the county either late May or June. Elgin moved and Bob seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report that had been dispersed earlier. Motion carried.

OUTSTANDING BILLS:

A list of the march outstanding bills were dispersed earlier. Elgin moved to pay bills and Bob seconded. A roll call vote was called:

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

DEPARTMENT REPORT

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Chief reported the fire truck is progressing very nicely. No delievery date yet. February saw no runs, which is way fire chief likes it. There was a total of 59 hours put in for training and meetings. The State of Michigan checked over the fire department and passed it. This is done annually by the state regulations. State also notified fire chief we need to purchase new license plates for fire trucks. They are five dollars each. The fire dept. will need new hoses and other misc. Items for use with the

new truck. A new water heater is also on list. New compact fire extinguishers will be needed to fit the new truck. Elgin moved to spend \$3300.00 for needed equipment. Bob seconded and motion carried.

Elgin moved to allow the fire chief to spend upto \$10,000.00 for needed changes and adjustments to new fire truck. It was so moved by Elgin and seconded by Bob. Motion carried.

PARK COMMISSION:

Meeting was mainly spent discussing the park caretaker. The park commission decided on Steve Morrison to be new Caretaker starting in April. Steve will have park ready to open April 15. Don Dice agreed to be backup for Steve. Discussion was held on the summer picnic and it was decided to talk to township board for assistance. The township board agreed to help with the picnic this year. A meeting will be held to decide who will handle what. Mark Stewart loves to do shopping for prizes and will continue with that.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

Three people (one from planning commission) attended the farm act meeting at Edenville. There are more laws to figure out and abide by. Next regular meeting is in April.

WATER DISTRIBUTION:

Mike contacted Ron Thompson to see about getting labels for mailing water surveys. Ron agreed to print off labels for township, but at a price. Mike stated it is time to get our water board active. Board agreed and Mike will contact chairperson to decide date.

CHAPEL COMMITTEE:

Waiting to hear from company to do stump removal for furthering our cemetery. They are suppose to contact Mike in the spring.

TOWNSHIP CODE AUTHORITY:

Building inspector for TCA is not state certified. Ed Gannon will be willing to take over inspections until Jerry can work out situation with the state. Some of jerryJ's inspections may need to be redone and Ed would be paid for them.hopefully, it will be only a couple of months.

WIXOM LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD REPORT:

Meeting will be held April 26, 2007.

TOWNSHIP ROAD ADVISORY COMMISSION:

Will be a meeting in April. Jim will put in paper.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The garbage questions with Krajnavic's has been answered. Clerk sent solid waste ordinance and the then board's policy to Janet Krajnovic.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion was held on the position of township attorney. Bob made the motion to go with Dan Cline from the law firm of Cline, Close and Dyer. Elgin seconded motion and it carried.

ADJOURNED—BY BOB

JoAnn Wilkie
Hope Township Clerk