

# Hope Township Board Meeting

May 8, 2007

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Mike Kressler - Supervisor

Joe Lunsford - Treasurer

JoAnn Wilkie – Clerk

Bob Davis – Trustee

Elgin Childs - Trustee

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## CALL TO ORDER

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

### BUSINESS FROM FLOOR:

Jinelle Chriva was concerned about Hull Road and what road work was being planned for it. The plans for this year are to drain and gravel it.

Ruth Maxwell stated that a employee from the County Road Commission came into their driveway, but never questioned them or got out of their truck to see the water laying around their house. It is consensus of the Board that at this time the water situation probably is from the old drainage ditch being plugged up. It will have to be handled with a petition from said residents to have drainage ditch cleaned out. The Board would like to be kept updated on the progress.

The horse situation on Hull Road will have to be sent through Lansing to secure proper handling of the problem. The Board's concern is the health and welfare of horses being sent there from unliveable situations. A report of at least six horses dying there raises more concern of health issues there.

### CLERK'S MINUTES:

The minutes had been dispensed earlier from the April 10, 2007 meeting. Bob moved to approve the minutes, Lori seconded and motion carried.

### TREASURER'S REPORT:

Lori presented Treasurer's Report from Joe's records. Elgin moved to accept the report and Bob seconded. Motion carried.

### OUTSTANDING BILLS:

A list of the outstanding bills had been dispersed earlier. Lori moved to pay bills and Elgin seconded. A roll call vote was called:

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

### DEPARTMENT REPORT

#### FIRE DEPARTMENT:

The new Fire Truck has been to Hope twice now. The Fire Department has had training on it at the fire hydrant by International Engineering. There are some modifications that need to be done so not sure of delivery date. There will be a spaghetti dinner fund raiser for the John Payne Family whose house burned in March. It will be served from 4:00-7:00 pm at the Hope Baptist Church. Brian Long has moved from the area and thus resigned from fire department.

#### PARK COMMISSION:

Meeting was held May 1 at the town hall. Dirk Maxwell has to spray dandelions at park. Davey's trucks have delivered wood chips at the park. There is more than park needed so anyone can help themselves. The path through the woods is too narrow to haul chips to trail. Mark Stewart will see about widening the trail. The township board was present and helped with plans and doing some of the work this year. The annual picnic will be July 28 from 12:00pm until 3:00pm. Jim Doepker will check on having Jaws of Life displayed.

#### PLANNING COMMISSION:

The next meeting will be held Aug. 1, 2007. Discussion will be held on the Keyhole issue and 1 acre.

#### WATER DISTRIBUTION:

There will be a special meeting May 16, 2007 with the engineers. May have a better idea concerning pricing. Supervisor has contacted Gene Smith to call a water board meeting, but nothing has happened yet. Township is waiting for survey to be sent out to residents. The Board would like idea of how many would like water.

#### CHAPEL COMMITTEE:

Wilbur Havens was present and inquired on furnace. The water drainage should be checked and made sure it is draining correctly. A chapel meeting will be called May

17 or 31. Wilbur will check with Floyd Andrick and get back with Commission. A fence needs to be installed between cemetery and park properties.

#### TOWNSHIP CODE AUTHORITY:

Meeting was April 23. There was \$2297.98 in checking and \$16638.37 in saving. Bob Yarhmarke is chairman. Jerry Davis has not been present at TCA meetings. Not sure of his status of acquiring his needed hours. Next meeting is May 21, 2007 at 5:00pm.

#### WIXOM LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD REPORT:

No meeting.

#### TOWNSHIP ROAD ADVISORY COMMISSION:

Road Commission had a meeting April 26 at town hall. Roads brought up for consideration were:

1) Hull Rd. (dirt part)

2008 Road Work consideration:

- 1) Curtis Road, 1 mile east of Middle Rd.
- 2) Mid-Gladwin Cty Rd
- 3 Hope Rd

The road millage will expire in 2008. A new millage proposal will have to be put on the August primary.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A budget workshop is set for May 21, 2007 at 6:00pm at Hope Hall.

#### NEW BUSINESS

The quarterly meeting with the Midland County Townships is June 7. At present no one from Board is able to attend. If anyone can they will call clerk.

The Treas. House appears to have been sold. We need to have a treasure ready to take over books. Elgin moved to ask Starleen Heath to work with Joe to learn the financial records and taxing system. Starleen would be interim treas. When Joe did move out of area. Mike seconded and motion carried. Clerk will call Starleen.

Bob moved to adjourn at 9:04pm.

JoAnn Wilkie  
Hope Township Clerk