

Hope Township Board Meeting

November 13, 2007

Mike Kressler - Supervisor

Joe Lunsford - Treasurer

JoAnn Wilkie – Clerk

Bob Davis – Trustee

Elgin Childs - Trustee

HOPE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 13, 2007, 7:00PM
HOPE TOWNSHIP HALL

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

MIKE KRESSLER.....SUPERVISOR
JOANN WILKIE.....CLERK
JOE LUNSFORD.....TREASURER
BOB DAVIS.....TRUSTEE
ELGIN CHILDS.....TRUSTEE

VISITORS LIST (W) CLERKS COPY

CALL TO ORDER:

THE SUPERVISOR LED THOSE PRESENT TO THE PLEDGE TO THE FLAG AT 7:00PM.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

END OF STARK ROAD ACCESS ROAD. TOWNSHIP HAS NO JURISDICTION OVER THE RIGHT OF WAY AT THE END OF ROAD. DNR HAS SAID THERE IS NO RIGHT OF WAY ACCESS AT END OF ROAD. PERSON THAT BROUGHT IT TO BOARD IS SATISFIED WITH THIS DECISION. (Larry Hughes called clerk later to say the right away footage was less than stated at meeting.)

MID-GLADWIN COUNTY LINE ROAD: THE CANOPY IS STILL ON PAVEMENT AND ENCLOSED ON THREE SIDES. TOWNSHIP CODE AUTHORITY HAS BEEN ADVISED AND WILL LOOK INTO SITUATION.

RENTING HALL-DEC. 30, 2007. DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON RENTING THE HALL AFTER THE REGULAR CLOSING. SUPERVISOR WAS WILLING TO CLIMB IN WELL TO TURN ON WATER. BOB MADE THE MOTION TO RENT THE HALL ON DEC. 30 TO ALICE CHILDS. JOANN SECONDED AND THE VOTE WAS 3 YEAS, 1 NAY AND 1 ABSTAINED. MOTION CARRIED.

CLERK'S MINUTES:

MINUTES FROM OCTOBER'S MEETING HAD BEEN DISTRIBUTED EARLIER. IT WAS MOVED BY ELGIN AND SECONDED BY JOE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED.

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TREASURER'S REPORT:

IT WAS NOTED THAT THE NOTE FOR THE NEW FIRE TRUCK WAS PAID OFF. FINANCIAL STATEMENT HAD BEEN HANDED OUT EARLIER. IT WAS MOVED BY BOB AND SECONDED BY ELGIN TO ACCEPT THE REPORT. MOTION CARRIED.

OUTSTANDING BILLS:

A LIST OF THE OUTSTANDING BILLS FOR GENERAL AND FIRE DEPT HAD BEEN HANDED OUT EARLIER. IT WAS MOVED BY ELGIN TO PAY THE BILLS. BOB SECONDED AND A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS POLLED-

JOE YES ELGIN YES JOANN YES BOB YES MIKE YES

FIRE DEPT.

OCT SAW 10 RUNS. THERE IS LEGISLATION THAT HAS PASSED THE HOUSE AND NOW NEEDS TO PASS THE SENATE TO EXEMPT \$360.00 OF FIRE FIGHTERS WAGES FROM INCOME TAXES. JIM WILL KEEP US POSTED. THE DOOR TO FIRE HALL HAS BEEN LEFT OPEN SEVERAL TIMES LATELY. JIM WILL DO SOME CHECKING INTO A SOLUTION FOR CLOSING DOOR BETTER AND CHECK INTO A SECURITY SYSTEM. WORK WILL BE DONE ON NEW FIRE TRUCK TO MOUNT EXTENTION LIGHT BY CIRCLE K JIM WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE A MULTIPLY GAS DETECTOR. BOB MOVED TO PURCHASE THE DETECTOR WHICH WOULD COST APPROX. \$1200.00. ELGIN SECONDED MOTION AND IT CARRIED. THE WATER HEATER WAS REPLACED AND IS WORKING FINE NOW.

PARK COMMISSION:

JIM HOCKAMEYER SOLD SNOW BLOWER THAT CAME WITH LAWN MOWER, \$125.00 WENT INTO PARK'S SPECIAL FUND. THE PARK BUILDINGS HAVE BEEN WINTERIZED. THERE WILL BE NO PARK MEETINGS FOR DECEMBER AND JANUARY. WILL MEET IN FEBRUARY TO START NEW PLANNING FOR PARK ACTIVITIES.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

L. SEEBURGER REQUESTED TO BE CHANGED FROM FORESTRY TO AGRICULTURE. THIS HELPS HIS STATUS FOR RAISING PHEASANTS. COMMISSION GRANTED CHANGE. THE PLANNING COMMISSION IS LOOKING INTO PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE OF THE TOWNSHIP TO CONTINUE TO HAVE GREEN ACRES FOR WILDLIFE. DISCUSSION WAS HELD CONCERNING THE FEMA WHICH IS OVERLOOKING AND DESIGNATING FOR FLOOD AREAS. IF THE TOWNSHIP IS NOT DESIGNATED BY FEMA TO BE IN FLOOD AREA, HOMEOWNERS CANNOT PURCHASE FLOOD INSURANCE. THERE IS A MEETING IN MAR. 2008, SUPERVISOR AND PLANNING COMMISSION WILL STAY ON TOP OF SITUATION. NEXT PLANNING COMM. MEETING IS MAR. 2008.

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WATER COMMISSION:

THE SUPERVISOR TURNED IN THE FOLLOWING FIVE NAMES FOR THE WATER COMMISSION-ED BRIGGS, RANDY HOCK, GENE SMITH, TOM CLARK AND ANDY KOBISA. THE MOTION WAS MADE TO ACCEPT THE NOMINATIONS BY BOB DAVIS AND IT WAS SECONDED BY JOE. MOTION CARRIED. THE SUPERVISOR WILL SWEAR IN THE WATER BOARD. THE SURVEY MAP IS COMPLETED AND THE TOWNSHIP BOARD WOULD LIKE TO SEE IT. ANDY KOBISA WHO COMPLETED BOARD WILL BRING IT TO NEXT MEETING. THE NEXT STEP IS TO HAVE RESIDENTS CIRCULATE PETITIONS IF THEY ARE INTERESTED IN WATER ON THEIR ROAD.

CHAPEL/CEMETERY:

NO MORE MEETINGS UNTIL SPRING. THE SEEDING OF THE NEW AREA WILL BE DONE IN THE SPRING.

TOWNSHIP CODE AUTHORITY:

THERE WERE FOUR PERMITS FOR TOWNSHIP IN OCTOBER. WECKESER IS NOW BUILDING INSPECTOR. THE TREASURER WAS

ABSENT FROM MEETING. NO FINANCIAL REPORT. JERRY DAVIS HAS PAID AL GANNON FOR THE INSPECTIONS AL COVERED FOR JERRY. MEETINGS IN DEC. CANCELLED.

WIXOM LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD REPORT:

50% OF TOBACCO RESIDENTS ALONG LAKE WOULD LIKE TO JOIN THE LAKE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT. WILL LIKELY GO TO BOARD AND REQUEST THE TOWNSHIP TO JOIN.

TOWNSHIP ROAD COMMISSION:

OCTOBER 25 WAS THE ROAD COMMITTEE'S MEETING. DISCUSSION WAS HELD CONCERNING WHICH ROADS TO WORK ON NEXT YEAR.

- (1) \$39000.00 FOR ½ MILE OF BAKER RD. TO BRING UP TO GRAVEL ROAD
- (2) \$66,000.00 1/2 MILE OF STARK ROAD TO PROVIRIZE TARVEY
- (3) \$77,000.00 GRAVEL MID-GLADWIN CO. LINE RD.

JIM WILL BRING SET PRICES NEXT MONTH TO DECIDE WHICH ROADS TO WORK ON. IT WAS DISCUSSED THAT 1 1/2 MILES OF EAST CURTIS ROAD OFF OF MIDDLE ROAD IS BEING USED FOR HAULING OUT LOGS. THIS IS GOING TO BE NOTED AND PICTURES TAKEN FOR DAMAGE TO THE ROAD. IF DEEMED IT DAMAGED THE ROAD MORE THAN USUAL , THE LUMBER COMPANY COULD BE SUED FOR THE DAMAGES. THE ROAD BILL WILL BE PAID IN DECEMBER'S BILLS. NEXT ROAD COMM. MEETING WILL BE JAN. 24, 2008 AT FIRE HALL @7:00PM.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NONE

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NEW BUSINESS:

PERSONEL PROERTY TAX COLLECTION

- 1) THE TREASURER WOULD LIKE TO HAVE AN AGREEMENT WITH COUNTY TO ALLOW THEM TO COLLECT THE PERSONEL PROPERTY TAX. ELGIN MOVED TO ALLOW THE COUNTY TO COLLECT THE PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX. BOB SECONDED AND THE MOTION CARRIED.
- 2) TOWNSHIP NEEDS TO HAVE A RESOLUTION TO USE PROVERTY GUIDELINES FOR HARDSHIPS WITH COUNTY.

- 3) DINNER/MEETING FOR MCTOA ON DEC. 6, 2007 AT HOLIDAY INN.
ELGIN MOVED AND BOB SECONDED TO PAY FOR DINNER FOR
BOARD MEMBERS AND SPOUSES- THOSE GOING WERE- BOB &
KAREN, JOE & KATHY, JOANN & TONY, ANDY & MARGE AND
ELGIN & LORRIE WILL LET CLERK KNOW.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:00PM.

JOANN WILKIE
HOPE TOWNSHIP CLERK