

Hope Township Board Meeting

October 9, 2007

Mike Kressler - Supervisor

Joe Lunsford - Treasurer

JoAnn Wilkie – Clerk

Bob Davis – Trustee

Elgin Childs - Trustee

HOPE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 9, 2007
HOPE TOWNSHIP HALL, 7:00PM

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

MIKE KRESSLER

JOANN WILKIE

JOE LUNSFORD

BOB DAVIS

ELGIN CHILDS

SUPERVISOR,

CLERK,

TREASURER,

TRUSTEE,

TRUSTEE,

VISITORS:

CLERK'S

LIST ATTACHED TO

CALL TO ORDER:

SUPERVISOR LEAD THOSE PRESENT TO THE PLEDGE TO THE
FLAG.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

DISCUSSION WAS HELD CONCERNING THE CANOPY INSTALLED
AT 714 MID-GLADWIN COUNTY LINE ROAD. A VARIANCE WAS DENIED
BY THE BOARD OF APPEALS AND NOW THE OWNER HAS CONSTRUCTED
A CANOPY AND ENCLOSED THE SIDES AND END TO USE AS STORAGE
OR A GARAGE. NO PERMIT WAS ISSUED , WAS DECIDED THE

SUPERVISOR WOULD GO TO CODE AUTHORITY TO CHECK ON IF IT NEEDED A PERMIT.

THE ROAD AT THE END OF STARK ROAD NEAR SAIKO ROAD WAS INSPECTED AND DECIDED THE RIGHT OF WAY GOES APPROX. 150 FEET TO THE STATE LAND. THE PROPERTY OWNERS BLOCKING THE RIGHT OF WAY HAVE NO JURISDICTION ON AT LEAST THE NORTH SIDE OF ROAD. THE DNR IS GOING TO BE ASKED TO INTERVENE ON THEIR JURISDICTION.

CLERK'S MINUTES:

THE MINUTES WERE DISPENSED EARLIER. BOB MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AND ELGIN SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT WAS DISTRIBUTED EARLIER. AFTER DISCUSSION IT WAS MENTIONED THE FIRE CHIEF WOULD LIKE TO SEE FIRE TRUCK BILL TO BE PAID OFF. TREASURER WILL SEE TO THIS. BOB MOVED THAT FIRE TRUCK BILL BE PAID OFF FROM MONEY SECURED FOR THIS PURCHASE. ELGIN SECONDED AND A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS POLLED-

JOE YES ELGIN YES BOB YES JOANN YES
MIKE YES

ELGIN MOVED AND BOB SECONDED MOTION TO ACCEPT THE FINANCIAL REPORT. MOTION CARRIED.

OUTSTANDING BILLS:

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON CONSTRUCTION OF A PARKING LOT BY THE FIRE HALL. THE TOWNSHIP WILL BE USING IT ALSO BECAUSE OF ELECTIONS AND BUSY MEETINGS. BOB MOVED THAT THE TOWNSHIP PAY HALF OF THE COST OF THE PARKING LOT. ELGIN SECONDED AND MOTION CARRIED.

A LIST OF OUTSTANDING BILLS WAS DISTRIBUTED EARLIER. ELGIN MOVED TO PAY BILLS AND BOB SECONDED MOTION. A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS POLLED-

JOE YES JOANN YES BOB YES ELGIN YES MIKE YES

PAGE 2

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

THE FIREMEN'S APPRECIATION DINNER WILL BE HELD OCTOBER 20 AT FIRE HALL AT 6:30PM. BRING A DISH TO PASS AND YOUR APPETITE. BOB AND MIKE WORKED ON WATER LINE AND WATER HEATER. THE 2ND WATER HEATER IS NOT WORKING RIGHT. SEPTEMBER SAW 8 RUNS. TOWNSHIP BOARD AND FIRE CHIEF WOULD LIKE TO THANK ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF JOHN REISIG FOR FILLING IN FOR FIRE CHIEF WHILE HE WAS ON MEDICAL LEAVE. DISCUSSION ON A LIGHT ON EAST END OF FIRE STATION TO LIGHT UP PARKING LOT. CHIEF IS CHECKING ON PRICES ON CO-CHECKER. DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE SAFETY CONCERNING THE WOOD STOVES IN RENTAL HOUSES.

PARK COMMISSION:

A NEW MAINTENANCE GUIDELINE FOR THE PARK WAS HANDED IN TO LOOK AT. IT PLAINLY SHOWED WHO FOUND REPLACEMENT AND WHO PAYS FOR THE FILLIN OR EXTRA HELP NEEDED. ELGIN MOVED TO ACCEPT THE NEW GUIDELINES AND BOB SECONDED MOTION. MOTION CARRIED. KAREN IS WORKING ON GRANTS FOR NEW EQUIPMENT FOR PARK.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

THE NEXT MEETING IS NOV. 7, 2007. BOB BRADFIELD'S REQUEST FOR A SPECIAL USE PERMIT WILL BE ON AGENDA. ALSO, WILL CHECK INTO RENTALS NEED BETTER GUIDELINES. REQUESTS INTO REPLACING THE BELL AT FIRE HALL HAVE BEEN ASKED OF THE FIRE CHIEF AND SOME MEMBERS. THERE IS A POSSIBILITY OF A GRANT FOR A FEDERAL GRANT CONCERNING THE HOMELAND SECURITY WILL CHECK WITH ROGER GARNER FOR A POSSIBLE GRANT INFO.

WATER DIST.:

TOWNSHIP HAS BEEN INFORMED THERE IS MONEY OUT FOR A WATER LINE LOAN. THE INTEREST IS VERY LOW AND WOULD BE SET. THE TOWNSHIP AT THIS POINT HAS GONE OVER THE POVERTY

LINE FOR APPLYING FOR GRANTS. DON DUGGAR FROM CARO, MI IS GOING TO HELP PLANNING POSSIBLE WATER LINE FROM SURVEY MAP.

CHAPEL:

THE NEW AREA HAS BEEN DOZED AND LEVELED OUT. THERE IS JUST OVER TWO ACRES IN THE NEW DEVELOPED AREA. IT WAS DISCUSSED AND DECIDED RYE GRASS WOULD HELP IN HOLDING THE SOD IN PLACE THROUGH THE WINTER. ELGIN WILL PLANT AS SOON AS HE HAS TIME. BOB MOVED TO PURCHASE RYE GRASS & FERTILIZER, JOANN SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

TOWNSHIP CODE AUTHORITY:

ELGIN WAS BUSY AND TOO LATE TO CALL BOB. NEXT MEETING IS OCTOBER 22, 2007, AT 5:00PM

WIXOM LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD REPORT:

THERE IS A PETITION OUT FOR THE TOBACCO SIDE OF LAKE TO HELP WITH THE WEEDING OF WIXOM LAKE. WAITING FOR RESULTS TO SEE IF TOBACCO TOWNSHIP WILL HELP.

ROAD ADVISORY COMMISSION:

THE BID FOR HULL ROAD WAS 66489., IT CAME IN AT 55489. THERE IS STILL FEW MISC. ITEMS TO BE FINISHED. THE GRAVEL BID WAS 110,000 BUT CAME IN AT 122,000. JIM IS GOING TO CHECK WITH DEPAK

PAGE 3

TO SEE DIFFERENCE. THE NEXT ROAD COMMISSION MEETING WILL BE HELD ON OCT. 25, 2007 AT 7:00PM AT TOWNHALL.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1) LIGHTS AT MIDDLE AND SHEARER AND HOPE AND SHEARER ARE NOT WORKING PROPERLY. SUPERVISOR WILL CALL CONSUMERS.

- 2) PAYNE'S HOUSE TO FIND OUT ABOUT TOWNSHIP CLEANING UP MESS. JOE WILL CALL MTA TO SEE ABOUT LEGAL WAY.
- 3) BURNING OF ANIMAL WASTE WAS TURNED INTO DNR AND IT WAS SETTLED.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) ELGIN MOVED TO SEND AND PAY FOR EXPENSES FOR BOARD MEMBERS AND GUESTS TO MTA CONVENTION IN JANUARY TO DETROIT. BOB SECONDED MOTION AND IT CARRIED.

ADJOURNED AT 9:55PM

HOPE TOWNSHIP CLERK
JOANN WILKIE