

Hope Township Board Meeting

August 12, 2008

Mike Kressler - Supervisor

Joe Lunsford - Treasurer

JoAnn Wilkie – Clerk

Bob Davis – Trustee

Elgin Childs - Trustee

HOPE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 12, 2008, 7:00PM
HOPE TOWNSHIP HALL

BOARD PRESENT:
SUPERVISOR

MIKE KRESSLER,

CLERK

JOANN WILKIE,

TREASURER

STARLEEN HEATH,

TRUSTEE

BOB DAVIS, TRUSTEE
ELGIN CHILDS,

VISITORS:
CLERK'S COPY

LIST ATTACHED TO

CALL TO ORDER:

SUPERVISOR CALLED MEETING TO ORDER BY LEADING THOSE PRESENT TO THE PLEDGE TO FLAG.

FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS:

THE FORMER TREASURER, JOE LUNSFORD, HAS SOLD HIS HOUSE AND NO LONGER LIVES IN HOPE TOWNSHIP. THE BOARD WITH BOB MAKING A MOTION TO APPOINT STARLEEN, TREASURER, AND ELGIN SECONDING THE MOTION. MOTION WAS CARRIED. THE CLERK HAD THE OATH BOOK AND STARLEEN TOOK THE OATH OF OFFICE.

PAYMENT FOR COLLECTING SUMMER TAXES:

BEINGS HOPE TOWNSHIP HAD NOT COLLECTED SUMMER TAXES UNTIL THE STATE MANDATED IT, THE STATE PAYS SUCH TOWNSHIP FOR COLLECTING TAXES DURING THE SUMMER. JOE HAD SENT OUT THE

TAXES IN JULY AND COLLECTED SUCH TAXES THAT WERE TURNED IN UNTIL JULY 23, 2008, WHEN HE PLACED ALL EQUIPMENT AND RECORDS AT STARLEEN'S RESIDENCE. THE BOARD FELT THAT JOE HAD BEEN COMPENSATED FOR JULY'S \$400.00, STARLEEN SHOULD RECEIVE THE REST OF THE COMPENSATION. BOB MADE THE MOTION TO PAY STARLEEN THE \$400.00 FOR AUGUST, SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER, ELGIN SECONDED AND THE MOTION CARRIED. JOE RECEIVED THE TREASURER'S SALARY FOR AUGUST AND STARLEEN WILL BE PAID STARTING FOR SEPTEMBER.

JOE HAS STATED THAT HE WILL HELP STARLEEN GET RECORDS IN ORDER AND READY FOR NEXT MONTH'S TREASURER'S REPORT.

BUSINESS FROM FLOOR:

NONE

CLERK'S MINUTES:

THE CLERK'S MINUTES FROM JULY 8, 2008 HAD BEEN DISTRIBUTED EARLIER. ELGIN MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AND BOB SECONDED MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT:

JOE WAS UNABLE TO HELP STARLEEN WITH THE FINANCIALS SO NO REPORT WAS GIVEN, STARLEEN WILL HAVE REPORT FOR NEXT MONTH'S MEETING.

OUTSTANDING BILLS:

A LIST OF THE BILLS FOR THE GENERAL AND FIRE DEPT. WAS DISTRIBUTED EARLIER WITH CLERK'S MINUTES. ELGIN MADE A MOTION TO PAY BILLS AND BOB SECONDED MOTION. A ROLL CALL POLL WAS CALLED BY CLERK.

ELGIN YES MIKE YES JOANN YES STARLEEN YES BOB YES

BILLS WILL BE PAID.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

FIRE DEPT:

JOHN REISIG, FIRE CHIEF WAS PRESENT TO REPORT ON FIRE DEPT. JOE HAS COMPUTER SET UP AT FIRE STATION. WHEN PHONE CO. WAS HOOKING LINE IT UNHOOKED PHONE LINE TO TOWNSHIP HALL. SUPERVISOR WILL LOOK INTO PHONE SERVICE FOR THE HALL.

DISCUSSION ON FIRE DEPT.'S PART OF PICNIC AND BOARD REPORTED THEY HAD DONE A GREAT JOB. THE MEDIC HELICOPTER LANDING AND BEING ABLE TO SEE INSIDE WAS A GREAT TREAT. BOARD GAVE A SPECIAL "WELL DONE" TO JOHN. JOHN TALKED TO INSURANCE AGENT, LARRY CLEAVER, AND HAD HIM ATTEND THEIR MEETING. DECIDED IT WOULD BE BEST TO HAVE LARRY, CLERK AND FIRE CHIEF TOGETHER TO GO OVER POLICY. WORK NOT COMPLETED ON WELL PUMP. CIRCLE K CAME OUT AND DID CERTIFICATION WORK ON PUMP CHECKS AND AIR BAGS. JOHN IS STILL CHECKING INTO SIREN REPLACEMENT FOR FIRE HALL.

PARK COMMISSION:

THE PARK PICNIC WAS HUGE SUCCESS. THE BOARD CONGRATULATED THE PARK MEMBERS FOR THEIR HARD WORK. LINDA HOCKAMEYER DID THE PRIZE SHOPPING THIS YEAR AND DID A GREAT JOB. ESTIMATED THERE WAS AT LEAST 130 PEOPLE ATTENDED. THE NEW BARREL TRAIN FOR THE KIDS WAS A GREAT HIT AND WAS BOOKED FOR NEXT YEAR. MARK MUSSELMAN BROUGHT OVER HIS INFLATABLE CASTLE AND SET IT UP AND TORE IT DOWN AFTERWARDS. A THANK YOU NOTE NEEDS TO BE SENT TO HIM. THE KIDS LOVE THE AIR CASTLE AND IT WAS GREATLY APPRECIATED. MIKE LINCOLN IS READY TO START THE NEW POLE BUILDING AT THE PARK. HE NEEDS \$9000.00 TO USE FOR MATERIAL PURCHASES. ELGIN MOVED TO GIVE LINCOLN THE \$9000.00 FOR MATERIALS AND BOB SECONDED MOTION. MOTION CARRIED. KAREN DAVIS REPORTED SHE HAD HEARD FROM THE GRACE A. DOW FOUNDATION AND JUST HAD TO FOLLOW UP WITH SOME INFORMATION BEFORE THE FOUNDATION WOULD AUTHORIZE THE MONEY. CLERK WILL HELP WITH SHOWING THE TOWNSHIP IS A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION. COMMENTS WERE MADE TO MARY LETTS THAT THE BATHROOMS LOOKED MUCH BETTER PAINTED PLUS, THE PARK HAS BEEN MAINTAINED AND LOOKING GOOD THIS SEASON.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

ANDY KOBISA REPORTED ON ATTENDING A MEETING FROM MTA AND THAT THE BLIGHT ORDINANCE CAN BE PUT IN THE ZONING ORDINANCE AND THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION WILL WORK ON THAT. ANDY STATED THE COST FOR CLEANING UP BLIGHT CAN BE PUT ON THE PROPERTY OWNER'S DEED BUT HAS TO BE DONE LEGALLY. SUPERVISOR HAS SENT CERTIFIED LETTER TO OWNER ON FIVE MILE ROAD, BOMBAY ROAD AND PAYNE'S. HE WILL CONTACT

PAYNE'S AGAIN AND SEE WAT THEY ARE PLANNING ON DOING. THE LADY ON FIVE MILE ROAD HAS CLEANED UP THE RUMBLE AND PUT IN NEW SEPTIC SYSTEM.

WATER DISTRICT:

MIKE ATTENDED WATER DISTRICT #1'S MEETING AND THEY STATED THEY UNDERSTOOD HOPE NOT COMMITTING AT THIS TIME. THE WATER BOARD WILL MEET AND SEE WHERE THE SURVEY MAP SHOWED INTEREST AND WHO IS INTERESTED IN CIRCULATING THE PETITIONS.

CHAPEL/CEMETERY COMMISSION:

MIKE AND WILBUR PURCHASED THE FENCING FOR CEMETERY. THEY WILL SET UP A PROJECT DAY WHEN WEATHER COOLS OFF. THE NEW AREA OF CEMETERY IS NOT GROWING THE GRASS YET. DISCUSSION ON WHETHER TO WAIT UNTIL NEXT YEAR TO MOW IT.

TOWNSHIP CODE AUTHORITY:

BOB COVERED MEETING FOR ELGIN. CHAIRPERSON IS GOING TO TALK TO TED VANWERT ABOUT COVERING TCA'S TERRITORY FOR ELECTRICAL INSPECTIONS. THE FINANCIAL REPORT IS CONFUSING TO TRY AND READ, THE TREASURER IS GOING TO CHECK INTO A BETTER PROGRAM TO USE. NEXT MEETING WILL BE AUGUST 28, 2008. THE TIME IS 5:00PM. IN COUNTY BUILDING.

WIXOM LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD REPORT:

THERE WAS NO REPORT. SUPERVISOR HAS TALKED TO ED BRIGGS AND HE IS STILL INTERESTED IN BEING THE REPRESENTATIVE FOR HOPE.

ROAD ADVISORY COMMISSION:

BOARD WAS HAPPY THE VOTERS FROM HOPE OKAYED THE ROAD MILLAGE REQUEST. THE ADVISORY BOARD CAN NOW PLAN THE FUTURE ROAD WORK FOR HOPE. WORK HAS BEEN ONE ON DITCHES ON MID-GLADWIN COUNTY LINE ROAD. THE NEXT ROAD ADVISORY MEETING WILL BE SEPT. 18, 2008.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NONE.

NEW BUSINESS:

ANDY AND BOB WILL ATTEND MEETING AT BIG RAPIDS, AUGUST 21. SUPERVISOR WILL BE OUT OF TOWN. STARLEEN IS HAVING

STATEMENTS FROM CHEMICAL BANK SENT TO TOWNSHIP'S POST
OFFICE BOX. THEY WERE PREVIOUSLY GOING TO JOE'S OLD ADDRESS.

ADJOURNED AT 9:03PM
JOANN WILKIE
HOPE TOWNSHIP CLERK