

# Hope Township Board Meeting

June 10, 2008

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Mike Kressler - Supervisor

Joe Lunsford - Treasurer

JoAnn Wilkie – Clerk

Bob Davis – Trustee

Elgin Childs - Trustee

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HOPE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
HOPE TOWNSHIP HALL  
JUNE 10, 2008, 7:00PM

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:  
SUPERVISOR

MIKE KRESSLER,

JOANN WILKIE, CLERK  
JOE LUNSFORD, TREASURER  
BOB DAVIS, TRUSTEE  
ELGIN CHILDS, TRUSTEE

VISITORS:

LIST WITH CLERK'S COPY

CALL TO ORDER:

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

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

SUE MOODY WAS PRESENT AND DISCUSSED WHY SHE WOULD LIKE OPPORTUNITY TO BE MIDLAND'S NEXT REGISTER OF DEED'S. SUE HAS WORKED IN THE BUSINESS WORLD AND REAL ESTATE AND ALSO SEVERAL COMMUNITY SERVICE AREAS.

BUDGET AND LINE ITEM REVIEW:

THE SUPERVISOR, CLERK AND TREASURER REVIEWED FOR THE PUBLIC THE REVENUE EXPECTED TO COME IN FOR THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR, WAS DISCUSSED. THEN THE CLERK REVIEWED THE EXPENSES AND WHAT INCREASES WERE EXPECTED FOR THE 2008-2009 FISCAL YEAR.

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ANY QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC WERE ANSWERED. THEN THE MEETING WAS CLOSED FROM 7:23PM UNTIL 7:29PM.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING WAS OPENED AT 7:29PM

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM FLOOR:

THE TOWNSHIP HALL WAS DISCUSSED AND IT WAS DECIDED TO GET SOME BIDS FOR INSULATING AND LOWERING THE TOWNHALL CEILING. LORI WILL CHECK WITH LINCOLN TO SEE ABOUT A BID FROM HIM.

PAYNE'S HOUSE ON SHEARER ROAD:

APPROXIMATELY 27 DAYS HAVE GONE BY SINCE SUPERVISOR SENT CERTIFIED LETTER TO PAYNE'S, THERE NEEDS TO BE ONE MORE WEEK BEFORE NEXT STEP CAN BE TAKEN. THEY HAVE STATED THEY WILL CLEAN UP THE MESS AROUND THE BURNED HOUSE BY THEMSELVES.

CLERK'S MINUTES:

THE MINUTES FROM THE MAY MEETING WERE DISTRIBUTED EARLIER. WITH THE CORRECTION OF TRUSTEE-ELGIN DAVIS TO CHILDS AND HEATH TO HEALTH, ELGIN MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES. BOB SECONDED AND MOTION CARRIED.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

JOE GAVE THE MAY 31 FINANCIAL REPORT. THE REPORT HAD BEEN DISTRIBUTED EARLIER. WITH NO QUESTIONS, BOB MOVED TO ACCEPT THE FINANCIAL REPORT AND ELGIN SECONDED, MOTION CARRIED.

OUTSTANDING BILLS:

A LIST OF THE OUTSTANDING BILLS FOR JUNE HAD BEEN DISTRIBUTED WITH THE CLERK'S MINUTES EARLIER. BOB MOVED AND ELGIN SECONDED THAT THE BILLS BE PAID. A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS CALLED:

JOE YES BOB YES ELGIN YES JOANN YES MIKE YES  
ES BILLS WILL BE PAID.

DEPT REPORTS:

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FIRE DEPT:

5 RUNS FOR MAY, 3 MEDICAL, 1 FENCE FIRE AND 1 MUTUAL AID WITH EDENVILLE. THE COMPUTER AT FIRE HALL IS NOT FIXABLE. BOB MOVED THE DEPT. PURCHASE A NEW COMPUTER THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1500.00. ELGIN SECONDED AND MOTION CARRIED. IT IS TIME FOR THE FIRE TRUCKS TO HAVE ANNUAL INSPECTIONS. CIRCLE K WILL COME TO FIRE HALL TO DO JOB. DISCUSSION WAS HELD CONCERNING THE SIREN ON FIRE HALL THAT HAS NOT WORKED FOR YEARS. WITH

THE TORNADIC WEATHER MICHIGAN HAS BEEN HAVING THE CONSENSUS IS THAT A SIREN IS VERY MUCH NEEDED. FIRE CHIEF, JOHN REISIG STATED THEY NEED TWO WALKIE-TALKIES ELGIN MOVED TO PURCHASE TWO WALKIE-TALKIES FOR UP TO \$2000.00. BOB SECONDED AND MOTION CARRIED. JOHN STATED THEY HAVE SOME NEW IDEAS FOR THE TOWNSHIP PICNIC.

PARK:

KAREN DAVIS REPORTED THE PARK COMMISSION HAS HEARD FROM THE STROSTACKER FOUNDATION AND WAS GRANTED AN AMOUNT OF \$11,300.00 AND THE GERSTACKER FOUNDATION WILL SEND A CHECK IN JULY FOR \$5000.00. THIS WILL PAY FOR THE POLE BARN STORAGE BUILDING THE PARK HAS BEEN WANTING. THE GRACE A DOW FOUNDATION AND MIDLAND COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS HAVE NOT RESPONDED YET. THE PARK WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE WORKING ON THE TRACK AROUND THE PARK. THE COST IS \$44,000.00, BUT WOULD BENEFIT MOST OF THE RESIDENTS OF THE TOWNSHIP. DECISION TO WAIT TO HEAR MORE FROM FOUNDATIONS. JIM CONTACTED BADER BROTHERS. CONCERNING THE FLAIL MOWER. IT IS SOMEWHERE IN ILLINOIS, SHOULD BE HERE SOON. DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE PICNIC COMING UP THE END OF JULY. THE TOWNSHIP BOARD IS WORKING WITH THE PARK COMMISSION ON PLANS.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

THEIR NEXT MEETING IS AUG. 6, 2008.

WATER BOARD:

THE SUPERVISOR RECEIVED NEWS THAT THE LOAN INTEREST AT THIS POINT IN TIME WOULD BE 3.62% IF HOPE WAS AT A POINT OF NEEDING A LOAN. HOPE IS STILL CONTINUING A HOLD ON WATER AT THIS POINT.

TOWNSHIP CODE AUTHORITY:

THE NEXT MEETING IS JUNE 23, 2008 AT COUNTY BUILDING. AT THE MAY 19 MEETING IT WAS DISCUSSED ON RAISING THE PERMITS. THIS WAS TABLED AS THE ECONOMY IS SO BAD NOW. BALANCE FOR GEN AND SAV. IS \$35776.86.

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CHAPEL COMMISSION:

WILBUR HAVENS REPORTED ON MEETING HELD MAY 9, 2008. FENCING ALONG SHEAR ROAD WAS DECIDED TO BE PROJECT COMMISSION WOULD LIKE TO SEE COMPLETED. THE PARKING LOT WOULD LOOK BETTER WITH FENCE SEPARATING IT FROM TREES, WAS ANOTHER PROJECT CONSIDERED. THE NEW SECTION OF CEMETERY WILL HAVE 230 LOTS AND WILL LEAVE TWO ROWS BY ROAD FOR A ROAD WAY. THE

SEPTIC TANK AT CHAPEL NEEDS TO BE PUMPED OUT. IT WAS DECIDED THE PARK SEPTIC SHOULD BE PUMPED ALSO. MIKE KRESSLER WILL CONTACT COMPANY. IT WAS DISCUSSED THAT THE TOWNHALL AND FIRE DEPT. NEEDED TO BE PUMPED ALSO. MIKE WILL CHECK FOR ALL FOUR PLACES. THE UNDERSIDE OF ROOF OF DRIVE THROUGH NEEDS TO BE PAINTED.

ROADS:

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE JUNE 26.

OLD BUSINESS:

THE 2007-2008 BUDGET WAS AMENDED TO MEET REQUIREMENTS FOR THE STATE AUDIT. ALL ITEMS THAT WERE OUT OF RANGE INCLUDING THE REVENUES AND EXPENSES WERE AMENDED. COPY WITH CLERK'S COPY.

TOWNHALL RENT:

DISCUSSION WAS HELD CONCERNING THE RENT OF THE HALL. IT HAS NOT BEEN CHANGED IN 20 YEARS. ELGIN MOVED TO CHARGE \$35.00 A TIME FOR RENT. BOB SECONDED IT AND MOTION CARRIED.

STREET LIGHTS:

IT WAS DISCUSSED AS TO THE REASON THE LIGHT HAD NOT BEEN PUT IN AT SAIKO AND MIDDLE ROADS. THE OWNERS AT THE CORNER WOULD NOT ALLOW CONSUMERS TO PUT A POLE THERE. DISCUSSION FOR THIS YEAR IS CURTIS AND MIDDLE ROAD. BOB MOVED TO PUT STREET LIGHT AT CURTIS AND MIDDLE. ELGIN SECONDED MOTION AND IT CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS:

THE MIDLAND FAIR SCHEDULE HAS BEEN SENT OUT. OUR DATE IS AUG. 13, 2008-TIMES

4—6.....JOANN, CATHY, JOE

6—8.....ELGIN, BOB AND MIKE

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ADJOURNED AT 9:55PM

CALL TO ORDER AT 10:00

THE SALARY RESOLUTION WAS MOVED BY BOB AND SECONDED BY JOE, ROLL CALL VOTE WAS CALLED-

BOB-YES, ELGIN-YES, JOE-YES, JOANN-YES AND MIKE-YES.

MOTION TO ADOPT THE 2008-2009 BUDGET WAS MADE BY BOB AND SECONDED BY ELGIN. ROLL CALL VOTE-JOE-YES, MIKE-YES, BOB-YES, ELGIN-YES, JOANN-YES. BUDGET ADOPTED.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:05  
HOPE TOWNSHIP CLERK,  
JOANN WILKIE