

Hope Township Board Meeting

March 11, 2008

Mike Kressler - Supervisor

Joe Lunsford - Treasurer

JoAnn Wilkie – Clerk

Bob Davis – Trustee

Elgin Childs - Trustee

HOPE TOWNSHIP MEETING
HOPE TOWNSHIP FIRE HALL
MARCH 11, 2008, 7:00PM

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:
SUPERVISOR

MIKE KRESSLER,

JOANN WILKIE, CLERK
JOE LUNSFORD,

TREAS.(8:00PM)

STARLEEN HEATH, DEPT.

TREAS. (7:00-8:00PM)

BOB DAVIS, TRUSTEE
ELGIN CHILDS, TRUSTEE

CALL TO ORDER:

THE SUPERVISOR CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER BY LEADING THE PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG.

BUSINESS FROM FLOOR:

GARY CLARK WAS PRESENT TO DISCUSS MOWING THE CEMETERIES AGAIN THIS YEAR. HE DISCUSSED THAT WITH THE INCREASE OF GAS PRICES HE WOULD HAVE TO INCREASE THE PRICE BY \$20.00 A MOWING TO COVER THE COST. BOB MOVED TO ACCEPT THE BID AND ELGIN SECONDED IT. MOTION CARRIED. IT WAS MENTIONED THE TOWNSHIP IS HAPPY WITH THEIR WORK.

DON DICE WAS PRESENT AND DISCUSSED THAT THE COST FOR THE AREA AROUND THE TOWN HALL AND AREA AROUND FIRE HALL WOULD REMAIN THE SAME. THE AREA THAT IS BECOMING PARKING AREA WILL COVER THE GAS INCREASE. MIKE MADE MOTION TO ACCEPT AND BOB SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

WATER SITUATION

BILL AND RUTH MAXWELL WERE PRESENT AND NEEDED SOME ANSWERS CONCERNING WHEN THE TOWNSHIP WOULD BE HAVING WATER THRU THE TOWNSHIP. MIKE ANSWERED THEIR QUESTION WITH THE INFORMATION THAT AT THIS POINT HOPE IS NOT READY TO HAVE PETITIONS CIRCULATED TO INDICATE WHICH OWNERS WERE INTERESTED. MIKE REPLIED THAT HOPE IS STILL TRYING TO GET A BETTER IDEA OF THE COST TO THE PROPERTY OWNERS. ALSO, THE SITUATION IN EDENVILLE WILL HAVE A IMPACT ON OUR COST. ELGIN MADE THE STATEMENT THAT THE NEW LARGER LINE IS NOT OUT TO STARK ROAD YET.

SOLID WASTE:

DISCUSSION WAS HELD CONCERNING THE SERVICE WE ARE GETTING FROM REPUBLIC WASTE CO. THE SUPERVISOR AND CLERK HAVE BEEN CONTACTED BY A NEW REPRESENTATIVE AND NOT BY GARY HICKS. SUPERVISOR WILL CHECK INTO WHY A LARGER DUMPSTER CANNOT BE PUT ON CASSADAY DR. THE CONTAINERS ALONG THE ROUTE ARE THROWN AROUND THE ROADS MORE OFTEN NOW.

CLERK'S MINUTES:

THE MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY'S MEETING WAS DISBURSED EARLIER. BOB MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AND ELGIN SECONDED MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

THE DEPUTY TREASURER, STARLEEN HEATH, GAVE THE MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT IN THE ABSENCE OF TREASURER, JOE LUNSFORD. STARLEEN REPORTED THAT 90% OF PROPERTY TAXES WAS COLLECTED BEFORE THEY WERE TURNED OVER TO THE COUNTY MAR. 1. ELGIN MOVED TO ACCEPT THE TREAS. REPORT AND BOB SECONDED MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

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OUTSTANDING BILLS:

A LIST OF THE MARCH OUTSTANDING WAS DISPERSED WITH MINUTES EARLIER. ELGIN MADE A MOTION TO PAY THE BILLS, BOB SECONDED. A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS CALLED-

JOANN YES BOB YES ELGIN YES MIKE YES
ALL YES-BILLS WILL BE PAID.

FIRE DEPT:

FIRE CHIEF, JIM MADE A REPORT OF FEB. RUNS. THERE WAS TWO RUNS TO HOUSE ON CURTIS ROAD. THE FIRE HAD STARTED UP AGAIN AND FIRE DEPT. WAS CALLED BACK. ONE RUN TO HOUSE ON FIRE ON FIVE MILE ROAD. COGGINS EXCAVATING WAS CALLED IN TO TAKE SECOND STORY OFF TO GET AT FIRE AND WAS SHORTLY PUT OUT. FIRE CHIEF HAS DONE SOME CHECKING AND THERE IS NOT AN AIR BAG MISSING. FIREMEN WENT TO HOMER TRAINING CENTER FOR FURTHER TRAINING.

PARK COMMISSION:

THE PARK COMMISSION INTERVIEWED 3 CANDIDATES FOR CARETAKER FOR THE PARK. DON DICE WAS SELECTED AS CARETAKER, IF ANYTHING HAPPENS OR DON HAS TO BE OUT OF TOWN, BOB STEEPE WILL BE CALLED. JIM HOCKAMEYER IS GETTING THE FLAIL MOWER REPAIRED. THE COST SO FAR IS \$686.00. BOB MOVED TO PAY UP TO \$800.00 FOR REPAIRS. ELGIN SECONDED AND MOTION CARRIED.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

NEXT MEETING WILL BE MAY 7, 2008. THERE WILL BE A PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING TRAILER, CAMPERS RESTRICTIONS AND ROAD FOOTAGE. WILL BE HELD AT TOWN HALL AT 7:00PM.

WATER DISTRICT:

IT WAS DISCUSSED EARLIER.

TOWNSHIP CODE AUTHORITY:

ELGIN MISSED MEETING. NEXT MEETING WILL BE MARCH 24, 2008 AT 5:00PM

WIXOM LAKE AUTHORITY IMPROVEMENT BOARD REPORT:

ED BRIGGS IS STILL HOPE'S REPRESENTATIVE. MIKE WILL MAKE SURE HE KNOWS HE STILL IS ON WATER BOARD.

ROAD ADVISORY COMMISSION:

ROAD COMMISSION MET FEB. 28. THERE WERE 6 PEOPLE PRESENT FROM ADAMS ROAD FROM FIVE MILE ROAD TO M-30 INQUIRING ABOUT IMPROVING THEIR ROAD. ROADS HAVE BEEN SET

FOR 2008 ROAD WORK. COMMISSION IS WORKING ON WORDING RENEWAL OF ROAD MILLAGE FOR AUGUST PRIMARY. THEY HAVE DECIDED TO GO WITH THE ROLL BACK MILLAGE WHICH IS 1.9. THIS WOULD BE THE CURRENT RATE FOR 4 YEARS. JOE MOVED TO GO FOR ANOTHER FOUR (4) YEARS, BOB SECONDED AND MOTION CARRIED. THE ROAD WORK FOR 2008 IS- BAKER ROAD-FROM DUBLIN TO STARK ROAD AND MIDLAND GLADWIN COUNTY LINE ROAD. THE NEXT MEETINGS ARE APRIL 24 AND JUNE 26.

ROAD MILLAGE PROPOSAL

JOE MOVED TO GO FOR ANOTHER FOUR (4) YEARS FOR THE ROAD IMPROVEMENT MILLAGE. BOB SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT CARRIED.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

DISCUSSION WAS HELD CONCERNING THE WEBSITE INTERNET CARRIER FOR THE TOWNSHIP. JOE STATED THAT HE WAS HAPPY WITH IT AND THE PRICE IS REASONABLE. MIKE MADE THE MOTION TO CONTINUE WITH GO-DADDY FOR THREE (3) MORE YEARS. BOB SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT CARRIED.

STREET LIGHT

MIKE CHECKED INTO TOWNSHIP REQUEST LAST JUNE OF A STREET LIGHT BEING INSTALLED AT THE CORNER OF MIDDLE AND SAIKO ROADS. A CONFIRMATION NUMBER WAS ISSUED BUT NO WORK DONE. MIKE STATED CONSUMERS REPLIED THEY COULD NOT FIND AN ADEQUATE LOCATION FOR LIGHT. WILL CONTINUE REQUEST FOR LIGHT TO BE INSTALLED.

NEW BUSINESS:

JOE MADE THE MOTION THAT ALL PARSONAGES SHOULD BE CHARGED FOR SOLID WASTE PICKUP. BOB SECONDED AND MOTION CARRIED.

BOB MADE THE MOTION TO REQUEST SOME BIDS FOR A SIX INCH THICK STONECRETE FOR PARKING LOT AT END OF FIRE HALL. JOE SECONDED AND MOTION CARRIED. SUGGESTIONS FOR CONTRACTORS WAS-BECKS, COGGINS, WIRTZ, FISHERS, ELMERS. SUPERVISOR WILL CHECK INTO.

ADJOURN-9:12PM

HOPE TOWNSHIP CLERK
JOANN WILKIE