

Hope Township Board Meeting

November 11, 2008

Andy Kobisa - Supervisor

Starleen Heath - Treasurer

JoAnn Wilkie – Clerk

Bob Davis – Trustee

Elgin Childs - Trustee

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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:
SUPERVISOR

ANDY KOBISA,

CLERK

JOANN WILKIE,

TREASURER

STARLEEN HEATH,

TRUSTEE

BOB DAVIS, TRUSTEE
ELGIN CHILDS,

CALL TO ORDER:

THE SUPERVISOR LEAD THOSE PRESENT TO THE PLEDGE TO THE FLAG. A MOMENT OF SILENCE WAS HELD TO RECOGNIZE THE VETERANS AND MILITARY PEOPLE WHO ARE PROTECTING OUR LAND.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

TIM HOLSWORTH WAS PRESENT TO DISCUSS THE TOWNSHIP'S PENSION PLAN. WITH THE ELECTION AND THE NEW MEMBERS ON THE BOARD, IT WAS TIME TO LOOK AT OUR PENSION PLAN. AFTER SEARCHING SEVERAL PLANS, TIM REPORTED THE SARS JOHN HANCOCK PLAN WAS THE BEST ONE AVAILABLE TO US. THE ONLY REASON WE CAN STILL BE ON THIS PLAN, WHICH IS THE LOWEST ANNUAL FEE, IS BECAUSE WE STARTED WITH IT IN 1991. IT IS NOT OFFERED TO NEW MEMBERS NOW. THE STIPULATION IS THAT THERE CANNOT BE MORE THAN 25 PARTICIPATING MEMBERS ON IT. ALSO, ANYONE MAKING LESS THAN \$500.00 ARE NOT ELIGIBLE. ELGIN MOVED TO GO WITH THE JOHN HANCOCK PLAN AND BOB SECONDED IT. MOTION CARRIED.

RUDY TURK WAS PRESENT AND THANKED GENE SMITH AND ELGIN FOR LOOKING AT THE WATER SITUATION BY HIS PROPERTY. THEY HAVE TALKED WITH DEPAK AND HOPE TO HAVE A SOLUTION THAT WON'T COST ANYONE.

CLERK'S MINUTES:

THE MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER MEETING HAD BEEN DISBURSED EARLIER. BOB MADE MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AND STARLEEN SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

\$935.00 HAS BEEN DONATED TO THE PARK FUND IN MIKE KRESSLER'S NAME. 90% OF SUMMER TAXES WERE COLLECTED. DISCUSSION ON THE INFO LETTER BEING SENT OUT WITH TAX NOTICES. IF

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ANYONE HAS INFORMATION TO INCLUDE, NOTIFY STARLEEN. ELGIN MOVED TO ACCEPT THE FINANCIAL REPORT, BOB SECONDED AND MOTION CARRIED.

OUTSTANDING BILLS:

THE LIST OF OUTSTANDING BILLS WERE DISPERSED EARLIER WITH MINUTES. BOB MOVED AND STARLEEN SECONDED TO PAY BILLS-

STARLEEN YES ELGIN YES BOB YES JOANN YES
ANDY YES BILLS WILL BE PAID

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

FIRE DEPT:

THERE WERE 3 RUNS IN OCTOBER. 2 MEDICAL AND 1 POSSIBLE CHIMNEY FIRE. TRUCK 921 IS STILL LEAKING. IT HAS BEEN BACK TO BE REPAIRED BUT DID NOT FIX RIGHT. FIRE CHIEF HAS DIRECT NUMBER TO INTERNATIONAL TO SEE ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF A NEW SEAL. SOME MONEY WAS DONATED TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND THEY ARE THINKING OF HAVING A NEW SIGN PUT IN FRONT OF FIRE HALL WITH THINGS THAT ARE HAPPENING. BOARD WAS IN AGREEMENT. THE APPRECIATION DINNER WAS WELL ATTENDED AND VERY GOOD. POSSIBILITY OF TWO NEW MEMBERS. THERE ARE TEN ACTIVE FIREMEN RIGHT NOW.

PARK COMMISSION:

THERE HAVE BEEN GOOD COMMENTS ON LOOKS AND NEATNESS OF PARK THIS SEASON. THE PARK COMMISSION VOTED TO

GIVE DON DICE A BONUS OF \$200.00. ANDY AND BOB PICKED UP THE BOULDER AT FISHER'S, IN MIKE KRESSLER'S MEMORY IT WILL BE PLACED IN THE PARK WITH A PLAQUE ON IT. KAREN PLACED AN ARTICLE IN THE MIDLAND DAILEY NEWS AND IT WAS PLACED IN LETTER TO THE EDITOR. SHE WENT BACK AND HAD THEM DO AN ARTICLE THANKING THE FOUNDATIONS AND WHAT HAD BEEN ACCOMPLISHED WITH THE GRANTS. MARK MUSSELMAN RAN HIS ROTO-TILLER AROUND THE TRACK IN THE PARK. IT SAVED A LOT OF HARD MANUAL LABOR AND WILL LOOK MORE LIKE A FINISHED LOOK WHEN IT HAS BEEN PAVED. AN APPRECIATION TO MARK PLUS GAS FOR HIS TRACTOR WILL BE SENT.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

NOV. 5, JAN SLAGLE WILL MEET WITH THE PLANNING COMMISSION. SHE IS PRESENTLY REVIEWING THE ZONING ORDINANCE. THE NEXT YEAR'S MEETINGS ARE SET FOR FEB. 4, MAY 6, AUG. 5 AND NOV. 4. TWO OTHER MEETINGS MAY BE CALLED IF NEEDED.

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WATER DISTRICT:

NEXT WED. IS DISTRICT #1 MEETING. THE SUPERVISOR AND SEVERAL OTHERS ATTENDED THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING. THEY GAVE THEIR IMPUT AS WHY THE COUNTY SHOULD APPROVE THE COUNTY LOANING THE TOWNSHIPS THE MONEY NEEDED FOR THE WATER LINES. THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS VOTED AND DID APPROVE THE LOAN.

CEMETERY/CHAPEL:

DON DICE WILL SNOW PLOW THE CEMETERY AND KEEP DRIVEWAYS OPEN.

TOWNSHIP CODE AUTHORITY:

OCT. 27 WAS LAST MEETING FOR ELGIN CHILDS. THEY DO HAVE A NEW ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR AND HE IS WORKING OUT GOOD. THE TCA IS FINANCIALLY DOING OKAY. AFTER THE ELECTION, THERE WILL BE A DIFFERENT BOARD NEXT MONTH. BOB DAVIS WILL BE COVERING FOR HOPE. NEXT MEETING IS NOV. 24, 2008.

TOWNSHIP ROAD COMMISSION:

BAKER ROAD WAS DITCHED THIS YEAR. MIDLAND-GLADWIN COUNTY LINE ROAD HAD GRAVEL APPLIED TO IT. ELGIN CHILDS IS THE NEW MEMBER FOR THE ROAD COMMISSION. NEXT MEETING WILL BE NOV. 20, 2008. CLERK WILL SWEAR IN ALL MEMBERS.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

BLIGHT ON SHEARER ROAD AND BOMBAY ROAD. ANDY WENT TO LAWYER TO GET EVERYTHING IN ORDER TO TAKE CARE OF THE BLIGHT.

PAYNE'S PROPERTY:

BOB MADE THE MOTION TO ADOPT THE BLIGHT ORDINANCE COMPLAINT LETTER. ELGIN SECONDED , A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS POLLED-

BOB YES ELGIN YES STARLEEN YES JOANN YES
ANDY YES

BOB MADE A MOTION TO TAKE PAPER WORK TO LAWYER AND GET IT MOVING. ELGIN SECONDED AND A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS POLLED-

STARLEEN YES ELGIN YES BOB YES JOANN YES
ANDY YES

PROPERTY EXEMPTION FORM:

SUPERVISOR BROUGHT A SAMPLE OF THE FORM TO FILL OUT FOR APPLYING FOR THE EXEMPTION. IT WAS NOTED IT WAS FIVE PAGES VERSUS THE THREE WE HAD BEEN USING. IT WAS MOVED BY ELGIN AND SECONDED BY BOB. MOTION CARRIED.

ELGIN WILL REMOVE THE SWING SET AND SLIDE FROM TWP. PROPERTY.

WELL HAS BEEN WINTERIZED.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR:

MARGE KOBISA IS THE DEPUTY SUPERVISOR. ANDY HAS SWORN HER IN.

THE MCTOA DINNER/MEETING IS DEC. 4, 2008. IT IS HELD AT THE HOLIDAY INN, 6:30 PM.

BOB MOVED TO PAY EXPENSES FOR THOSE ATTENDING-KAREN & BOB DAVIS, ANDY & MARGE, JOANN & TONY, ELGIN & LORI AND STARLEEN AND FLIP. RESERVATIONS WILL BE SENT IN.

ADJOURNED AT 9:25PM

HOPE TWP. CLERK

JOANN WILKIE