

Hope Township Board Meeting

December 9, 2009, 7:00P.M.

Hope Township Fire Hall

Hope Township Board Members:

Andy Kobisa, Supervisor.....Present

JoAnn Wilkie, Clerk..... Present

Starleen Heath, Treasurer..... Present

Mary Jo Letts, Trustee..... Present

Bob Davis, Trustee.....Present

Visitors list with clerk's copy:

Call to Order:

The Supervisor led those to the pledge to the flag and started the meeting at 7:00O.M.

Business From the Floor:

Christine Alwood was present and introduced herself as being a delegate to run for State Representative in 2010 for Bill Caul's position. Bill Caul is ineligible to run again because of term limits.

Ms. Alwood is from the Isabella area.

Bob Beltz was present to give an update on Birchwood Shores Subdivision. Mr. Beltz has purchased the property and is in the process of finishing developing the sewer and water problems with the DEQ guidelines. Mr. Beltz requested the Hope Township Board decline to accept responsibility for taking over the installed waste water disposal system in the event of the bankruptcy of the property owners or their failure to maintain it. The Board is waiting for our lawyer to draw up a legal document stating Hope Township would not be responsible for the maintenance of the waste water disposal system. The matter is tabled at this time.

Clerk's Minutes:

With the correction in the Water Commission report of: 1) the petition being circulated is for water in Hope Twp. 2) All names on the property owner's deed must be signed on the petition or it will not be legal.

Bob moved to accept the minutes and Mary seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Financial Report:

Bob moved and Mary seconded to accept the financial report. Motion carried. Starleen reported that it will be 4.1% reduction in Revenue Sharing for our Township. This is lower than was expected.

Starleen has contacted someone to do the networking on the Treas., Dep. Treas, Clerk's and Dep. Clerk's computers. The cost would be \$160.00 for the computer part and \$50.00 for the printer networking of all the computers.

Bob moved and Starleen seconded to have the networking done. A roll-call vote was polled-

Mary yes Bob yes JoAnn yes Starleen yes Andy yes

Outstanding Bills for General, Fire and Solid Waste:

The outstanding bills list was distributed earlier. Bob moved and Starleen seconded to pay the bills- A roll call vote was polled-

Mary yes Starleen yes Bob yes JoAnn yes Andy yes

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Fire Department:

The Fire Chief reported there were 8 runs in November. There were 6 medical and 2 fires. One was across from the clerk's home at 1755 E. Curtis Rd. It was a electrical fire on the service pole. The Fire Chief requested expenses for Cliff Blake to attend a three day conference at Hurley Hospital in Flint. The cost for three days is \$450.00 plus mileage and meals if needed. The training will be held January 13 through the 15. Bob moved and Starleen seconded. A roll call vote was called.

Mary yes Starleen yes JoAnn yes Bob yes Andy yes

Bob moved to appoint the new member, Steve Miller, to the Fire Department. Starleen seconded and motion carried.

The Fire Chief also reported that the fire hall door has been left opened several times. He is going to check to see what can be done about it, and please have people double check to see that the door is completely closed.

Park Commission:

There will not be a meeting until March 2010. Jim Hockameyer inquired when to shut the gate. It was stated that anytime now would be okay. Tara Simons has reported she no longer would be on the Park Commission. Karen stated the commission would discuss the possibilities at their March meeting. It was decided to put an ad in the paper and on the township website in February.

Planning Commission:

There was no meeting this month. Tory Maxwell had read the history part of the Master Plan and discovered an error. This has been discussed with the Co. doing the revisions. They are doing the corrections and the Board will vote on the plan next month at January meeting.

Township Road Commission:

Jim Hockameyer reported that there will be approximately \$38,000.00 left after road work in 2010. He inquired if the commission should look into another smaller project with this money. Jim will check with Depak (Cty. Road Comm.) to see how far ahead they would need the information to schedule the work. He will report back next month.

Water Commission:

Midland County has reported that the new main water line is to be completed by the end of December. The petitions are being circulated at this time. Property owners who do not reside in Hope Township have been sent the information and a petition.

Township Code Authority:

There are meetings scheduled for December 10 and 21. The Building and Electrical inspectors have resigned. Discussion will be held and resumes gone over for their replacements. Hope's site plan is being reviewed for a guideline to be used for the other townships.

Cemetery-Chapel Commission:

No meeting was held. Ron Witte(sexton) has suggested 10 yds of road gravel to use for the cemetery driveway. It is \$200.00 for the 10 yds. Mary moved and Bob seconded to purchase the road gravel. A roll call vote was called

Bob yes Starleen yes Mary yes JoAnn yes Andy yes

Wixom Lake Improvement Board Report:

No meeting.

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Old Business:

Discussion on the Wall property on Bombay Rd. and Myers property on Baker Rd. Supervisor and Tom Clark are checking into them.

New Business:

None

Adjourned at 8:14P.M.

JoAnn Wilkie

Hope Township Clerk