

Hope Township Board Meeting

May 12, 2009

Andy Kobisa - Supervisor

Starleen Heath - Treasurer

JoAnn Wilkie – Clerk

Bob Davis – Trustee

Mary Jo Letts - Trustee

HOPE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

May 12, 2009, 7:00PM

HOPE Township Hall

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

KOBISA

WILKIE

STARLEEN HEATH

LETTS

VISITORS:

MINUTES

SUPERVISOR, ANDY

CLERK, JOANN

TREASURER,

TRUSTEE, BOB DAVIS

TRUSTEE, MARY JO

LIST WITH CLERK'S

CALL TO ORDER:

THE SUPERVISOR OPENED THE MEETING BY LEADING THOSE PRESENT TO THE PLEDGE TO THE FLAG.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

NONE

CLERK'S MINUTES:

IT WAS MOVED BY MARY AND SECONDED BY STARLEEN TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE APRIL MEETING WITH THE CORRECTION THAT BOB DAVIS AND RUDY TURK ATTENDED THEIR MEETING AT FRANKENMUTH INSTEAD OF MT. PLEASANT. MOTION CARRIED.

TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT:

THE TREASURER REPORTED THAT THERE WAS OVER \$47,361.45 OF DELINQUENT TAXES FOR HOPE. THIS IS THE MOST EVER FOR OUR TOWNSHIP AND THE BAD ECONOMY IS THE REASON FOR IT. THE COUNTY WILL PAY THE TOWNSHIP FOR THESE IN JUNE AND THEN THEY COLLECT THE INTEREST AND COLLECT THE BACK TAXES. THE CHEMICAL BANK HAS INFORMED THE TREAS. THAT THE TOWNSHIP CAN HAVE A ONE SIGNATURE CHECK IF WE WOULD LIKE. AFTER

DISCUSSION, IT WAS DECIDED THAT A TWO SIGNATURE CHECK IS MORE SECURE FOR THE TOWNSHIP. MARY MOVED TO CONTINUE WITH THE TWO SIGNATURE CHECKS AND BOB SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED. STARLEEN INFORMED TOWNSHIP THAT THE NEWSLETTER WILL BE GOING OUT THE END OF JUNE. IF ANYONE HAS SOMETHING TO PUT IN IT, THEY NEED TO GET IT TO HER. THE TREASURER WILL BE OUT OF TOWN FROM MAY 17 UNTIL MAY 30. BOB MOVED TO ACCEPT THE FINANCIAL REPORT AND MARY SECONDED, MOTION CARRIES.

OUTSTANDING BILLS:

THE LIST OF BILLS FOR MAY WAS ATTACHED TO THE MINUTES DISPERSED EARLIER. IT WAS MOVED BY BOB AND SECONDED BY STARLEEN TO PAY BILLS- A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS POLLED- BOB YES MARY YES STARLEEN YES JOANN YES AND Y YES

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

FIRE DEPT.:

FIRE CHIEF (AFTER SURGERY) WAS PRESENT TO REPORT FIRE DEPT.'S STATUS. THERE WERE 5 MEDICAL RUNS IN APRIL, 1 GRASS FIRE AND 1 HOUSE FIRE. THE RISK MANAGEMENT INSPECTOR HAS SENT 3 MAIN AREAS OF CONCERN FOR THE FIRE CHIEF TO LOOK INTO. THEY HAVE 90 DAYS TO CHECK INTO THE DRIVING RECORD OF THE PRESENT FIREMEN AND ALL FUTURE FIREMEN WILL HAVE TO BE CHECKED BEFORE BECOMING PART OF THE FIRE DEPT. THEY HAVE 120 DAYS TO START SOP'S (POLICY FOR HIRING AND RECRUITING) FUTURE FIREMEN. THEY HAVE 240 DAYS TO SET UP OTHER POLICIES FOR THE FIRE DEPT . FIRE CHIEF REQUESTED THAT THE DEPT. NEEDED A POSITIVE PRESSURE VENT FAN, THE COST FROM DOUGLAS IS @\$2285.00 AND CIRCLE K IS \$2185.00. THEY ALSO NEED A LIGHT TO GO WITH IT. THE COST WOULD BE APPROX. \$2450.00. BOB MOVED TO PURCHASE THE TWO ITEMS AND MARY JO SECONDED MOTION. A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS POLLED- STARLEEN YES MARY YES BOB YES JOANN YES AND Y YES

PARK:

THE PARK COMMISSION HAS COMPILED A LIST FOR WORK FOR THE STIMULUS WORK FORCE THAT WILL BE DIRECTED BY THE SANFORD CONSERVATION DISTRICT. THE LIST CONSISTS OF RESTORING BENCHES, PAINT ON EXTERIOR OF PAVILIONS, MULCH MOVED INTO WALK TRAIL WHERE NEEDED. THE BUDGET WAS DECIDED TO STAY THE SAME AS LAST YEAR BECAUSE OF THE ECONOMY. THE CONCRETE WALKWAY WAS UNSAFE FOR WALKING TO THE

BATHROOMS. THE BOARDS HAVE BEEN REMOVED AND CONCRETE WILL REPLACE THEM. A BID WAS SUBMITTED BY TIM SMITH AT THE COST OF \$900.00. BOB MOVED TO PAY SMITH THE \$900.00 FOR CONCRETE WORK. STARLEEN SECONDED AND A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS POLLED-

BOB YES STARLEEN YES MARY YES JOANN YES AND
Y YES

A BID OF \$1770.00 WAS RECEIVED FROM COGGINS TO ENLARGE THE DRIVEWAY INTO THE PARK. DISCUSSION WAS THAT ANOTHER BID SHOULD BE SECURED.

A BID OF \$5375.00 WAS RECEIVED FROM KJP FOR 8 OVERHEAD DOORS FOR THE PAVILIONS. THEY CAN BE USED WHEN THERE IS BAD WEATHER. BOB MOVED TO PAY THE \$5375 TO KJP FOR THE DOORS. STARLEEN SECONDED MOTION AND A ROLL CALL WAS POLLED-

MARY YES BOB YES STARLEEN YES ANDY YES JOA
NN YES

THE PARK IS MEETING IN JUNE FOR DISCUSSION CONCERNING THE ANNUAL JULY PICNIC TO BE HELD ON JULY 25, 2009. EVERYONE IS INVITED TO INPUT IDEAS FOR IT.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

DIANE WAS PRESENT TO REPORT ON THE ENABLING ACT AND HOW IT AFFECTS THE TOWNSHIP. THE ACT WILL BECOME IN EFFECT ON JULY 1, 2011. ALL ZONING AND PLANNING COMMISSIONS WILL BE KNOWN AS THE PLANNING COMMISSION. AN ORDINANCE HAS TO BE ADOPTED AND PUBLISHED STATING SUCH. THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE JUNE 3 AT 7:00PM IN TOWNHALL.

WATER REPORT:

LEE TOWNSHIP IS IN PROCESS OF GETTING THEIR WATER LINES IN. EDENVILLE TOWNSHIP IS IN PROCESS OF GETTING THEIR PUBLIC HEARINGS GOING. THE 13, THEY WILL PRESENT THEIR ASSESSMENT ROLL AND HEAR PUBLIC REMARKS. THE EDENVILLE SUPERVISOR HAS REPORTED THAT THE EDENVILLE WATER TOWER WILL HAVE ENOUGH WATER TO SERVE HOPE. THE 20 INCH WATER LINE WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE UNTIL DEC. 31, 2009.

CHAPEL/CEMETERY:

NO MEETING, BUT MARY JO REPORTED SOMEONE HAS DRIVEN THROUGH THE OLD CEMETERY AND IT NEEDS SOME REPAIRS ON THE OLD HEADSTONES. THE TOWNSHIP DOES NOT HAVE AUTHORITY TO REPAIR OR REPLACE THE HEADSTONES, MARY WILL CHECK WITH THE

HISTORICAL SOCIETY IN MIDLAND AND SEE WHAT THEY RECOMMEND. SHE WILL REPORT BACK NEXT MONTH.

TOWNSHIP CODE AUTHORITY:

TCA IS RECOMMENDING A POLICY OF HAVING RENTAL PROPERTIES INSPECTED EVERY THREE YEARS FOR HAZARD LIVING CONDITIONS. TCA IS WILLING TO DO THIS AND THE COST WILL GO TO THE HOMEOWNERS. MARY MOVED TO ADOPT THIS POLICY AND BOB SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED. THERE IS \$91,148.00 IN THE TCA'S BUDGET AT THE END OF MARCH 2009. NEXT MEETING IS MAY 18, 2009 AT 5:00PM IN COUNTY BUILDING ON SECOND FLOOR.

WIXOM LAKE IMPROVEMENT REPORT:

THERE IS A MEETING ON MAY 13, 2009.

ROAD COMMISSION:

THE COMMISSION MET ON APRIL 23, 2009 TO DECIDE IF 1 MILE OF CURTIS ROAD WOULD BE BETTER DONE THIS YEAR AND MID-GLAD CITY ROAD AND STARK ROAD DONE NEXT YEAR. JOANN WILKIE HAD PICTURES OF THE CURRENT CONDITION OF THE ROADS AND COST TO FIX THEM NOW AND FOR WAITING ANOTHER YEAR. AFTER DISCUSSION THE COMMISSION DECIDED TO CONTINUE WITH THEIR ORIGINAL FOUR YEAR ROAD PLAN. THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON AUG. 22, 2009 AT TOWNSHIP HALL.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

THE SUPERVISOR TALKED WITH POZNAK CONCERNING THE BLIGHT ON BOMBAY ROAD. THEY HAVE BEEN IN COURT ONCE AND ORDERED TO CLEAN UP THEIR MESS. IT WILL BE TAKEN TO COURT AGAIN TO GO THE NEXT STEP. THE SUPERVISOR WILL KEEP BOARD UPDATED.

NEW BUSINESS:

THE SUPERVISOR HAD OBTAINED ANOTHER BID TO DO WORK ON TOWNHALL. THE BID WAS FOR MORE AND DID NOT INCLUDE THE INSULATING OF THE WALLS. IT WAS MOVED BY MARY TO GO WITH WALKER TO DO THE WORK AND SECONDED BY BOB. A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS CALLED-
STARLEEN

yes BOB yes JOANN YES MARY YES ANDY YES

TWO BIDS FOR TOWNSHIP IMPROVEMENTS OVER \$200.00

ANDY MADE A MOTION THAT ANY IMPROVEMENTS TO THE TOWNSHIP OVER \$200.00 (PREVIOUS MOTION ACCEPTED) WILL BE REQUIRED TO HAVE TWO COMPETITIVE BIDS. IT WAS SECONDED BY MARY AND MOTION CARRIED.

DINNER/MEETING AT HOMER SAFETY FACILITY;

BOB MOVED TO PAY EXPENSES FOR THOSE ATTENDING THE MEETING AT HOMER ON JUNE 4, 2009. IT WAS SECONDED BY ANDY AND MOTION CARRIED. THOSE ATTENDING ARE- BOB & KAREN, ANDY & MARGE, DIANE VAUGHN, ANN & CLIFF BLAKE, AND JOANN & TONY WILKIE.

BUDGET MEETING:

MAY 19, 2009, UNLESS NECESSARY TO MOVE. @6:00PM

ADJOURNED @9:26PM
HOPE TOWNSHIP CLERK
JOANN WILKIE