

## Hope Township Board Meeting

November 10, 2009

7:00pm, Hope Township Fire Hall

### Hope Township Board Members:

Andy Kobisa, Supervisor, Present

JoAnn Wilkie, Clerk, Present

Starleen Heath, Treas., Present

Mary Jo Letts, Trustee, Absent (arrived @8:00p.m.)

Bob Davis, Trustee, Present

Visitors list with clerk's copy

### Call To Order:

The Supervisor called the meeting to order by leading the pledge to the flag at 7:00pm.

### Business from the floor:

The road work for 2010 was brought before the Board. The Township Road Commission had a split vote between Hull and Baker Roads. Both roads are up to grade and ready for paving. The clerk asked for the minutes from the Road Board meeting to be read. Jim Hockameyer read the October 29, 2009 minutes. Discussion was held from the audience as to why each road should be paved. Jim explained that the monies available for next year would be \$148,000.00 or \$158,000.00. This would be enough to pave one mile of road but not both. The clerk asked which of the two roads was prepared the earliest to be paved. Jim responded that Hull Road was done in 2007 and Baker Rd. in 2008. The cost of paving Hull Road is \$114,305.00 and the cost for Baker Road is \$107,000.00. JoAnn moved to pave Hull Road in 2010 and Baker Road in 2011. Bob seconded the motion and a roll call vote was called-

Starleen no    Andy yes    Bob no    JoAnn yes

Because a tie vote was voted, the Board will wait until Mary Letts arrives to cast her vote to break the tie.

### REGULAR BOARD MEETING CONTINUED:

Jim Hockameyer reported that Matt Smith no longer is interested in being involved with the Township Road Commission. The Supervisor asked if anyone in the audience was interested . Terry Chrvia indicated that he was. Andy made the motion to appoint Terry to the Township Road

Commission. JoAnn seconded and the motion carried. Jim will let Terry know when the next meeting will be. Terry will be sworn in at that time.

Clerk's Minutes from Oct. 13, 2009:

The minutes had been distributed earlier. Steven Clark stated that he and John Tanner were at the last meeting, representing Rowe's Inc. It is noted that Gray Chambers is secretary of the Township Water Commission instead of Randy Hock. Coggins Co. is cleaning up the rubbish at the Wall property on Bombay Road. **The Township Park will be closing Nov. 30, 2009, instead of the stated Oct. 31, 2009.** With these corrections, Bob Davis made the motion to approve the minutes and Starleen seconded motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Starleen and Starla went to the Treas. seminar at Battle Creek. They found the information that pertains to the Township taxes very helpful. One item of interest was to make sure you have the right tax parcel number when you pay. The treas. is not responsible for these mistakes and cannot refund the money. Another item was if the tax payer pays more than the right amount it cannot be refunded. The Treasurer cannot write a check to refund the difference. If it goes to the county, the county can decide. The State Treasurer Department is still working on collecting taxes once a year. They would take into consideration the farmers that do not get their income until later. The Treasurer will collect taxes until March 1, 2010. March 2, delinquent taxes go to the county. **There is a drop box at the treasurer's house for taxes. No appointment is necessary. Also, during tax time, the post office box at the post office is emptied everyday.**

Bob moved and JoAnn seconded to accept the Treasurer's financial report. A roll call vote was polled-

Starleen yes    Bob yes    JoAnn yes    Andy yes

Outstanding Bills:

The outstanding bills for the General Fund, Solid Waste Fund and the Fire Dept. Fund. was dispersed with the minutes. Bob moved and Starleen seconded to pay the bills. A roll call vote was polled-

Bob yes    Starleen yes    JoAnn yes    Andy yes    bills will be paid

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Fire Department:

There were 9 runs in October. 7 were medical and 2 fire runs. There is another firemen to be appointed next month. The fire hall has a drainage problem. One company was suggested, City Sewer Cleaners of Saginaw, John will check into them. The Fire Dept. needs an antivirus system for 3 computers. The Supervisor will check into what is available for the best deal. Fire Chief stated they need a Cost Recovery Ordinance. Clerk stated the Fire Dept. has one in place and will get copy to John. The fire hall ceiling has been insulated and now there needs to have vents put in the ends of building to let it breathe. The Supervisor had two bids to open at this time.-

KJP, Co. labor and 2-24 x 24 vents-- \$485.00

Walker Construction labor and 2- 24 x 24 vents-- \$350.00

Fire Chief agreed with the bid from Walker Construction. Bob made motion to accept Walker's bid. It was seconded by Starleen and a roll call vote was polled-

Bob yes      Andy yes      Starleen yes      JoAnn yes      Andy will contact Co.

Park Commission:

Karen Davis reported the Midland Area Foundation has requested an ending report of where the Foundation's grant money was spent. She has the report ready to be sent out. The commission will not meet again until March 2, 2010. The Park Facilities are winterized for cold weather. November 30 is the closing date of the park this year.

Planning Commission:

The Planning Commission held a Public Hearing Nov. 4, 2009. There was no one present for comments concerning the Master Plan finalization. A letter had been received from the Midland County Planning Commission and the comments were presented at the meeting. Don Hamilton from Lapham, Inc. was present and addressed all the concerns and comments. The Resolution to accept the Master Plan was approved and will be sent to the Township Board. The Public Hearing was closed and the Regular Meeting was opened. Commission decided to forward the changes to the Zoning Ordinances to the Midland County Planning Commission for their review.

## **Mary Letts arrived @8:00pm**

It was the consensus of the Board to play the recorded part of the meeting concerning the road work to be done in 2010 for Mary. Afterwards the motion was read and the clerk called for Mary's yes or no to the motion. Mary voted yes to road work to be done on Hull Road in 2010 and road work to be done on Baker Road in 2011. Motion carried. Hull Road will be done in 2010.

### Water Commission:

The question and answer sheet is available on the website along with the petition for or against water in Hope Twp. There will be an informational meeting on Thurs., Nov. 12 for questions and answers from the public and review for anyone that would like to help take petitions around the community. The cutoff date for getting petitions back to Townships is Dec. 31, 2009. It was reviewed that all signatures on the property deed must be on the petition or it will not count. If one spouse has deceased than a death certificate must be presented to prove that signature is not needed.

### Chapel / Cemetery:

No meeting until spring.

### Township Code Authority:

October 25 was the meeting. There were 26 building permits for Hope from Jan. through Oct. 2009. Thomas Craycroft is the new Building Inspector. He is on a 90 day try out.

Starla Jordan raised the question of how the Township will be handling the rental inspections. The Township had voted to turn over the inspections to the Township Code Authority. Bob will get more information on the rules at next meeting.

### Wixom Lake improvement Board Report:

Done until spring.

### Unfinished Business:

Bob moved to have Ron Thompson continue as the Webmaster for our Township website. Starleen seconded and the motion carried.

### Wall property

Coggins is waiting for the legal amounts of days to finish cleaning rubbish at Bombay Road. It is starting to look improved from Coggin's work.

New Business:

MCTOA'S DINNER MEETING

Bob moved to pay for the dinner/meeting to be held at Hotel H on Dec. 3, 2009. Starleen seconded and motion carried.

Those planning on attending are-

Andy & Marge, Bob & Karen, Starleen & Phil, Starla & Jody and Ann Blake.

Starleen moved to pay expenses for JoAnn and Ann to attend a training class in Lansing Dec. 10, 2009. Bob seconded and motion carried. The class is to have the QV Lite put on Ann's computer and learn how to use it.

Bob moved to pay expenses for the Supervisor to attend seminar at Frankenmuth on Dec.9, 2009. It was seconded by mary and motion carried.

Adjourned at 9:19pm

JoAnn Wilkie

Township Clerk