

Hope Township Board Meeting
Hope Township Hall
August 10, 2010- 7:00P.M.

Board Members Present: Andy Kobisa, Supervisor
JoAnn Wilkie, Clerk
Starleen Eddy, Treasurer
Mary Jo Letts, Trustee (absent)
Bob Davis, Trustee

Visitors: List with Clerk's copy

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00P.M. The Supervisor led those present to the pledge to the flag.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

Randy Hock complimented Don and Diane Dice for their care at the park. The park looks great this season. Gene Smith stated that a neighbor of theirs was impressed with the Fire Dept. 's quick response and getting the fire out.

CLERK'S MINUTES:

The minutes from the July meeting had been dispersed earlier. With the correction that Hope Township has received their qualifying letter instead of approved for the grant, Bob moved to accept the motion and Starleen seconded it. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT:

Bob moved to accept the financial report, which had been dispersed earlier. JoAnn seconded it and motion carried.

OUTSTANDING BILLS:

A list of the outstanding bills for the General, Solid Waste and Fire Dept. had been 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

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Fire Dept.:

The Fire Chief has applied for two federal grants, 1) \$4500.00 for radio and 2) equipment for \$7000.00. The \$4500.00 would be a 15% matching fund and the \$7000.00 would be a 10% matching fund.

Bob moved the matching funds be used from the Matthews Special Fund. Starleen seconded and a roll call vote was polled-

Starleen yes JoAnn yes Bob yes Andy yes

There were 9 runs in July. Some of the thoughts for the funds from the Matthews are a rescue van. It would be larger and possible could be setup to be used for brush fires. It will depend on the water project as to what kind of vehicle the fire dept. will have to purchase. They are continuing to brainstorm for other ideas.

PARK COMMISSION:

This year's picnic was a huge success. There was estimated to be around 160 people attending. Donations of \$33.44 were received at picnic. The break in at the park the night before was unfortunate as they broke and stole some of the prizes. The park commission substituted \$5.00 a piece for the prizes. It was suggested to have a speaker system at the picnic as it was hard to hear the announcer talking. The cement to connect the walking trail will be done when park closes for the season. The walk behind trimmer is broken, checking into paying to have it fixed or purchase a new one. Jim reported it is hard to find a new walk behind trimmer so will go with repairing the old one for now. The light on the pavilion was broken again. Possible thinking of applying for grants again, but need help so one person doesn't have to do it all. A sign stating dogs must be on a leash in the park should be purchased soon. People are letting their dogs loose and someone could get bitten. Larry Maxwell will check into signs.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

The planning commission has decided to go with the master plan as it is. All the new suggestions can be added to the next edition when it has to be redone. Solar and windmills energy was discussed and will be studied for more information concerning the impact on townships. Outdoor wood furnaces will need to be checked into for impact on township. The snowmobile ordinance needs to have more information concerning insurance liability for ditches and roadways. We can check with some of the townships and towns that already have legal snowmobiling

WATER DISTRICT:

Gene Smith was present as the chairperson for Hope's Water Commission. He introduced the water Board, present was-Ed Briggs, Randy Hock, Tom Clark and Ray Chambers. There were other volunteers, who went door to door with the water petitions. A special thank you for their hard work. Gene Smith, as chairperson of the water board, made the recommendation that the Hope Township Board proceed to bring water into the township. The petitions have been reviewed and certified that over 60% of Hope Township wants water brought in. The petitions can be seen by contacting the clerk. A time will be set up and two township officials will be present when they are reviewed. Copies are \$1.00 a sheet.

HOPE TOWNSHIP WATER SPECIAL ASSESSMENT

DISTRICT #1-RESOLUTION #1-2010

It was moved by JoAnn and seconded by Bob to proceed with the special assessment district with Water District #1. A roll call vote was polled-

Bob yes Starleen yes JoAnn yes Andy yes

A Public hearing date will be set. Different dates were discussed and Sept. 8, 2010 at 7:00P.M. was decided for the first public hearing. It will be published in the paper and put on our township website. A question was asked concerning mileage paid to Randy Hock for the miles he traveled collecting the signed petitions. The supervisor contacted MTA and any Board or Commission member can collect for mileage for work they are doing for the township. The other members did not wish to collect mileage.

CHAPEL/CEMETERY COMMISSION;

Floyd Andrick was present to report for the cemetery work being accomplished. There were two bids for removing the large pine tree in the old cemetery. Mid-Michigan's was....\$1500.00 and Trees Extracted was \$1175.00. The two also bid on trimming and getting the limbs and trees cleared upto 6 or 7 foot off the ground. Mid-Michigan's was \$1200.00 and Trees Extracted was \$375.00. Bob moved to accept the bid from Tree's Extracted for both projects. Starleen seconded and the motion carried.

JOHN MOOLENAR was present and talked about running for the State Representative for our District. John's comments were the two main parties are going to have to figure out how to work together for the people and not what's in it for me.

(Back to cemetery/chapel report)

Brett Witte put in requests for \$10.00 a piece for hand cleaning 350 headstones in old cemetery and 100 headstones in new cemetery. Also, a request for \$10.00 a piece for sealing the same headstones to preserve them. Bob moved and Starleen seconded to accept the prices. Motion carried.

Brett also made a request for \$600.00 to clear out brush and old trees and trim up the trees to 7 foot off the ground, on the Westside of the driveway coming into old cemetery. Bob moved to accept price and Starleen seconded, motion carried.

Floyd got two bids for a sound system for the chapel. Invisions, included two mikes, amp, 4 speakers to be placed on wall, and a DVD player for \$971.00. Best Buy's price was \$2792.00 for same. Bob moved to go with Invisions and Starleen seconded motion. Motion carried.

Floyd commented on what a great job, Kelly Nankervis did on The Midland Daily News story. He commented on some of the other projects the commission is looking into. Floyd has contacted a company in Lansing concerning a Veterans Memorial. It was suggested to have a Firemen's memorial also. Floyd will look into it. A sign for both the old and new cemeteries is being considered also.

TOWNSHIP CODE AUTHORITY:

The July meeting Andy covered for Bob. The Township has to decide if we want the Code Authority to do inspections on the rental places in Hope Township. The cost is \$60.00 for inspection and \$30.00 if another inspection is needed. The inspections are required every 3 years or when renters move. Bob, JoAnn and Andy-all yes, Starleen-no. Motion carries. The next meeting is August 26 at 5:00PM.

WIXOM LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD REPORT:

Ed Briggs was present and reported there have been more complaints concerning the spraying of the lake. There had to be more spot treatments to not destroy the local weeds. Areas where it is shallow there is more weeds. DEQ is watching spraying closely.

ROAD ADVISORY COMMISSION:

The Road Commission had a meeting on July 22, 2010. There was about \$20,000.00 to use elsewhere then Baker and Hull Roads. They recommended that Grace Ct and Richmond Dr be seal coated this year. Bob moved to seal coat Grace Ct. and Richmond Dr., Starleen seconded the motion and it carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Our insurance policy expired on Aug.1st. Burnham & Flowers and Bailey's both gave a quote for the Township coverage. After discussion, Bob moved to go with Burnham & Flowers. Starleen seconded and a roll call vote was polled-

JoAnn yes Bob yes Starleen yes Andy yes All yes, clerk will notify

Hope Township Clerk

JoAnn Wilkie