

Hope Township Board Meeting

July 13, 2010, 7:00P.M.

Hope Township Hall

Board Members Present:

Andy Kobisa, Supervisor  
JoAnn Wilkie, Clerk  
Starleen Eddy, Treasurer  
Mary Letts, Trustee  
Bob Davis, Trustee

Visitors with clerk's copy:

CALL TO ORDER:

The Supervisor informed audience that he was recording the minutes. The Supervisor led those present to the pledge to the flag.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

There was no business from the floor.

CLERK'S MINUTES:

The minutes from the June meeting had been dispersed earlier. It was moved by Bob and seconded by Starleen to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT:

Starleen had dispersed the financial reports earlier. She reported the tax monies are coming in. It was moved by JoAnn and seconded by Mary to accept the financial report. Motion carried.

OUTSTANDING BILLS:

The list of outstanding bills for the General, Fire Dept. and Solid Waste had been handed out earlier. It was moved by Mary and seconded by Bob to pay the bills. A roll call vote was polled-

Bob yes      Mary yes      Starleen yes      JoAnn yes      Andy yes

Bills will be paid.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

HAZARDIOUS COST RECOVERY ORDINANCE

If there is a hazardous spill and our department is involved in the cleanup, we would be able to charge the responsible party for our cost. If there is not an ordinance in place no charge can be collected.

It was moved by JoAnn and seconded by Bob to adopt the Hazardous cost recovery ordinance. Motion carried.

There were 5 runs in June. The required annual testing on the fire trucks has been completed by Circle K. There is to be a county wide auction sale on Sept. 18, 2010. The Department is going through any old items that we do not use and put them in the auction. John requested \$400.00 from the petty cash. The Fire Department has been reimbursed from the barn fire.

PARK COMMISSION:

The park picnic is coming up July 24. Karen contacted Mark Musselman for bouncy house. JoAnn contacted Angie Sharp for Barrel Ride. Andy got the trophies. Karen and Starla are going food and prize shopping tomorrow. Minnie Havens will be turning 100 in Dec. The Township will be honoring Minnie at the picnic. JoAnn will order special cake, get a corsage and a dozen roses. Floyd will make a large card for everyone to sign. Wilbur will get a variety of pictures of his Mother through the years. Kelly Nankervis Dame will be here from the Midland Daily News to do a special on the picnic and the Memorial service for Eleanor Wilson Matthews and her sister Mary Wilson Vaughn. Lawrence and Eleanor Matthews left to the Township cemetery/chapel and the Fire Dept. \$109,000.00 each. The Township is very grateful to the Matthews for remembering them JoAnn will pick up 15 gift certificates for the picnic at \$10.00 each. It was reported that Phylis Cleaverhaven donated \$50.00 to the park. There has been no vandalism lately. The mower deck needed some repair and Don repaired it. Starla is having a problem with changing the address to where Lowe's bill will be mailed. Andy will check into it. Discussion was held on fencing in the Shearer Road side of the park. The walkway is closer to the road and a child could run into the road or someone could do harm from the road. It was decided the financing is not available in this year's budget so will be tabled at this time.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

The next meeting will be Wed., Aug 4, 2010, 7:00P.M. Discussion was held on Diane Vaughn getting paid extra for work on the Zoning Ordinance. Everyone has been working extra time getting things done for the Township. Because we cannot pay everyone for all the extra work that is done, it is better to treat all the same. The Board does appreciate all the extra work that Diane and the Planning Commission put in to get the Zoning Ordinance done. Andy made a motion to not pay extra compensation to Diane and Starleen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

WATER DISTRICT:

- 1) The lawsuit between Lee Township and Water Dist. #1 is not settled yet.
- 2) RESOLUTION TO HIRE ENGINEERS FOR HOPE'S WATER PROJECT.  
Hope has been approved for a \$1.6 million dollar grant towards the township's water project. Our attorney, Mr. Fahey, concerning water projects has recommended Civil Engineers as the engineers that had the best bid and also concerning the bidding procedure. The bidding information had to be completed accurately and turned into Mr. Fahey's office.

RESOLUTION TO HIRE CIVIL ENGINEERS FOR HOPE'S WATER PROJECT 2010-7-1

It was moved by Andy and seconded by Bob to hire Civil Engineers for the Water Project.  
A roll call vote was called-

Mary yes      JoAnn yes      Bob yes      Starleen yes      Andy yes

Resolution carries.

CHAPEL/CEMETERY:

It is noted that the chapel was completed in 1999, 14 years ago. There have been many compliments about it. Floyd Andrick was present to report about the chapel commission meeting. There was two bids to talk about concerning the actual restoring the headstones. One the company was not interested in doing the foundation work and would be able to only replace some of the headstones at \$350-\$400.00 for each one replaced. Ron and Brett Witte submitted a bid for around \$8000.00 for restoring headstones, putting in new foundations and try and straighten up the tipping and sinking headstones. There was some work that needed to be done on a one by one case. This bid was \$2000.00 for materials and \$6250.00 for labor. This was to redo 130 to 140 monuments. Brett bid \$2500.00 for removing the scrubs and little trees from around the headstones. This brought the bid to \$10,750.00. The Board decided to give leeway to repair and replace more foundations so the bid was to go up to \$13750.00. Mary made the motion to allow up to \$13750.00 to be used from the Matthews Fund for the cemetery work. It was seconded by Starleen and a roll call vote was polled-

Bob yes      Mary yes      JoAnn yes      Starleen yes      Andy yes

Floyd will contact Wittes.

BIDS FOR REMOVAL OF TREES FROM OLD AND NEW CEMETERIES

Two bids were received for the removal of trees from the old and new cemeteries. Trees Excavated bid, \$1790.00 and Mid-Michigan Tree Service bid, \$1300.00. Bob made the motion to accept the bid from Mid Michigan Tree Service. Mary seconded and a roll call vote was called-

Mary yes      Star yes      JoAnn yes      Bob yes      Andy yes

Bid for brush hogging by right hand side of old Cemetery

JoAnn asked three people for bids for brush hogging the area that Lawrence Matthews had cleared out several years ago. Elgin Childs said his brush hog was not in good working

condition, Brett Witte did not reply with bid and Randy Wilkie put in bid for \$65.00. Bob made motion to accept the bid and Mary seconded motion. Motion carried.

Some other mentions to be used by the Matthew's fund were – Veteran's memorial, Memorial cement benches, sound system for chapel. More discussion will be held at next meeting. Andy mentioned the State will not allow cemetery signs to be placed on state roads.

WIXOM LAKE IMPROVEMENT REPORT:

The Supervisor reported the DEQ has made sure the spraying of the lake has not disturbed the natural plants of Wixom Lake. They are keeping a close watch on the spraying operation.

ROAD ADVISORY COMMISSION:

The Road advisory commission will be meeting July 22, 2010 to decide if any other work will be done besides Baker Road this year. Baker Road work will be started in Sept. Baker Rd. will cost \$147,000.00 and that will leave \$39,000 to \$40,000.00 to do other work.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1) Finish work for picnic and memorial service on Sat., July 24, 2010.
- 2) Pictures and article for Midland Daily News.
- 3) Finish Minnie's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday plans.

NEW BUSINESS:

MCTOA'S Fair Booth schedule- 4:00-6:00pm—JoAnn & Starleen, Starla floater

6:00-8:00pm—Andy & Bob

Township Code Authority is willing to do inspections on rental properties.

Prices-

Single.....\$60.00 ea,

Multiple...\$50.00 per unit

Board members need to read proposal, tabled until next month. Next meeting is July 22, 2010 @5:00P.M.

Bob moved-Meeting adjourned-8:57 P.M.

Hope Township Clerk

