

HOPE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
HOPETOWNSHIP HALL- 7:00P.M.

NOVEMBER 9, 2010

BOARD MEMBERS:

SUPERVISOR, ANDY KOBISA  
CLERK, JOANN WILKIE  
TREASURER, STARLEEN EDDY  
TRUSTEE, MARY LETTS  
TRUSTEE, BOB DAVIS

CALL TO ORDER:

The Supervisor called the meeting to order by leading the pledge to the flag. He announced he was recording the meeting.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

Natalie Braden was present from Burnham and Flowers to present the Board a review of their pension plan. Natalie had a plan from Nationwide and how it would work for our Board members, which are paying the pension plan instead of social security. This plan is only for government workers. The Board is deciding on what to do concerning the new changes with our present company, John Hancock. Ms. Braden will be back next month to set up the accounts and answer any more questions.

CLERK'S MINUTES:

The minutes had been dispensed earlier from the Oct. 12, 2010 meeting. It was moved by Mary and seconded by Bob to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The treasurer gave the financial report as of Oct. 31, 2010. Including that the last revenue sharing was up from what the Township had been getting. Bob moved and Mary seconded to accept the report. Motion carried.

OUTSTANDING BILLS:

A list of solid waste, General and Fire Dept. bills had been attached to the minutes. Bob moved and Starleen seconded to pay the bills. A roll call vote was called-

Mary yes      Starleen yes      Bob yes      JoAnn yes      Andy yes

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

FIRE DEPT.:

There were 8 total fire calls in Oct. 5 medical, 2 downed trees and 1 downed power line. There was a good turnout for the appreciation dinner. Fire Dept. has one fireman in training and two more interested in joining department. The firemen are working on updating and replacing any 911 signs . The Fire Chief requested

that if anyone knew of any signs that needed repairing or replacing to notify him. Fire Chief is checking out more equipment. The Dept. plans on replacing #350, the water tanker. It is 30 years old and costs more for upkeep. The Township needs a Turn-A-Round Ordinance. The subdivisions, such as the Birches, need to be checked out for road clearance for fire trucks. Supervisor and Fire Chief will look into what is needed. Former Supervisor, Mike Kressler had taken care of the situation before, but we need to make sure the roads are wide enough and the fire trucks have clearance.

PARK COMMISSION:

The commission has decided to table indefinitely, the cement connection at the driveway. There has been more vandalism at the park since it was closed. It was noted the vandals came though the park by Shearer Road. They broke the lights above the pavilion again. It is being discussed about putting another taller pole with the light at the top beyond reach. The commission will not meet again until March unless an emergency comes up Supervisor will check to see if the dog lease signs and reward signs are done yet. The Park Commission has decided if someone from outside the Township, would like to reserve the park, it will be a twenty five dollar (\$25.00) donation. Residents from Hope Township will get first consideration.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

The Commission met on Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>. They set their meeting schedule for 2011. It will be posted on the outside of the town hall. They are going to continue to look into the snowmobile ordinance. It was noted that the changes for the zoning ordinance was never approved by the Township Board. It was tabled until all members could read the changes being voted on.

WATER DISTRICT:

THE RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR THE COUNTY'S SUPPORT IN HOPE'S WATER DISTRICT

It was moved by JoAnn Wilkie and seconded by Bob Davis to approve the Resolution. A roll call vote was called-

Mary yes      Starleen yes      Bob yes      JoAnn yes      Andy yes

MOTION CARRIES.

Lee Township is continuing its appeal against Water District #1. It will go back to court. Hope Township is on hold until Rural Development decides whether they will support Hope in its water project.

CEMETERY/CHAPEL REPORT:

Floyd Andrick gave report on work on cemetery. There was 12 items that had to be finished to call work done. Floyd contacted Brett Witte and the job was completed. Everything that has been done came to \$29,000.00. That includes foundations, headstones cleaned and sealed and straightened where needed. Tree removal and black dirt applied where needed. The trees and ground area cleaned and trimmed up to 6 foot off ground. This also included putting in a sound system in the chapel and a cd player for the music. There is approximately \$80,000.00 to be put in a money fund to draw interest for the next work. Floyd will look into getting a design for the Veterans monument and Firemen's monument for

next year. All that is left for this year is to burn brush piles when snow is on the ground. A final \$1008.00 was added to the Matthew's Fund. This amount was also given to the Fire Department.

TOWNSHIP CODE AUTHORITY:

Bob Davis was out of town so Andy went to the meeting for him. The inspections have been settled with Lee Township. The Rental Inspection has gone back to lawyer for further wording agreement. The Supervisor invited Wendy Faber to set in on the TCA meetings. She could share some of her ideas with them. The next meeting is on Nov. 18, at the County Building. The time is 5:30P.M.

WIXOM LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD REPORT:

The meeting is set for November 10, 2010 at Billings Township Hall.

ROAD COMMISSION:

The bills for the road work were sent by the County Road Commission. Both of the projects came in under budget. Baker Road being asphalted was \$60988.51 and 5 mile Road, Richmond and Grace Ct. being seal coated came to \$12,590.20 for a total of \$73888.28.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

The MCTOA dinner/meeting will be held Dec. 2 at the Holiday Inn. It was moved by Bob and seconded by Starleen to pay for the Board members and deputies and guests to attend.

Bob yes Starleen yes Mary yes Jo Ann yes Andy yes ALL YES

Starleen made a motion to nominate Bob Davis for Outstanding official of the year to MCTOA executive officials. Andy seconded and motion carried.

It was moved by Bob and seconded by Starleen to approve the 2010-2011 Budget for the special funds of the Road Millage, Matthews Cemetery/Chapel Fund and Matthews Special Fire Dept. Fund. Motion carried. The auditor needs this info for the audit.

Bob moved to adjourn 8:20P.M.

JoAnn Wilkie

Hope Township Clerk

