

HOPE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
HOPETOWNSHIP HALL-

APRIL12, 2011, 7:00PM

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

VISITORS:

List with Clerk's

CALL TO ORDER:

The supervisor called the meeting to order by leading those present to the pledge to the flag.

BUSINESS FROM FLOOR:

The minutes from the March 8, 2011 meeting had been distributed earlier. Mary moved to approve the minutes and Bob seconded the motion. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The Treasurer had passed out the reports earlier. After discussion concerning the Road Fund balance, Mary moved to accept the report with the Road Fund to be checked out. Bob seconded the motion and it carried.

OUTSTANDING BILLS:

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

Mary yes Bob yes JoAnn yes Starleen yes Andy yes

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

FIRE DEPT.:

8 runs in March-5 medical, 2 lift assists, 1 public assist. Truck 941 had the transmission repaired. There was a crack in the case. There is a six month warranty on the transmission. ABSOLUTELY NO BURN TIME from the State. John would like a key to gate of park. The park property is one of the helicopter sites for emergency lifts. The motorcycle accident on Sun. almost needed a helicopter lift to hospital. Jim will see John gets a key to park. Equipment needed for the water rescue- 10 vests at \$35.00 ea., and throw ropes. Cost is \$350 for vests and \$250 for ropes, John will order them. The 2011 projects John would like to get working on are 1) floor of fire hall and 2) leveling and repairing parking lot. This had been approved at March's meeting.

The Park Commission met at Fire Hall on April 6 for its meeting. Consumers do not install light poles for use anymore. They contract out for their own poles. Jim will pick up pole needed for new light at park. They will contact licensed electrician to see what they can do and what electrician needs to do. Max Guersey from Beaverton was suggested. The doors on the pavilion have been kept down for wind and rain protection, only one person has asked for them to be put up. The consensus was to leave them down unless requested otherwise. Jim checked with Road Commission and they will brine park driveway again this year. Jim requested they send bill to clerk. The playground equipment has been inspected and readied for the summer play. The tractor is getting ready for mowing season. JoAnn was present to talk about the state program where free food can be supplied from the Townships this year. One area that was suggested is parks. Starla will be looking into it to see how much time and area is needed. What the township responsible would be. It was decided if it is a benefit to our community it is worth checking out.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

The Commission will be meeting on May 4 at 7:00PM. Discussion will be held concerning the wind turbines and snowmobile ordinances.

WATER DISTRICT:

There has been no new news on the law suit between Lee Township and Water Dist.#1. We are still waiting for information concerning the grant. The budget cuts at the state level will have an impact on the amount Hope will get.

CHAPEL COMMISSION:

The brush pile at Old Hope Cemetery has been burned, thanks to Floyd Andrick. Floyd stayed until 5:00p.m. getting all the piles burned. The air conditioner was tore apart for the copper part. The Sheriff's deputy was called and a report filed. JoAnn has contacted our insurance co. and will see it is fixed. We have a \$250.00 deductable. The chapel commission will be meeting shortly in May to decide projects and enclosing the air conditioner from more vandalism.

TOWNSHIP CODE AUTHORITY:

The TCA cancelled its meeting because of the winter snowstorm that hit the Midland area. The next meeting will be April 28 at the County Building.

WIXOM LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD:

The Board had its first meeting March 9, 2011. The DNR will tell them what permits and chemicals can be used. The next meeting will be the first of May.

TOWNSHIP ROAD COMMISSION:

Jim contacted DePak at the County Road Commission. The price quoted for paving Hull Road is \$14,000.00 higher than last year. Hull Road drainage looks like it is working and will be ready for paving this year. The State has reduced the amount the County will receive for sharing with the Townships.

They had predicted that Hope would have \$36,981, and that is now \$34,981.00. Which means the township will have \$2,000.00 less matching funds from the County. Elgin Childs resigned effective March 24, 2011. It was moved by Bob to accept Elgin's resignation and seconded by Starleen, motion carried. The Township Board will consider a replacement at the May meeting. There will be approximately \$25,000.00 that the commission will carry over for the 2012 work season. The 2012 road work will be decided in the spring of 2012.

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

1) Kenny Bradfield has submitted a PA116 application for the Board to approve. It was moved by Bob and seconded by Starleen to approve the application. The motion carried and the clerk will send it into the State for approval.

2) MTA District spring conference, It will be held at the Doubletree Hotel in Bay City. The date is Thursday, May 19,2011. The clerk will make reservations for Mary, Starleen, Starla, JoAnn, Ann and Andy. Bob will contact clerk if he is attending.

3) There will be a free scrap tire Collection at the Midland Recycle Building, 4305 E. Ashman St., on May 21, (8:00-12:00 noon) you must have an appointment and a limit of 20 tires without rims will be free. Without an appointment and rims on tires will have a charge.

4) The Board is continuing to set up a senior concern list, where every senior will be contacted everyday to make sure they are okay. If you know of someone that should be on the list, please contact one of the Board members.

5) Mary Jane Henry is working on a fund raiser for the Fire Dept. expansion project. She is going to contact the pastors from area churches for setting up mail boxes to collect bottle deposits and donations.

6) There is a transportation summit meeting in Mt. Pleasant. Those planning on attending are Jim Hockameyer, Bob Davis and Andy Kobisa. The cost is free but reservations are required.

ADJOURNED AT 8:19 P.M.

JOANN WILKIE, HOPE TWP. CLERK

