

HOPE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
HOPE TOWNSHIP HALL
AUGUST 9, 2011, 7:00P.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

VISITORS:

LIST WITH CLERK

CALL TO ORDER:

The Supervisor led those present to the pledge to the flag at 7:00 p.m.

BUSINESS FROM FLOOR:

Discussion was held concerning the gravel and dirt roads not getting graded. Road Commission was aware of it and has taken care of roads.

CLERK'S MINUTES:

The minutes from the July meeting had been distributed earlier. It was moved by Bob and seconded by Mary to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT:

The financial reports were handed out earlier. It was moved by Bob and seconded by Mary to accept the financial report.

THE OUTSTANDING BILLS:

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

Starleen yes Bob yes Mary yes JoAnn yes Andy yes

FIRE DEPT:

John reported there were 6 runs in July, they were 3 medical, 1 mutual aid with Edenville, 1 good intent (cancelled en route), 1 public assist. There are two firemen going to attend fire training, they are Will Bates and Jeff Couture. The fire dept. needs a training defibalyzer to train with. The cost is between \$950.00 and \$1000.00. Burnham and Flowers, our insurance company is going to start granting money for items such as this. Will be checking this out to see how soon we can apply. John got bids for redoing the cement around the fire hall especially in front of the bays. There was a difference between the concrete and asphalt and how far this would cover. The bids ranged from \$7900.00, \$11,286.00, (concrete and \$\$12,700.00 and \$11,500.00 for asphalt. It was decided to table this until next month when we could have more complete information. John will get more detailed costs by next month.

AUXILIARY: There have been teddy bears and dolls offered for donation for when the Fire Dept. goes out on a run and a child needs something for security. They will be taking advertising for the auxiliary projects to the fairgrounds to advertise them. They will be having a rummage sale, Bake sale and pop bottle drive on Aug. 25, 26 and 27th. Everyone is encouraged to attend and help the Fire Dept. There will be a soup and salad and dessert luncheon on the 14 and 15 Th of Oct. The appreciation dinner will be held on October 22 at the fire hall. It was suggested for the township and fire dept. to go half to purchase a light-up sign to advertise all the events coming up. Starleen moved the motion and JoAnn seconded it. A roll call vote was polled-

Mary yes Bob yes JoAnn yes Starleen yes Andy yes

The picnic was a huge success this year and there were a lot of people there. The bids for the lawn mower were opened and Gene Smith purchased the lawn mower for \$350.00. The name plates on the walls of the pavilion were very nice. Larry & Tory Maxwell did a great job. Park Commission would like to pay Rudy Turk \$100.00 for the grilling and propane. They are working on bids for the roof on the bathroom storage building.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

The meeting was canceled because of not enough people to hold a majority for voting purposes. The meeting is re-scheduled for August 25 at 7:00 at town hall. The County Commissioners are meeting Aug. 23 to discuss the new law concerning quads, golf carts and orv's. If they do not pass it, it comes back to the individual townships.

WATER DISTRICT:

Civil Engineers are the engineering firm that is surveying the township for the water lines. They have a unit at both the north end and south end of the township starting their work. It is to be decided how far apart the water hydrants are to be placed. M-30's are 600 feet apart. Some townships use 1000 to 1200 feet apart.

CHAPEL-CEMETERY:

Jim has the cover for the air conditioner at the chapel finished. Andy and Bob will put the cement down to set it on. Then it will be attached to the building and locked to prevent theft. Jim Beck put more stonecrete in the driveway and filled in the holes in driveway.

TOWNSHIP CODE AUTHORITY:

The electrical inspector has resigned. There is a new inspector in place. There is still a problem with using the Code authority's inspector or Water District One's inspector. Trying to work out a solution. The next meeting will be Aug. 25 at County Building.

WIXOM LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD:

Bob reported that on July 21, he had the opportunity to ride with the young biologist from the dam to Billings Township studying the water. The next meeting will be Aug. 10.

TOWNSHIP ROAD ADVISORY COMMISSION:

Hull Road is completed paved. There will be \$212,000.00, going into next year's road projects. The next meeting is Sept. 15th at 7:00p.m. at the town hall.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1) Annual insurance renewal- Bob moved to go with the one million umbrella coverage and Mary seconded. A roll call vote was called-
Bob yes Starleen yes JoAnn yes Mary yes Andy yes

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) MTA has Professional Development Retreats for all offices of the Township Board. They will be held at McGuire's in Cadillac. Bob moved to allow any township official to attend the conference and Mary seconded it. Roll call vote was polled-
Starleen yes Mary yes JoAnn yes Bob yes Andy yes

Bob moved to adjourn at 8:48p.m.

Hope Township Clerk

JoAnn Wilkie