

HOPE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
HOPE TOWNSHIP FIRE HALL
FEBRUARY 8, 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'S

CALL TO ORDER:

The Supervisor called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m. by leading the pledge to the flag.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

Tim Holsworth was present to discuss with the present holders in the John Hancock pension plan the advantages of rolling over their funds to American Funds. The annual fees are much less and the startup amount and the required deposits are much less. Tim left the required forms to fill out and get back to him to complete the roll over and Mary Letts start up pension. The township has been in the pension program versus social security since 1992. The clerk will get the forms back to Tim as soon as possible.

CLERK'S MINUTES:

The minutes from the January 11, 2011 meeting had been distributed earlier. It was moved by Mary to approve the minutes and seconded by Bob. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT:

Starleen stated they will be opened from 8 a.m. until 5:00p.m. on February 28th to collect taxes before they are turned over to the county on March 1. Rose Ann Trylch notified the treasurer that her father's (Lawrence Wendt) memorials were designated to be used in the park's special fund. Starleen is going to meet with Carl Cryderman from Great Lakes Investments to transfer the \$70,000.00. It has been decided to apply half (\$35,000.00 to each option I and II). The fire chief will set up a time to meet with Carl to decide on their money to invest from the Matthews Special Fund. Bob moved to accept the financial report and Mary seconded it. Motion carried.

OUTSTANDING BILLS:

The list of outstanding bills for the General, Fire Dept. and solid waste was distributed with the clerk's minutes. Bob made the motion to pay the outstanding bills and Mary seconded. A roll-call vote was called-

Mary yes Bob yes Starleen yes JoAnn yes Andy yes

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

FIRE DEPT.:

There were 9 runs in January- 6 medical, 1 standby, 1 auto PI and 1 gas leak investigation. Mary Jo has a file cabinet for the fire dept. that the hospital was getting rid of. John will coordinate with Mary to pick it up. The price to order a new fire truck has increased in cost by \$7,000.00. John will continue to try and locate a good used condition truck. He has located a truck in Kentucky and is trying to get the time to go see it. Bill Maxwell had a heart attack and called 911. They were pleased to have the fire dept. respond and to know who was working on them until the EMS got there. Bill and Ruth stated "we have a great fire department."

PARK COMMISSION:

Starla is going to work on a DNR grant for a handicap playscape and a tot lot. Starla will contact the other members of the commission to see if they would like to help work on the application. It has been noted that there is not another handicap area for 30 miles and this would help several other communities. The application has to be in by April 1, 2011 to be considered. The amount the DNR is offering is \$7,500.00 up to \$1,000,000. The park would also have to have a good faith matching fund of 25% from the township. This possible could be money or goods.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

The meeting was cancelled because of a blizzard hitting the Hope area. The meeting will be held on Wed., Feb. 16, 2011 at 7:00p.m. at the fire hall.

WATER DEPARTMENT:

The lawsuit with Lee Township is still ongoing. Hope is waiting for answer from Rural Development on the grant amount that will be available. This will affect the cost of running the lines in the township.

CHAPEL/CEMETERY:

The committee met last month to discuss the option to invest the remaining money from the Matthews special fund. They recommended to the township board to invest \$35,000.00 in two different options. The burning of the brush at the old cemetery will be put on hold until some of

the snow has melted to get into the cemetery. Floyd Andrick will keep us posted as to when it will be a good time.

TOWNSHIP CODE AUTHORITY:

There was a special meeting on Feb. 10, 2011 concerning which inspectors would be used to inspect the water lines. Water District #1 has a different inspector than some of the townships. February 24 is the regular meeting at the county building at 5:00p.m. Supervisor needs the Hope Township Water Ordinance.

WIXOM LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD REPORT:

The meetings will resume next month.

ROAD ADVISARY COMMISSION:

It was noted that we may have to change the date for the next meeting. The fire department meets on the first and third Thursday of the month for training. Supervisor will contact Jim Hockameyer and get it posted.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mary Henry had brought a newspaper article concerning Chromium in the water. She was concerned because of the mineral causing cancer to people in Hope. She suggested an independent study. The supervisor checked with Water District #1 and found the content was not an alarming amount. An independent study would be too costly for the township, but Civil Engineers will keep us posted on the amount in the water.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mary Henry brought up the suggestion of a scholarship for Hope Township students. The supervisor appreciated the suggestion but the Board cannot use the township's money for these purposes. Midland County Townships Officials Association has a Walt Witte scholarship that is available for any Midland County student. They have to express an interest in government work of some kind in their future to apply for it. The supervisor can give her direction to get information from the association.

Bob moved at 8:01p.m. to adjourn.

JoAnn Wilkie

Hope Township Clerk

