

HOPE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
HOPE FIRE DEPT. FIRE HALL  
JANUARY 11, 2011-7:00PM

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Andy Kobisa, Supervisor  
JoAnn Wilkie, Clerk  
Starleen Eddy, Treasurer(AB)  
Mary Jo Letts, Trustee  
Bob Davis, Trustee  
Starla Jordan, Dep. Treas.

VISITORS:

List with clerk

CALL TO ORDER:

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

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

No business to come before the Board.

CLERK'S MINUTES

The minutes from the December 14, 2010 meeting had been dispersed earlier. It was moved by Mary and seconded by Bob to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Deputy Treasurer gave the financial report that had been dispersed earlier. The property taxes are coming in steadily. The Revenue Sharing from the State was \$14,599.00 for the end of Dec. 2010. The Road Fund has \$123,279.00 for 2011 road work. Bob made the motion to accept the report and Mary seconded it. Motion carried.

OUTSTANDING BILLS:

The outstanding bills for the General and Fire Dept. Funds had been dispersed with the clerk's minutes. Bob moved and Mary seconded to pay the bills. A roll call vote was polled-

Mary yes      Bob yes      JoAnn yes      Andy yes

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Fire Dept.:

The fire chief reported there were 8 runs in Dec., all were medical. There was a total of 92 runs in 2010. Which was, 56 medical, 17 fire calls,( 93 structural), 7 hazardous, 10 service calls, 2 weather calls. Jeff Couture and Will Bates have been appointed to the fire dept. Barb Richards from the Edenville Methodist Church called John to let him know they have a fund that is designated for people that have fires and need emergency money. They pay \$50.00 per person up to \$300.00 per incident. The church will be having a soup supper on Jan. 26, 2011, anyone that would like to donate money or soup can get a hold of Barb Hebner at 435-7624. John is looking for a three drawer file and a 19 inch t v. John would also like to purchase a cell phone for the fire dept. business. John is looking into another used tanker truck. The one we have could quit working any day now. Discussion was held on expanding the fire hall out to accommodate a new fire truck.

PARK COMMISSION:

Not meeting until March.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

Next meeting in February.

WATER DISTRICT:

- (1) No new news.
- (2) We should be hearing from Rural Development either in Jan. or Feb.

CHAPEL/CEMETERY COMMISSION:

- (1) We have spent approx. \$29,000.00. There is \$80,000.00 left to finish project and invest the rest.
- (2) The chapel commission recommends that we keep \$10,000.00 available for the monument and shingles will need to be replaced this year.
- (3) The invested money will earn enough interest to help projects every year.

Floyd had Carl Cryderman from Great Lakes Investment Advisors, Inc. bring some information for the Board to consider on how to invest the money. Carl's advice was Option 1 Fixed Annuity.....no fees. \$35,000.00 invested. Guaranteed rates -3% for 5 years. 10% annual free withdrawal. Option 2- No fees, min. guaranteed available-2.5%. 10% annual free withdrawal. The gains would be linked to the market index. There is a \$3500.00 bonus for signing to Option 2 for 10 years. Mary moved to go with \$35,000.00 in Option 1 and \$35,000.00 with Option 2. It was seconded by Bob and a roll call vote was called-

Mary yes      Bob yes      JoAnn yes      Andy yes

The clerk will contact Carl and get the investment transferred. Floyd is working on the memorial which will be in memory for all veterans, Firemen and Police officers from Hope Township. He would like to have this ready for a Memorial Day dedication. Andy has made two signs for the Old and New Cemeteries. The cemetery/chapel commission will meet in the spring to see where to put the new cemetery signs. The Old cemetery sign will probably go on corner of Baker and Hope Rd. The burning of the brush at the Old Cemetery will be announced within 60 days while there is still snow on the ground.

TOWNSHIP CODE AUTHORITY:

The rental agreement has been sent to the lawyer for his opinion and suggestions. The next meeting will be held on Jan. 20 at the County Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor at 5:00p.m.

WIXOM LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD REPORT:

Will meet in spring.

HOPE TWP. ROAD COMMISSION:

The Commission has set their meetings for the third Thursday of March, June and Sept. The Supervisor will make sure they get posted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- (1) Bob made the motion to re appoint the following commissions and dates for Township Board and Road Commission. Mary seconded and motion carried.

This is required by the Zoning Enabling Act of 2011.

Planning Commissions members, Mike Braley, Marge Kobisa, Diane Vaughan, Bob Davis, Rudy Turk.,

Zoning board of Appeals members, Tom Clark, Diane Vaughan and Andy Kobisa.

Hope Twp. Board meeting dates: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month.

Motion to approve the Road Comm. Meeting dates- Thursday, March 31, 7:00p.m., Thursday, June 30, 7:00p.m., Thursday, September 29, 7:00p.m.

- (2) The ordinance for no early Sunday liquor sales is not completed yet. Mary suggested tabling it until next month.

NEW BUSINESS:

- (1) Mary Henry was present and would like to donate some white birch trees for the park. They would look nice and be shade for the benches at the park. Starla explained the park commission would be meeting again in March and it would be good to have her

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input there. Mary also, brought any article concerning the minerals in the city water. She suggested an independent study be made. Supervisor will talk to Civil Engineers concerning it and the cost.

Adjourned: 8:12 P.M.

Hope Township Clerk  
JoAnn Wilkie