

HOPE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
HOPE TOWNSHIP HALL- 7:00 P. M.  
JULY 12, 2011

BOARD MEMBERS:

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 THE FLOOR:

Bob Kelly commented on taking grass material to the Midland City composting area. If they take a trailer load of grass clippings, it counts as their free load for the month. The city uses it for making black dirt and the townships are not allowed any of the dirt. Bob was questioning if there is something we can do to check on the grass clippings not counting as the free 3.5 cu load per month. There is a free week to dispose of the clippings and he would like to know when it is. Is the Township able to obtain this information?

CLERKS MINUTES:

The minutes from the June meeting had been dispersed earlier. It was moved by Bob and seconded by Starleen to accept minutes with correction that it is Karen and Starla not Starleen and Karen, shopping for supplies for the picnic. Motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT:

It was moved by Mary and seconded by Bob to accept the financial report. Motion carried. Starleen also reported the money from the Matthews fund had gained \$1000.00 in interest. More delinquent taxes were paid and more money went to all the Funds including the Road Fund.

OUTSTANDING BILLS:

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

Mary yes Bob yes JoAnn yes Starleen yes Andy yes

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

#### FIRE DEPARTMENT:

John reported there were 4 runs in June. 2 medical, 1 downed wire and 1 tree down. John had Starla give the auxiliary meeting report. The auxiliary will be operating under the fire department's insurance. They have projects to work on- car seats for infants and toddlers, quick meals for firemen, purchase drink coolers, have picnic baskets ready to go in case of emergency. They are also taking information to the fair booth to show what projects we are working on. Also, different colored fire hats for little ones. Officers were picked for the year. Lola Reisig is chairperson, Ann Blake is vice, Starleen is secretary and Starla is treasurer/historian. They will be meeting every other month at Fire Hall. All information will be posted on Township website. John reported that the asphalt around fire hall needs to be redone. It was suggested to get a bid from Tim Smith. John also got bids for walkie-talkies; it is for 6 channel walkie-talkies and can be used as pager. They cost \$265 apiece. A defibrillator (AED) is needed for fire department. Bob moved to purchase the equipment up to \$1600.00, Mary seconded and a roll call vote was called-

Mary yes Starleen yes Bob yes JoAnn yes Andy yes  
Floyd Andrick donated two hundred dollars to match what Dorothy Poublen has collected for the addition on fire hall. The license for fire department is in process. The radio bands are now 25 channels but that is going to be narrowed to 12 or 12 1/2 bands.

#### PARK COMMISSION:

Jim had received two bids for the shingles on the pavilion. They are JD Crew Co.-\$2780.00 and Rich St. Louis-\$2300.00. It was decided to check on a steel roof before making a decision. They will last up to 40 years. The new lawnmower has been purchased. It is a 2010 Cub Cadette 50 inch cut with 25 hp. The park commission is requesting bids on the old mower and they will be opened at township picnic. Andy will put on website.

#### PLANNING COMMISSION:

The next meeting will be on August 4, at 7:00 P. M.

#### CEMETERY/ CHAPEL:

The Beech tree at the new cemetery has dropped 5 large branches and they are all rotted out. The consensus is to trim tree down to see if anything is good enough to save. Otherwise, if anything gets broke or someone is hurt, the Township is liable. Mid-Michigan tree service will be on Tues. of next week to start work. Jim Hockameyer is working on putting the steel coverage around the air conditioner.

#### TOWNSHIP CODE AUTHORITY:

The meeting was held June 26, 2011. Hope Twp. Had 5 permits. There was 2 building permits, 1 electric and 2 mechanical permits. The next meeting will be held on July 28 at county building at 5:00 P.M. The rental agreement and the TCA contract are not ready yet.

#### WATER DEPARTMENT:

The Rural Development contacted our Supervisor that the amount the grant will be 1.2 million as first Indicated. It will probably be 2013 before any water lines will be run in the township. The engineering company now needs to complete their part and then the bids are let out. It usually takes a year for engineering and 3 months for bid decision.

WIXOM LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD REPORT:

There was a meeting in June and it was reported that one treatment has been applied to the lake. The weeds will be harvested to see how the treatment is affecting them. Another meeting is planned for July 13, 2011.

ROAD COMMISSION:

Hull Road has not been finished yet. It is packed and brined ready to go. Jim checked on two prices for graveling Baker Road by the Old Cemetery. There is 400 feet on Baker Road leading to the cemetery that gets impassable at times. Jim Becks bid is-\$1496.00 and Coggins is-\$2250.00. The Board voted on going with Becks, Bob moved and Starleen seconded to go with Becks. A roll call vote was polled-

Bob yes    Starleen yes    Mary yes    JoAnn yes    Andy yes

It was the consensus of the Board to take half the cost from the Road Fund and half from Cemetery Fund as this is a township road but the traffic is mainly going into the cemetery. The next road meeting will be Sept. 15.

OLD BUSINESS:

NOTE: Andy & Marge and Bob & Karen are attending the Summer Legislature Conference the first week of Aug.

NEW BUSINESS:

NONE

MOTION TO ADJOURN-8:15 P.M.

Moved by Bob and seconded by Mary

HOPE TOWNSHIP CLERK

JOANN WILKIE