

Hope Township Board Meeting
Hope Township Fire Hall
March 8, 2011-7:00p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

CALL TO ORDER:

The supervisor led those present to the pledge to the flag and opened the meeting at 7:00p.m.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

There was no business to come before the Board at this time.

CLERK'S MINUTES:

The clerk's minutes from the February meeting had been dispersed earlier. Bob moved and Mary seconded the motion to accept the minutes. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT:

Starleen reported that the Revenue Sharing from the state has come in and is \$15391.00. This is more than it has been running. The Township has collected about 50% of the property taxes. The delinquent taxes will now have to be paid at the county building and interest will be added. \$400.00 has been donated to the chapel/cemetery special fund in Lawrence L. (Shorty) Wendt's memory. His name as well as the Matthews will be added to the plaque on the Chapel wall. Mary made the motion to accept the financial report and Bob seconded it. Motion carried.

OUTSTANDING BILLS:

A list of the outstanding bills for the General, Fire Dept. and Solid Waste was dispersed with the minutes earlier. It was moved by Bob and seconded by Starleen to pay the bills. A roll call vote was called-

Starleen yes Mary Jo yes JoAnn yes Bob yes Andy yes

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

FIRE DEPT:

The Fire Dept covered 12 runs in February. Some of them were for Edenville Township Fire Dept. This was so Edenville could help search for Bob Cole and their Township still had fire protection. Of the 12 runs-6 were medical, 2 mutual aid for Edenville and Mills, 1 fire, 1 stand by for Edenville, and 1 good intent. Mary Letts had the opportunity to locate a five drawer file cabinet; the hospital was getting rid of. The fire Chief thanked Mary for thinking of them and Joann Steepe for helping deliver it. All the equipment John has ordered is now in. He will be looking at turn out gear and hand equipment (such as brooms, rakes and etc.) The brush fire truck's transmission needs work done on it. Circle K repaired it once but there is still a problem. John is also going to look into what equipment and gear our township needs for water rescue. Carl Cryderman met with John and discussed what investments would be best

for the Fire Departments money from Lawrence & Eleanor Matthews trust fund. John decided on \$40,000.00 on fixed index and \$40,000.00 low risk investment. There also is a bonus for signing for a designated amount of time. Mary made a motion to transfer the \$80,000.00 over to Great Lakes Investment Advisors, Inc. and Bob seconded it. A roll call vote was called-

JoAnn yes Mary yes Starleen yes Bob yes Andy yes

Starleen made a motion to have the transmission fixed. Bob seconded the motion and a roll call vote was called-

Mary yes Starleen yes JoAnn yes Bob yes Andy yes

Bob made a motion to order equipment the department needs for water rescue up to \$3000.00 Mary seconded the motion and a roll call vote was called-

Starleen yes Mary yes Bob yes JoAnn yes Andy yes

PARK COMMISSION:

The park commission met March 1 for their first meeting of the year. Larry had the signs from the County Road Commission – 2-for dogs on leashes and 2 for- reward for information leading to an arrest for the vandalism at the park. They will be put up as soon as the weather allows. Don and Diane Dice will be our park caretakers again this year. The park comm. thanks them again for their superior job last year. Larry Maxwell will contact Consumers about moving a street light pole that is not being used up to where a street light would be helpful in the park area. The park commission has voted to pay Don Dice \$850.00 a month this year. The picnic will be July 23, 2011 this year. More info will be shared as time gets closer. Starla is checking into getting info for local grants as the DNRE grant is too complex to get it completed by the April 1 deadline. Starla has contacted the schools to see how many disability children there are in our community. We would like to serve all the disabilities as possible with the playground equipment.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

The Planning Commission met February 16 for their first meeting of the year. Discussion was held concerning the proposed snowmobile ordinance, the wind turbines coming in the township, and the noxious weed ordinance. It was decided there is still not enough information to make a decision so different members are going to cover the areas when they meet in June.

WATER:

The supervisor reported that the lawsuit is still ongoing but will not affect Edenville's or Hope's water situation. Hope has not heard from Rural Development yet as to how much of the grant Hope will be awarded. The Federal Government is still going over the stimulus money situation. It could be a year or year and a half before any water lines would be coming in Hope.

CHAPEL-CEMETERY COMMISSION:

The clerk will contact Floyd Andrick to schedule a burn day for the brush at the Old Cemetery. We need to do this before the snow is completely gone. The supervisor will get the date on the web site.

TOWNSHIP CODE AUTHORITY:

The Code authority Board has convinced Water Dist. 1 that their inspectors have the legal jurisdiction over the waterlines in the townships. This was taken to the State before and they made the

decision to overrule Water Dist. 1 inspectors then. The judgment still stands. The rental inspection ordinance is still at the lawyer's office. Hopefully, they will hear back at next meeting. The next meeting is March 24 @5:00p.m., on second floor.

WIXOM LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD REPORT:

Bob Kelly was present and said the first meeting of the year is March 9 and he planned on attending. He will report back next month.

ROAD ADVSSARY COMMISSION:

The Road Commission will be meeting on March 24, 7:00 p.m. at the fire hall. The clerk inquired about the 5 year work plan. Jim replied he had it but would take awhile to present it. The plan for this year is to pave Hull Road if the drainage job worked.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Mary Henry presented a plan to collect pop cans and bottles for the extension on the fire hall. She would like help planning collecting places and how to get information around the township. Ann Blake will be able to help in a couple weeks.
- 2) John Furnier who lives at 1487 E. Hull Road would like to put a berm around the back of his property. It would be eight to ten feet high. The supervisor will take Tom Clark with him and look into the matter.
- 3) Starla stated the driver of the garbage truck has informed her, he would like all the garbage (including hers) put in the special trash containers. The supervisor stated we have unlimited bags and it is not in the contract that everything has to be in their container. The one truck does not have a collection bin in the front of it, it was suggested he might have to make sure to drive the other truck in Hope.

Mary moved to adjourn @8:23 p.m.
Bob seconded-

JoAnn Wilkie
Hope Township Clerk