

HOPE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
HOPE TOWNSHIP HALL

MAY 10, 2011-7:P.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 minutes

CALL TO ORDER:

The Supervisor started the meeting at 7:00pm by leading the pledge to the flag. He read an article written by Red Skelton concerning his Pledge to the Flag, which had been brought in by Mary Letts.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

Mary Miller who lives at 6131 Hull Road in Hope shared with us the difficult time she had with her place being flooded. It has flooded three times and she wonders if this will stop Hull Road from being paved this year. There is a possibility of the culvert being too small or the area in front of the culvert being too deep to let the water flow through. The Supervisor will check into it with the road commission and the drain commissioner and get back with Mary.

CLERK'S MINUTES:

The minutes from the April meeting had been distributed earlier. Starleen moved to approve the minutes with her last name being changed from Heath to Eddy noted. Mary seconded it and the motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The delinquent taxes will be paid either the last week of May or first week in June.

Resolution to allow the Treasurer to invest the Matthew's fund

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Bob moved to allow Starleen to invest the money left by Eleanor and Lawrence Matthews to the Cemetery/Chapel and Fire Dept. Mary seconded the motion and it carried. Supervisor will get the Resolution drafted to sign.

Mary yes Starleen yes Bob yes JoAnn yes Andy yes

Mary moved to accept the financial report. Bob seconded the motion and it carried.

FIRE DEPT.:

There were 9 runs in April. Five were medical, 2 fire, one lift assist and one weather standby. John Tidwell finished fire academy. The fire chief has found a repo fire truck. He is checking on more details before driving to check it out. This is a 2001 diesel truck chassis. It has a 2000 gallon stainless steel tank. Some of the ladies are interested in starting up a Hope Township Auxiliary Group. They will contact Edenville for some guidelines.

PARK COMMISSION:

The meeting was May 3, They had the driveway graveled. The play toys and tables and benches have been checked for safety condition. There are three fire extinguishers at fire hall for park to put up. They are starting to plan for picnic in July.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

They met May 4. Discussion was held concerning the solar power turbines and solar panels that are becoming so popular. They need to get more info before adopting an ordinance. Midland County has a vicious dog law so that covers Hope Township. The snowmobile, quad and golf cart ordinances were accepted by three members of the planning commission. They need to be put into one ordinance and then brought to township board, and then a public hearing would be held and then presented to the township board. It was discussed to have Mike get ordinance written together and call special meeting. Clerk will notify Mike. There is a planning commission conference to be held at Frankenmuth concerning many of the items they are discussing. Starleen moved to send the members that can go and pay their expenses. Bob seconded the motion and it carried.

WATER DISTRICT:

Everything for Hope is on hold until more information is released from the grant situation. The Supervisor is being told that we should hear the grant amount about the end of the month. This is the same thing that has been told for the last three months.

CHAPEL AND CEMETERY COMMISSION REPORT:

The commission met at 6:00pm at the chapel. The sign for the old cemetery looks fantastic. It really shows the location of the old cemetery. The commission picked out a location for the new cemetery sign. They would like a two sided sign like the old cemetery. Supervisor will take care of it. There are old pieces of concrete and pieces of wood that did not burn, will have them buried and taken care of. The air conditioner could be fenced in and padlocked to keep thieves from stealing the copper again. Wilbur has been looking into security systems to put at chapel. Bob Kelly mentioned one he had worked with and did a good job. They need to be able to read license plate numbers. The shingles on the chapel need

to be replaced. Floyd had received two bids and presented them to the board. It was moved by Mary and seconded by Bob to go with JD Crew's bid for redoing the roof. A roll call vote was called-

Andy YES Bob yes Starleen yes JoAnn yes Mary yes

TOWNSHIP CODE AUTHORITY:

The water lines are being installed in Edenville Township. The permits for Hope this month were-5 building, 4 electrical and 2 plumbing permits. The TCA Interlocal Agreement has to be renewed. Bob moved to sign the renewal contract and Starleen seconded, motion carried.

TOWNSHIP ROAD ADVISARY COMMISSION:

Jim Hockemeyer and Bob Davis went to the central meeting for the state road financing conference in Mt. Pleasant. It was discussed that the State's matching fund to the County Road Commission went down to \$95 million this year. Which means that is all the county road commission will have to match the township road money. Jim will get an estimate for graveling the part of Baker Road to the old Hope Cemetery. Jim recommended Jody Jordan to replace Elgin Childs on the road commission. Bob moved to appoint Jody to the township road advisory commission and JoAnn seconded it. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NONE-

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Starleen moved to pay expenses for Andy & Marge and Bob and Karen to attend the summer legislature conference. It was seconded by Bob and motion carried.
- 2) Midland County Township Officials Association dinner/meeting is June 2 at Homer's Safety facility. Bob moved to pay expenses for those that can attend. It was seconded by Mary and motion carried. Those attending are-Bob, Starla, Starleen, Andy, Marge, JoAnn & Ann. Clerk will send it.
- 3) Starleen moved to pay for the planning commission seminar at Frankenmuth. Mary seconded and motion carried. Those attending are-Marge, Mike, Diane and Rudy. Clerk will send in reservations.

Adjourned @8:48P.M.

JoAnn Wilkie
Hope Township Clerk