

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

BOARD MEMBERS:

Andy Kobisa, Supervisor
JoAnn Wilkie, Clerk
Starleen Eddy, Treas.
Mary 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 those present to the pledge to the flag.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

The Township Assessor, Ron Thompson was present and explained how much use the county GIS was to his position. It helps to identify any new construction or any buildings that were demolished to be taken off the assessment roll. Ron would recommend that the township try the GIS for at least one year.

(7:30P.M.) Gary Hicks, from Republic Waste Co., came and gave a presentation of the possibility of using recycling carts. They have 65 or 95 gallons recycling carts. The carts would be available in a month to distribute. The cost has not been calculated yet, Gary will get the price of the carts to the Supervisor as soon as possible. The carts will hold more than the bins and will be easier to roll to the curb.

CLERK'S MINUTES:

The minutes from the Oct. 11, 2011 meeting had been distributed earlier. It was moved by Starleen to accept the minutes. Bob seconded the motion and motion carried.

TREASURER REPORT:

The financial report, for October, had been distributed earlier. It was moved by Mary and seconded by Bob to accept the report. Motion carried.

OUTSTANDING BILLS:

The outstanding bills had been distributed with the minutes earlier. It was moved by Bob and seconded by Starleen to pay the bills. A roll call vote was called-

Mary yes JoAnn yes Bob yes Starleen yes Andy yes
Motion carried.

Two bills were submitted by the Supervisor, 1) was for Civil Engineering and the 2nd.for the County's attorney, Wm. Smith for \$130.00. These bills will be paid from the BAN money but needs to be approved by the Township Board first.

Bob made the motion to pay Civil Engineering, and it was 2nd by Starleen. A roll call vote was called-

Mary yes Bob yes Starleen yes JoAnn yes Andy yes

Motion carried.

Bob made the motion to pay the County Attorney, Wm Smith, and it was seconded by Starleen. A roll call vote was called-

Bob yes Mary yes Starleen yes JoAnn yes Andy yes

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

FIRE Dept.:

There were 3 medical runs in Oct. The Open house went very well. The appreciation dinner went good also, there were quite a few that attended. Ericka Braley has requested an application to be on Fire Dept. John has a lead on a demo figure to practice CPR on. Our insurance company now is doing grants for items that make our township more risk free. The truck committee will start next month for deciding what we need for a new truck.

FIRE DEPT. AUXILIARY:

The Halloween "Truck or Treat" was a huge success. There were 300 kids there plus the parents. We had a good turnout for the businesses and even the Ladies with the hearse and coffin. The Fire Dept.'s from Hope and Edenville were the stars of the night. Mr. and Mrs., James Smith has purchased 187 plastic pumpkins for next year's Trunk or Treat. Santa's Workshop will be Dec. 3 at the Swanton Hall from 10:00a.m. until 3:00p.m. Flyers will go out with food backpacks on Wed. Nov. 23 from Meridian schools.

PARK COMMISSION:

Karen and Starla were the only ones of the park commission at the meeting. Don Dice was there for park caretaker. No business could be moved on but discussion was held concerning the park. Karen and Starla will get paid for attending.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

The planning commission met on Nov. 2 for the last time this year. They are working on Ordinances for wind turbines and marihuana to get a better understanding. Next meeting is Feb. 1, 2012.

WATER DISTRICT:

The surveying is almost done. The County Commissioners have approved the Bond Anticipation Note. The Supervisor can hand in the bills that were paid so far on the water project, for reimbursement.

TOWNSHIP CODE AUTHORITY:

The meeting was held on Oct. 27, 2011. The Interlocal agreement is still not ready for all the Townships to sign. The new inspectors are doing a good job.

WIXOM LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD REPORT:

The last meeting will be Nov. 9, 2011 for this year. They are looking at all the results from this year's spraying. The Board will be deciding what plans to make for next year.

ROAD COMMISSION:

The following roads have been looked into to make decisions for next year's improvements. Saiko Rd., between Middle and Lakeshore-\$148,100, Curtis Rd., 1 mile east of Middle Rd.-\$172,500, Hope Rd., south of Shaffer Rd-\$179,000, ½ mile Hull Rd., west of Hope Rd-\$84,000 and ½ mile Five Mile Rd. Shaffer Rd. to Hull Rd.-\$111,000.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Discussion was held concerning the township using GIS. JoAnn moved to pay \$1.00 a parcel for the township's use of the GIS, for one year and then to review. Mary seconded the motion and a roll call vote was called.

Bob yes Starleen yes Mary yes JoAnn yes Andy yes

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

The MCTAO dinner/meeting will be held on Thurs., Dec. 1, 2011. It was moved by Starleen to pay for officers and deputies that can go to meeting. It was seconded by JoAnn and motion carried.

Hope Township Clerk
JoAnn Wilkie