

Hope Township Board Meeting

Hope Township Hall 7:00 P.M.

October 11, 2011

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

VISITORS:

List with Clerk's

CALL TO ORDER:

Chris Cantrell, from Midland Cty. Equalization Dept. was present to explain more about the GIS computer program, which is available to Hope Township. Chris explained there is a difference between what the public and the proper identified users will be able to use. It will greatly assist the FEMA programs and the park's future planning. The Supervisor and assessor will both be able to use the program for new constructions or inquiries for new construction. The Fire Dept. will be assisted with finding new addresses for fire runs. This would be an annual fee and with 1106 parcels in Hope, the annual fee would be \$1.00 per parcel. Chris offered to anyone that is interested the opportunity to come to his office for a demonstration. The Board decided to table the question until next month to answer any questions the Board might have.

CLERK'S MINUTES:

The minutes from the September meeting had been dispersed earlier. It was moved by Bob and seconded from Mary to accept the minutes. Motion carried.

MINUTES FROM SPECIAL MEETING, SEPT. 26, 2011

A special meeting was held to consider a Resolution approving Midland County Water Supply (Township of Hope) System No. 1 Contract. Board members were all present. The Supervisor read the minutes from the meeting. The Resolution was moved by Andy Kobisa and seconded by Mary Letts. A roll call vote was called and it carried 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 5:26 P.M. It was moved by Mary and seconded by Bob to accept the minutes from Sept. 26, 2011. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Starleen gave the financial report ending Sept. 30, 2011. There is \$10,955.27 in the special Matthews Fund for the Chapel/Cemetery. It was moved by Bob and seconded by Mary to accept the report. Motion carried.

OUTSTANDING BILLS:

The list of the outstanding bills for the General, Solid Waste and Fire Dept. were distributed with the minutes earlier. Starleen moved to pay the bills and Bob seconded the motion. A roll call vote was

polled-

Mary yes Andy yes Starleen yes Bob yes JoAnn yes

FIRE DEPT.:

There were 6 runs in Sept. Five were medical and one was rubbish fire. The Fire Dept. has done many improvements on the Fire Hall. The walls and floor have all been painted. New cabinets have been installed. This is getting ready for the Open House which will be held on Oct. 14 and 15. John plans on installing the GIS software as soon as it becomes available.

AUXILIARY:

The auxiliary plans on having a luncheon fundraiser coordinating with the Open House. It will be a soup, salad, roll and dessert luncheon. Some bake goods will be for sale also. The price will be adults-\$5.00, 4-11..\$2.50 and 3 and under-free. They will be helping with the Truck or Treat on Oct. 31. The time will be 4:00p.m. until 7:00p.m. Dinner of hot dogs and sloppy joes, chips, drinks and cookies will be served. Mary moved and Bob seconded to have JoAnn spend up to \$50.00 for the trunk or treat. A roll call vote was polled- Starleen yes Mary yes Bob yes JoAnn yes Andy yes Motion carried. Several businesses, Woody's, L&M. Dry Dock and Chemical Bank have called and stated they plan on participating.

PARK COMMISSION:

The roof for the concession building has been postponed until spring. Jim will have time to get more bids for the steel roof. The need for an air compressor is now to help get ready for winter. It was moved by Bob and seconded by Starleen to allow up to \$250.00 to purchase one. A roll call vote was called-

Bob yes Mary yes Starleen yes JoAnn yes Andy yes

Discussion was held concerning dogs still running loose at the park. It was decided to give one warning and then call police. The vandalism has been down this year in the park. Don and Diane Dice have agreed to be the Park Caretakers again next year.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

The next meeting will be Nov. 2 at the Fire Hall. They will be looking at ordinances for wind turbines and marijuana growing.

WATER DISTRICT:

The surveying is being done in the township now. No other new update at this time.

CEMETERY/CHAPEL:

Our Sexton, Brett Witte, has developed a plan to get rid of the water standing in the Old Hope Cemetery. This has been an ongoing problem forever. The plan came to \$16,000.00 but with some adjustments it was brought down to \$10,000.00. A motion to use up to \$10,000.00 to do the tiling and digging ditches deeper was made by Bob and seconded by Starleen. A roll call vote was called-

Mary yes Bob yes Starleen yes JoAnn yes Andy yes

Andy and Brett will contact Road Commission to see what can be done for drainage.

TOWNSHIP CODE AUTHORITY:

The next meeting will be held Oct. 27, 2011. It is 5:00p.m. at the County Building. They have decided to go with an annual audit instead of every two years. The InnerLocal Agreement needs to be signed but is still at the lawyers.

WIXOM LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD REPORT:

They have met for the last time this year. All bills were paid and ready for next year.

ROAD COMMISSION REPORT:

The Road Commission met on Sept. 15. The following roads were brought up for consideration for repair in 2012-Curtis Rd., Saiko Rd., Hope Rd., 5 Mile Rd., and Hull Rd. The road millage will be on the August ballot in 2012. The Road Commission is not sure of the millage passing so will wait for their road work decision until spring.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

It was noted the Park had a \$25.00 donation for their special fund.

NEW BUSINESS:

The MTA annual conference is in Detroit in 2012. The dates are Jan. 24 through Jan. 27, 2012. Bob moved to pay for the Board and spouses to go to the conference. Starleen seconded and a roll call vote was called-

Mary yes Starleen yes Bob yes JoAnn yes Andy yes

GRANT COMMITTEE:

Discussion was held of having a township grant committee to work on grant for the township, fire dept. and park. Starla Jordan has been working on the park grants so she agreed to head up the committee. It will be decided next month who will be on the committee.

Mary moved to adjourn @9:00 p.m. and Starleen seconded.