

HOPE TOWNSHIP PUBLIC HEARING FOR TAX ABATEMENT
HOPE TOWNSHIP HALL
SEPT. 13, 2011-7:00 P.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Andy Kobisa, Supervisor

JoAnn Wilkie, Clerk

Starleen Eddy, Treasurer

Mary Letts, Trustee

Bob Davis, Trustee

VISITOR LIST:

With Clerk's copy

CALL TO ORDER:

PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING TAX ABATEMENT

FOR INTERNATIONAL ENGINEERING & MANUFACTURING, INC.

The Supervisor opened the public hearing with the pledge to the flag at 7:00 p.m. He introduced the President, Robert Musselman, who gave a brief description of International Engineering & Manufacturing, Inc. They have been around the Hope area for forty years. They specialize in making carbide runners for snowmobile skis and studs for snow machines. They have become an international company in the last few years. They have purchased a machine that will help them become more efficient and to manufacture other items besides snowmobile parts. They have invested \$358,530 into a wire former with tooling, a rotary table for \$15,351, a 25 hp Ingersol Rand Air Compressor at \$3,000, Air Dryer at \$4975 and an Overhead Crane addition for \$15,998 for a total of \$397,854. International has requested a tax abatement to help with their expenses for a twelve year time allotment.

Public hearing closed at 7:10 p.m.

HOPE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

OPENED-7:15 P.M.

BUSINESS FROM FLOOR:

It was discussed that Saiko Rd. is in rough shape. The washboard could make the cars end up in the large ditches along Saiko Road. The Supervisor will contact County Road Commission.

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CLERK'S MINUTES:

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

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The financial report had been dispersed earlier. The treasurer reported about 50% of the taxes has been turned in. It was moved by Bob and seconded by Mary to accept the financial report. Motion carried.

OUTSTANDING BILLS:

The list of outstanding bills for the General, Fire Dept. and Solid Waste was dispersed with the clerk's minutes. It was moved by Bob and seconded by Starleen to pay the bills-a roll call vote was polled-

Bob yes Mary yes Starleen yes JoAnn yes Andy yes

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

FIRE DEPT:

August had 7 runs-they were: 6 medical, 1 gas leak. The fire chief discussed asphalt-concrete slab job. He would like to wait until spring now to have job completed. He is thinking of a 4 to 6 foot slab of asphalt in front of the truck bays. The Boards consensus was to wait until spring. They would like to do some cleaning up for the Fire Dept. Open House in October. They will need around \$400.00-\$600.00 to paint and fix up.

AUXILIARY:

The rummage, bake sale and pop bottle drive brought in just over \$1000.00. The auxiliary would like to thank all those who helped set up and provide goodies for the bake sale and helped tear down. A special thank you to Cliff and Andrew for all the hauling and carrying and going after items & putting up signs. There will be a short meeting for information for the soup, salad and dessert luncheon to be held Oct. 14 & 15. Anyone that can help or provide food items, please contact Starla Jordan-689-4706 or Ann Bates-689-3275.

PARK COMMISSION:

Jim is working on bids for the roof of the concession stand. They are looking at the difference between asphalt shingles and steel roofs.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

The planning commission has been to several meeting concerning the wind turbines. Rudy Turk has been to a place in the thumb that has wind turbines and said noise is very minimal. They will continue to watch the county for their input. The next meeting is Nov. 2, 2011.

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WATER DISTRICT:

Civil Engineers are in the Township, they are mapping out the route for the water lines. Once the mapping is completed the bids will go out next spring. There is 39 miles of water lines to be mapped out.

CEMETERY/CHAPEL:

Brett Witte was present and discussed the water situation in the old cemetery. The land at the front of the cemetery entrance is 6 foot higher than the area by the old well. The water cannot get out to the ditches because of high ground, stumps in the ditches and other debris. The clerk will contact Floyd Andrick to call a commission meeting and bring back recommendation next month.

TOWNSHIP CODE AUTHORITY:

Hope had 2 building permits, 1 electrical and 1 have to wait for the intent of MI State Code. The TCA is still in process of seeing what inspector is to be inspecting the water line hook ups. Sept. 22 is the next meeting.

WIXOM LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD REPORT:

All of the harvesting and spraying has been completed for this year. They will now do the research to see what chemicals did the best job on what weeds. Bob will keep the township updated.

ROAD ADVISARY COMMISSION:

The commission will be meeting Thurs., Sept. 15, at 7:00 p.m. at the town hall. The Supervisor will get it on the web site.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

ORV'S-the county commissioners have not addressed the ordinance yet. The Supervisor will keep us updated on when they will be discussing it.

NEW BUSINESS:

GIS: from county- the assessor and supervisor use the County's GIS regularly. The supervisor is requesting that we pay a fair fee for the usage. His suggestion was \$250 for four quarters, this would be a onetime fee. It was decided to have Chris come to the next meeting and explain the advantages of it.

HALL RENTAL:

Questions have come up on rental fees for more than one day. Also, if someone was going to rent the hall and someone else kept it for a backup in case of rain, should that person be required to pay or the township will lose the rental fee. Will get rules from Mills and Edenville and come up with rules to bring back next month.

RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATION OF INTERNATIONAL ENGINEERING & MANUFACTURING,
INC.

The resolution for the tax abatement was moved by Andy Kobisa for 12 years and seconded by Bob Davis. A roll call vote was called by the Supervisor.

BOB YES MARY YES STARLEEN YES JOANN YES ANDY YES

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 P.M.

JoAnn Wilkie

Hope Township Clerk