

HOPE TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
HOPE TOWNSHIP FIRE HALL
FEBRUARY 14, 2012-7:00P.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

VISITORS:

WITH CLERK'S

CALL TO ORDER:

The Supervisor called the meeting to order by leading the pledge to the flag. The Supervisor added two items to the agenda.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

Bob Kelly inquired if anything had been done concerning a light at the corner of Five Mile Road and Saiko Road. The Supervisor explained that when the new budget for 2012-2013 was worked on, it would be brought up for consideration.

CLERK'S MINUTES:

The minutes from the January 10, 2012 had been dispersed earlier. It was moved by Mary and seconded by Bob to approve the minutes, Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

It was moved by Bob and seconded by Mary to accept the financial report. Motion carried. Starleen reported the property taxes are coming in good.

OUTSTANDING BILLS:

The outstanding bills for the General, Fire and Solid Waste had been dispersed earlier. The Supervisor had put paying Civil Engineers for their work from the Bond money on the agenda. Andy moved to pay Civil Engineers and Bob seconded the motion and a roll call vote was called-

Mary yes Starleen yes Bob yes JoAnn yes Andy yes

Bob moved to pay the Gen., Fire Dept. and Solid Waste bills and Starleen seconded the motion. A roll call vote was polled-

Andy yes JoAnn yes Bob yes Starleen yes Mary yes

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

FIRE DEPT.:

The Fire Chief reported there were 4 medical runs in January. Cliff Blake attended a two day seminar in Frankenmuth. Some EMS articles are being used in other counties that could benefit our Township. Cliff will check into them. Truck 950 is going in to be checked for tires. Narrow banding is still in the works, the change was going to be June but now has been set-back to Sept. The change to narrow banding has to be completed by the end of this year. Discussion on needing a trailer for moving our sign was held. John agreed to look into it.

FIRE DEPT AUXILIARY:

The auxiliary has set their next date for meeting. It is March 19, 2012 at Twp. Hall @7:00pm. The dates are put on the Twp. Website. Another position has been created of the P.R. person, which will be Jan Bates. A grant of \$500.00 is available to the 4-H groups. Starla is going to apply to see if their 4-H group can use it for Santa's Workshop.

PARK COMMISSION:

They will be meeting on March 6, 2012 @7:00p.m. at the twp. Hall, to organize for the year.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

The Planning Commission met on Feb. 1, 2012. Sheriff Neilsen and Rob Musselman, President of International Engineering, was present to discuss what roads could be opened for ORV's and golf carts. The sheriff invited those present to attend a county meeting on Feb. 21 @2:00pm., @Midland Law Enforcement Building, concerning the ORV's ordinance. A meeting will be held on March 7 @7:00pm., at the town hall to go over the ORV and golf cart ordinance passed by the County Commissioners and review the snowmobile State Rules and Regulations.

WATER:

27 1/2% of mapping has been completed. Civil Engineering plans on completing the design portion by August. The bidding could be let out by the end of September with no unforeseen stalls.

CHAPEL/CEMETERY:

The drainage at the Old Cemetery is working great. The Committee is going to be meeting in the spring to determine what projects should be worked on this year. Some that have been brought up are, the Veterans Memorial, fill under the trees at old cemetery and the new area surveyed out this year.

TOWNSHIP CODE AUTHORITY:

Edenville is doing fine. Greendale is using our plumbing inspector. The next meeting will be February 23, 2012 at the County Building @5:00pm.

WIXOM LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD REPORT:

They will be meeting in March to decide what treatment is needed this year. They meet at the Billings Town hall at 6:00pm.

TOWNSHIP ROAD ADVISARY COMM.:

The millage for the road improvement needs to be renewed this year. The current one expired on Dec. 2011. The millage is still collected on the 2011 taxes, but then is done. It was decided to put the proposal on the August Primary ballot. JoAnn will check with Mary Cornell about the Headlee Truth in Taxation Act and if the 1.91690 mills are still correct.

TOWNSHIP GRANT COMMITTEE:

The Grant Comm. Held a meeting on Feb. 6, 2012. It was decided that Starla Jordan would be chairperson and Cliff Blake is recording secretary. The other two members are Starleen Eddy and Ann Blake. They have decided to dedicate their work to two areas right now. They are 1) park playground equipment and 2) Fire Dept. building expansion or a combined fire hall and township hall. The Fire Chief and Cliff Blake will meet with Mark Fradenburg to start the designing part. Tomorrow, Feb. 15, they are meeting with Miracle Play sets at 12:00p.m., @Starleen's house.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was a question of the grant commission getting compensated for their meetings. Discussion was held and it was noted that volunteers before had not been paid. Bob moved and Mary seconded to not pay the commission. The motion carried. It will be reviewed in the future.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) It was noted that our election workers have not had a raise in two years and other townships are paying their chair people \$14.00 an hour and inspectors \$11.00 an hour. Ours are paid \$10.00-chairperson and \$9.50 for inspectors. JoAnn made a motion to pay the chair people \$11.00 an hour and the inspectors \$10.50 an hour. Starleen seconded and a roll call vote was called-
Bob yes Mary yes Starleen yes JoAnn yes Andy yes
- 2) A question was asked about pushing snow across roads. The Supervisor brought in the State law that refers to no snow piled by driveway and no snow plowed across the road. There are extra copies if anyone needs one.
- 3) State road restrictions start tomorrow, Wed., Feb. 15, 2012.
- 4) Republic Solid Waste Co. has offered the township recycling carts. They would be a 95 gallon cart with wheels. It would cost \$.50 a month to go with larger carts and no sorting or tying different articles. They request the township sign for five (5) more years to do business with them. Mary moved to go the next five years with Republic and use the recycling carts. Bob seconded the motion and a roll call vote was called-
Bob yes Mary yes Starleen yes JoAnn yes Andy yes
- 5) Parish Communications have started work in township. Bob Kelly commented their service was better.

Mary, Starleen & Bob moved to adjourn-Andy & JoAnn seconded
Adjourned 8:20 p.m.

JoAnn Wilkie
Hope Township Clerk