

HOPE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
HOPE TOWNSHIP FIRE HALL
MARCH 13, 2012 – 7:00P.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

ANDY KOBISA, SUPERVISOR
JOANN WILKIE, CLERK
STARLEEN EDDY, TREASURER
MARY JO LETTS, TRUSTEE
BOB DAVIS, TRUSTEE

CALL TO ORDER:

The Supervisor called the meeting to order by leading the pledge to the flag at 7:00p.m.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

Mark Norton from Civil Engineering, Auburn, gave an update of their work. All the field work has been collected and 30% of the designing part has been started. They plan on seeking bids by the first week of September. Mark answered question of how far apart are the water hydrants going to be. The plan is for 1000 feet unless something requires them closer than that.

Gary Hicks was unable to make meeting so Supervisor gave update on recycling carts. They will be available for the township by May. The colors will be blue or brown and will have a green top that is stenciled "recycle." The recycling pickup date will be changed to once a month with the larger carts. Information will be with the carts.

CLERK'S MINUTES:

The minutes from the Feb. 14, 2012 meeting had been dispersed earlier. Bob moved to approve the minutes and Starleen seconded. The motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPOPRT:

Mary moved to accept the financial report from the Treasurer and Bob seconded. Motion carried.

Bob moved to pay the \$551.00 to Mr. Fahey and Mary seconded. A roll call vote was polled-

Starleen yes Mary yes Bob yes JoAnn yes Andy yes

CIVIL ENGINERING had a bill for \$9,125.00 to be paid out of the anticipated fund. Bob so moved and Starleen seconded, a roll call vote was called-

Mary yes Bob yes Starleen yes JoAnn yes Andy yes

OUTSTANDING BILLS:

The bills for the General Fund, the Fire Dept. and Solid Waste had been distributed earlier. Mary moved the bills be paid and Bob seconded. A roll call vote was polled-

Starleen yes JoAnn yes Mary yes Bob yes Andy yes

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

FIRE DEPT:

There were 14 runs in February, 10 medical, 1 car fire, 1 search, 1 good intent and 1 mutual aid. The Fire Dept. has decided to keep Truck #950 so will do some work on it. John had received 2 bids on the painting and mirrors put on it. Ed Hinson's was \$2634.00 including mirrors. Clark's was \$2248.00 not including mirrors. Bob moved to have work done by Ed Hinson, Starleen seconded the motion. A roll call vote was polled-

Bob yes Mary yes Starleen yes JoAnn yes Andy yes

Discussion was held concerning a trailer to move the sign where it would be needed. Harbor Freight was a 4 x 8 for \$230.97 and Tractor Supply was 4 x 7 for \$600.00, the letter covers for the sign are \$100.00 for each side, also there was discussion on letting the Park Comm. use the sign at the Park for picnic advertising or whenever they needed it and share cost between the Township, Fire Dept. and Park Commission. Bob moved so be it and Starleen seconded the motion. A roll call vote was called-

Andy yes Mary yes Bob yes Starleen yes JoAnn yes

The Fire Chief would like to purchase a defibrillator to keep on rescue van; it would cost around \$1,000.00. Bob moved and Mary seconded, a roll call vote was called-

Starleen yes Mary yes Bob yes Andy yes JoAnn yes

The Fire Chief asked for \$300.00 from the petty cash for F. D. and \$200.00 for the F.D. Auxiliary. Bob moved to give the \$500.00 and Mary seconded- a roll call vote was polled-

Mary yes Starleen yes Bob yes JoAnn yes Andy yes

FIRE DEPT. AUXILIARY:

The next meeting is Mon., March 19 at 7:00p.m. at Fire Hall. They will be discussing the "Spaghetti Dinner, to be held on April 20, 2012. There was major planning on the Pig Roast/Carnival to be held at the park on Aug. 25, 2012.

PARK COMMISSION:

Park had their meeting and all officers stayed the same except, Terry Chrivia is now the vice-chair. Don Dice is to decide when driveway is dry enough to be driven on and open the gate. Andy will take care of the water testing needed to be done. The guys are going to check out all the equipment to make sure they are in good shape. Jim is checking on brining the driveway again this year. They will be looking into

replacing two handicap tables. People have noticed unleashed dogs in the park. There is a state law that all dogs must be on a six foot leash. If people do not want to listen we are to call 911.

GRANT COMMITTEE:

They have met and submitted a grant request to Miracle Equipment. Starleen is working on cost breakdown for a Christopher Reeves grant. The Committee is working on a large grant from the DNRE, this one requires matching funds which can be construction work, volunteers working stated amount of hours or loaning equipment to use on playground equipment. Mark Fradenburg is working on the design of the building and needs the land measurement. Cliff Blake is working on this. The Committee is planning on taking a trip to West Branch to find more information on grants. Their mileage will be reimbursed. It was also noted that anyone that wants to work on a grant can do so, but it is necessary to let grant committee know which ones you are applying to so we do not put in a double request.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

The Planning Commission recommended going with the Midland County ORV Ordinance. It would be consistent with the county and easier for the County Sheriff's department to regulate. It is recommended that no roads in Hope Township be closed for the ORV's. The Commission also recommended going with the State Snowmobile Rules and Regulations for Hope Township.

MIDLAND COUNTY ORV ORDINANCE AND STATE OF MICHIGAN SNOWMOBILE RULES AND REGULATION'S

Bob moved to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation of going with the Midland County ORV's Ordinance and The State of Michigan's Snowmobile Rules and Regulations, it was seconded by Mary. Motion carried. Effective immediately.

WATER DISTRICT:

Mark Norton gave report in Business from the Floor.

CHAPEL/CEMETERY COMMISSION:

We will be setting a meeting sometime in April. The water continues to drain through the drainage tubes. The gravel stones at New Cemetery need to be raked down before mowing season starts. The brush by the backstairs has overgrown. We will need to trim back or take out the vines.

TOWNSHIP CODE AUTHORITY:

Edenville's water line is almost done. It is inspected by TCA's inspector. All of the inspectors are getting good remarks. The next meeting is March 22 @the County Building @5:00p.m.

WIXOM Lake Improvement Board:

No report.

HOPE TOWNSHIP ROAD ADVISARY COMM:

No one has heard when the MDOT meeting will be. It usually is held at Mt. Pleasant. Andy will check with Deepak to see if he has heard.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Bob moved and Mary seconded to send Andy to the Supervisor's spring seminar on April 25-27. A roll call vote was called-

Bob Yes Mary yes Starleen yes JoAnn yes Andy yes

Starleen and Starla would like to attend the state treasurer's seminar if they can get a grant towards it. They will apply to see if they are eligible. Mary moved and Bob seconded, a roll call vote was called-

Starleen yes Bob yes Mary yes JoAnn yes Andy yes

METRO ACT EXTENDED:

Starleen moved to extend the Metro Act and Bob seconded it. Motion carried.

Bob moved to adjourn-9:09 p.m.

JoAnn Wilkie

Hope Township Clerk