

HOPE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
HOPE TOWNSHIP HALL  
OCT. 9, 2012- 7:00 P. M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISOR: ANDY KOBISA  
CLERK: JOANN WILKIE  
TREASURER: STARLEEN EDDY (ABSENT)  
TRUSTEE: MARY LETTS  
TRUSTEE: BOB DAVIS

VISITOR'S LIST:

WITH CLERK'S

CALL TO ORDER:

The Supervisor led those present to the pledge to the flag to start the October meeting at 7:00p.m.

Business from the floor:

Scott Abbey inquired if there was anything that could be done concerning dogs running loose. The six dogs came from Lester Robbins' property. The Supervisor will check to see if all the dogs are licensed. Then we can go from there with the Noise and Dog Ordinance.

CLERK'S MINUTES:

The minutes from the September 11, 2012 meeting had been passed out earlier. Mary moved to approve the minutes and Bob seconded the motion. The motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treas. was absent so the Supervisor gave the financial report. There was a discrepancy about the State Revenue sharing amount so Andy will check with Starleen. Bob moved to accept the report with the correction made and Mary seconded it. A roll call was called-

Bob yes      JoAnn yes      Mary yes      Andy yes      Starleen absent

OUTSTANDING BILLS:

A list of the outstanding bills had been distributed earlier for the General, Fire Dept. and Solid Waste It was moved by Bob and seconded by Mary to pay the bills- a roll call was polled-

Andy yes      Mary yes      Bob yes      JoAnn yes      Starleen (absent)

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

FIRE DEPT.:

Sept. had 10 runs, 8 were medical, 1 mutual aid and one service call, which was a downed tree. Parrish Communications has offered the Fire Dept., the internet service for \$35.00 a month. Century Link has been charging over \$100.00 a month. John will cancel the service from Century Link and okay Parrish Comm. Parrish had donated some certificates for free hook up for their service and those did not get sold at the carnival. Floyd has said if we get them back to him, they will apply the amount to the Fire Dept.'s account. They are still working on the narrow banding for 911 calls. The work channel is not working right as of this time.

The Fire Dept. has two options for purchasing the new fire truck.

Option #1 was paying \$50,000 from Fire Fund and \$35,000.00 from Matthews Fund and financing \$151,000.00 for approx. 3 years.

Option #2 was use the money from Mathews Fund for a down payment of \$85,000.00 and the \$151,000.00 to be paid out of the Fire Dept. Fund. The Fire Fund would reimburse \$50,000.00 and interest to the Matthews Fund over a 3-5 year period. This would leave around \$75,000.00 in Fire Fund and \$20,000.00 in Matthews Fund. All the interest would go to the Matthews Fund/ going to the financial institution.

**Bob made a motion to go with Option #2, to use \$85,000.00 from the Mathew's Fund and \$151,000.00 from the Fire Dept. Fund and pay back to the Mathew's Fund, \$50,000.00 plus interest over a 3-5 year period Mary seconded the motion and a roll call vote was polled-**

**Andy yes      Mary yes      Bob yes      JoAnn yes      Starleen (absent)**

FIRE DEPT. AUXILIARY:

There is a meeting on Oct. 15, 2012 at the Fire Hall. Everyone is invited for ideas. We made \$2,276.00 from the Carnival. Oct. 20 is the Firemen Appreciation dinner. The Fireman of the year will be announced. Trunk or Treat will be Oct. 31 at the Park. The hours are set from 4:00 until 7:00 p.m.

We will be having a pancake meal on Election Day from 6:30 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. at the fire hall. The suggested prices are \$5.00 for adults, children 6 – 12 \$2.00 and 5 and under free.

PARK COMMISSION:

They have not heard from the Kiwanis Group about the grants yet. Brett Witte and Kathy will do the painting to get it done this year. Terry took a picture of the finishing mower to put on Craig's List. The bathrooms will be closed Nov. 1, the park will be closed according to the weather. Jim purchased an edger for the park. It was a little bit more to purchase one as to rent one.

GRANT COMMISSION:

There is a meeting on Oct. 17 at 12:30p.m. at the Township Hall

PLANNING COMMISSION:

The next meeting will be Nov. 7 at the town hall. Mike Braley has turned in his resignation because of traveling and health reasons. The vacancy will be handled at the next Board meeting.

HOPE TOWNSHIP WATER :

The Engineers have decided a booster station is needed to improve Hope's water pressure. This had been a possibility therefore it was planned into the price estimate so it will not change the home owners' price. There needs to be an easement in front of the town hall and Richmond and Lakeshore Drives. Andy presented three bills from Civil Engineers and Wm Fahey

- 1) A bill from Civil Engineers for \$10,000.00 and \$7,300.00 totaling \$17,300.00. Bob moved to pay the bill and Andy seconded. A roll call vote was polled-  
JoAnn yes      Mary yes      Bob yes      Andy yes      Starleen (absent)
  
- 2) A bill from Wm Fahey for \$2,356.00. It was moved by Andy and seconded by Bob to pay the bill, a roll call vote was called-  
Mary yes      Bob yes      JoAnn yes      Andy yes      Starleen (absent)

CHAPEL/CEMETERY:

Brett Witte has been working on brush hogging the newest section of the New Cemetery. There are piles of brush and dirt in large piles that will have to be taken care of. Brett is also going to start surveying and marking the finished section of the cemetery. The markers came in and they are not what we thought they would be. Brett will put them in cement to make them last longer. Cliff and Ann are working on getting the shelves built in the basement of the chapel.

THE TOWNSHIP CODE AUTHORITY:

The last meeting in Sept. was canceled. The next meeting is Oct. 25 at the County Building.

WIXON LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD REPORT:

Nothing to report.

HOPE TOWNSHIP ROAD Advisory COMMISSION:

They are waiting for the bill to come in for Hope Road. Jim will set up a date for a meeting to see about next year's road work.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Annual MTA conference in Detroit, Jan. 22-25 2013. Those interested in attending are-JoAnn, Mary, Bob and Ann & Cliff. Bob moved to pay expenses for those going and Mary seconded it. A

roll call vote was called-

Bob yes

Mary yes

JoAnn yes

Andy yes

Starleen (absent)

Mary moved and Bob seconded to adjourn

8:35 p.m.

JoAnn Wilkie

Hope Township Clerk