HOPE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
HOPE TOWNSHIP HALL
SEPTEMBER 11, 2012 7:00P.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:	**Supervisor, Andy Kobisa** **Clerk, JoAnn Wilkie** **Treas., Starleen Eddy** **Trustee, Mary Letts** **Trustee, Bob Davis**
VISITORS:	**LIST WITH CLERK'S COPY.**

CALL TO ORDER:

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

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

Larry Grell from the New Hope Community Church of God, was present and presented the Board a check for $250.00 to be used towards the new Fire & Township Hall Building. He stated how they appreciate the work we do and it will benefit the church with the fire hydrants and fire department being closer.

CLERK'S MINUTES:

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

TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT:

The treasurer gave the financial status as of August 31, 2012. JoAnn moved to accept the report and Bob seconded the motion. Motion carried.

OUTSTANDING BILLS:

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

Bob yes JoAnn yes Starleen yes Mary yes Andy yes

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

FIRE DEPT:

There were eleven runs in August. All 11 were medical runs. Will Bates is in training for Fire Fighter I. The narrow band is being starting in use on Monday on the pagers. The fire trucks will be started on Thurs. the 13th. The license will cost $400.00. There is a seminar at Frankenmuth on Oct. 18. The Chief would like Cliff Blake to attend. It was moved by Bob to pay expenses for Cliff to attend. It was seconded by Andy, and the motion carried. The new fire truck will cost around $235,369.00 from Circle K. The Fire Chief has been deciding what is needed on the truck and what is not needed and can be taken off. Bob

moved to purchase the new fire truck, Starleen seconded the motion and a roll call vote was polled-

Mary yes Starleen yes Bob yes JoAnn yes Andy yes

FIRE DEPT. AUXLIARY:

Ann reported that $1776.49 was made as a profit from the pig roast/carnival. Everyone was pleased with all the involvement from the citizens and businesses. The pork was remarked to be excellent. All excited for next year. TRUNK AND TREAT will be held Oct. 31 at the Park. The time is set from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. The Fire Aux. and Twp. Officials will be serving a pancake breakfast/dinner at the fire hall on ELECTION DAY, Nov.6, 2012. The breakfast will start at 6:30 a.m. and last until everyone is served.

PARK COMMISSION:

The DNRE grant is contingent of a score that is applied to the applicant's request. The top score is 200 and the higher you come to that number the better your chances of receiving a grant. Two things that can help our score are to move the partition wall over in the bathrooms to make it more handicapped assessable. Jim Hockemeyer is looking into having a cement pad poured for where handicapped people would get out of their cars to use the bathroom walkway. These would add to our score towards the 200 mark. Jim reported that the sprayer sold for $225.00, the umbrella was donated to the fire aux. The other items will be listed on Craig's list. The commission is still waiting to hear from the Kiwanis Group concerning the supplies and labor to fix and paint the concession building. Starleen made a motion to wait until Sept. 30 to hear from the Kiwanis Group and then award the job to Brett Witte Their bid was $1834.00 for supplies and labor. Mary seconded it and a roll call vote was polled-

Bob yes JoAnn yes Starleen yes Mary yes Andy yes

It has been decided to let the spring toys go as is for this season and before the park opens in the spring to remove the broken ones and replace them. Jim H. is checking into an edger to get weeds and grass away from the walking track. Karen Davis reported she had heard from the Charles J. Strosacker Foundation and all their budgeted money has been used for our geographic area for this year.

GRANT COMMISSION:

The Grant Commission has been meeting every week for two months and got the primary work out of the way. They have decided that they will meet on the 3rd Wed. of the month at the township hall. They will be resubmitting a grant application to the Quality of Life Group. They have a meeting on Thurs. eve. to meet with a local contractor about the new fire/township hall building. The Miracle Co. has granted the Park a $1500.00 grant to use for play equipment. This would be used towards equipment purchased from their company. Midland's Red Cross office will no longer be renting out the mannequins for CPR training. Cliff has found a place to purchase the mannequins and 30 floor mats.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

Bob reported the next meeting will be Nov. 7, 2012 at the town hall. There is a seminar to be held at Traverse City. Starleen moved to pay expenses for members that want to attend. Mary seconded the motion and a roll call vote was called-

Bob YES Mary yes Starleen yes JoAnn yes Andy yes

WATER DISTRICT:

Andy presented some bills to be paid from the bond money-

1) First American Title-$750.00 Andy moved to pay the bill and Starleen seconded. A roll call vote was polled-

   Starleen yes Bob yes Mary yes JoAnn yes Andy yes

2) Civil Engineering- $10950.00-maps Andy moved to pay the bill and Bob seconded- a roll call vote was called-
   Mary yes Starleen yes Bob yes JoAnn yes Andy yes
3) Our attorney, Fahey, for $878.00 and $361.00, it was moved by Mary to pay the bill and seconded by Starleen. A roll call vote was polled-
   Starleen yes Bob yes JoAnn yes Mary yes Andy yes
4) Midland County Bond interest payment-Andy moved to pay the bond interest payment and Bob seconded the motion. A roll call vote was called-
   JoAnn yes Andy yes Starleen yes Bob yes Mary yes

There will be a Public Hearing #2 on Sept. 24, 2012. It will be at 7:00 p.m. at the town hall. This is for people who want to protest the water project and need to protest at this hearing either in person or written letter, to apply to the tax tribunal. The permit cost is $1425.00 at the Water District #1 and $90.00 from the Township Code Authority. This is in addition to the $8,350.00 for the water line going by your house. The permit fee cannot be put on with your tax statement.

RESOLUTION #3 FOR THE WATER LINE

It was moved by Andy to adopt Resolution #3, it was seconded by Bob. ALL YES-NO NAYS
RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED 9/11/12

CHAPEL-CEMETARY COMMISSION:

The markers for the new lots have been delivered. Bret Witte will be marking them out in the new section. Brett is also clearing out the next section for the cemetery. We are deciding where to leave some trees and where to plant some red maples in the other section.

TOWNSHIP CODE AUTHORITY:

The next meeting is Sept. 27 at 5:00 p.m. at county building.

TOWNSHIP ROAD COMMISSION:

The paving of Hope Rd. south of Shaffer Rd is completed. The bill has not come in yet for the paving or the brining of the other roads.

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

1) Parrish Communications has offered the internet at the town hall for $35.00 a month.
   Bob moved to pay the monthly fee and Starleen seconded the motion. A roll call vote was polled-
   Mary yes Bob yes JoAnn yes Starleen yes Andy yes

Mary moved to adjourn and Bob seconded 9:35 p.m.

JoAnn Wilkie
Hope Township Clerk