

HOPE TOWNSHIP PUBLIC HEARING  
FOR TAX ABATEMENT FOR INTERNATIONAL ENGINEERING, INC.  
APRIL 9, 2013-HOPE TWP. HALL-7:00 P.M.

BOARD MEMBERS:

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

VISITORS:

WITH CLERK'S COPY

CALL TO ORDER:

The Supervisor called the public hearing to order by leading the pledge to the flag. Scott Walker was present from Midland Tomorrow and gave an informal report as to the work they are involved with. They help agencies get funding for their projects that enhance Midland County. They have helped International Engineering, Inc. with several projects. They encourage the tax abatement that International is asking for.

Rob Musselman, CEO of International Engineering, Inc., was present and gave an update as to what their company is doing and why they are requesting a tax abatement. The company has been in Hope Township since the early seventies. This improvement will create, possibly, the employment of two new employees. The new machinery will help them to venture into other areas besides studs and bars for the snowmobile period. Rob opened the meeting for questions from the audience.

The public Hearing was closed at 7:15 P.M.

HOPE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

Hope Township Hall  
April 9, 2013- 7:16 P.M.

BOARD MEMBERS ALL PRESENT:

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

Dave Rothman was present to share information concerning the lowering of the Edenville Dam. There is a new group started that will meet and keep all surrounding townships updated. They are checking into the Federal requirements to see what work must be done, verifying all facts and what work has to be done and at who's cost. This new group will be meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> of April at the Billings Township Hall, at 7:00 P.M. Dave will continue to keep us updated as new information comes in.

CLERK'S MINUTES:

The clerk's minutes from the March 12 meeting had been distributed earlier. It was moved by Bob and seconded by Starleen to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

TREASURE'S REPORT:

The financial report had handed out earlier; it was moved by Mary and seconded by Bob to accept the financial report. Motion carries.

OUTSTANDING BILLS:

The list of bills for the General, Fire Dept. and Solid Waste had been distributed earlier. It was moved by Bob and seconded by Starleen to pay the bills. A roll call vote was called-

Bob yes      Mary yes      Starleen yes      JoAnn yes      Andy yes

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

FIRE DEPT.:

There were six runs in March. Three were medical, 2 lift assists and 1 mutual aid with Mills. The new fire truck is still being assembled. No delivery date yet. The Fire Dept. has closed their checking account for the petty cash. They now have a credit card and are not using cash. The checkbook was given to Starleen in case anyone needs to audit it. The fire chief requested \$500.00 for paint for running boards and to make a divider of net or wire mesh to keep things divided. A stop for the roll out is needed to keep it from rolling all the way out of truck.

Bob moved to allow the fire department have \$500.00 to fix these items-Mary seconded and a roll call vote was polled-

Starleen yes      Bob yes      JoAnn yes      Mary yes      Andy yes      Carries

FIRE DEPT. AUXILIARY:

The Fire Auxiliary met and packed personal bags for people who have fires. They are packed separately for women, men, boys and girls. The annual Fund Raiser will be held Aug. 24 at the park. Ann Blake is heading it up and all questions can be directed to her. Her number is 689-3275. We need all kinds of volunteers. There will be a live auction, more to follow. The Santa's Secret Workshop will be held on Nov. 30 at the Swanton Hall.

PARK:

Three people from the Sanford Little League attended the park meeting. They are interested in using the Hope ball diamonds for their leagues. They would be interested in putting diamond dust on all of the diamonds. They would also put fence on the last diamonds. They would request that they have first option on the diamonds. Dugouts are also a possibility. The Board is interested but would like to see proposal in writing or hear from the Sanford Little League in person. Jim is getting price for roof on Pavilion B. Starla reported that she got in touch with the Kiwanis Group. They are going to do a walk through to see what is needed for the painting job. Karen is trying to get more grants to finish her

exercise equipment for around the walking track. The township board had signed an agreement for intent to help finance this project and is willing to match up to five thousand to obtain the equipment. The equipment could be put in to use this season and as grants come in, the township would be paid back.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

The planning commission will be meeting May 1 at the township hall. The time is 7:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend these meetings if there is any questions.

WATER UPDATE:

The Water Bond was signed on March 21, 2013. The Ground Breaking and Contractor's meeting should be held in two weeks. The material is being stored at the beet dump on M-30. The following bills have come in to be paid by the County from our bond money.

- 1) Civil Engineers-\$33,800.00 for designing and topical maps. It was moved by Bob and seconded by Starleen. A roll call vote was polled-  
Mary yes      Starleen yes      JoAnn yes      Bob yes      Andy yes
- 2) Wm Fahey, attorney, \$969.00 It was moved by Bob and seconded by Mary, a roll call vote was called-  
JoAnn yes      Bob yes      Mary yes      Starleen yes      Andy yes
- 3) Wm Smith, County Attorney, \$688.50, it was moved by Starleen and seconded by Bob to pay a roll call vote was called-  
Starleen yes      Mary yes      Bob yes      JoAnn yes      Andy yes

CHAPEL/CEMETERY:

The first meeting of the year was held on Mar. 25 at the Chapel. The main reason to have our meeting was to open bids for the mowing this summer. After comparing the bids and the performances of both bids, the commission agreed to recommend Kathy Trask for the job. This will be taken to Twp. Board to approve. The oldest burial in the new cemetery is dated 1862. Some other items were noted to be fixed at the chapel is the bathroom ceiling is pulling away from main structure of the chapel building. Dirt from digging water lines will be put in cemetery area to be built up. Brett Witte will oversee this. Starleen made motion to accept Kathy Trask as mowing caretaker for cemeteries and JoAnn seconded it. A roll call vote was polled-

Bob no      Mary yes      Starleen yes      Andy yes      JoAnn yes

TOWNSHIP CODE AUTHORITY:

Hope had one building permit for March. The budget was passed for the new fiscal year. April 25 is the next meeting at the county building, at 5:00p.m. Amy was not covered when she went on vacation and people complained to Andy because they couldn't get their permits. Bob will look into it.

WIXOM LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD:

The next meeting will be April 10 at The Billings Township Hall. The time is 7:00 p.m. They are trying to keep informed considering the lowering of the water also. Bob will try and attend the next meeting.

ROAD ADVISARY COMMISSION REPORT:

Jim reported that Hull Rd. has some large cracks in the center of the road. Mary Miller was present and was concerned about it. Jim will look into it and see what the County Road Commission recommends.

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE.

NEW BUSINESS:

1) RESOLUTION APPROVING TAX ABATEMENT FOR IE&M,INC.

\_Mary moved to approve the tax abatement for 12 years and Starleen seconded it. A roll call vote was polled-

Bob yes      JoAnn yes      Starleen yes      Mary yes      Andy yes

Our auditor, Ken Berthiume, sent us an agreement to cover the next four years- It would be for the next F-65 for 2013, the next audit for 2014 and the next F-65 for 2015 and the next audit for 2016. The prices would be set and could not go up because of the economy- Mary moved to accept the agreement and Starleen seconded. A roll call vote was polled-

Bob no      Mary yes      Starleen yes      JoAnn yes      Andy yes

Bob moved to adjourn and Mary seconded at 8:30 p.m.

HOPE TOWNSHIP CLERK  
JOANN WILKIE