

HOPE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
DECEMBER 10, 2013-7:00 P.M.  
HOPE TOWNSHIP HALL

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

VISITORS:

WITH CLERK'S COPY

CALL TO ORDER:

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

**BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:**

Mark Norton updated the Township that most of the water lines have been installed. There are some to do yet on Contract #2. The sub-station at Edenville will be tried out this Thursday. The pumps are to get the water pressure high enough in the northern part of the township. A resident from Baker Road was present and stated he is in desperate need for the water hookup. There are five residents that our supervisor has on a list to be among the first to get their water hook ups.

**CLERK'S MINUTES:**

The minutes from the November meeting had been dispensed earlier. It was moved by Mary and seconded by Starleen to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT:**

The treasurer gave the financial status as of Nov. 30, 2013. It was moved by Bob and seconded by Mary to accept the report. Motion carried.

**OUTSTANDING BILLS:**

The list of outstanding bills for the General, Solid Waste and Fire Dept. was handed out with the clerk's minutes earlier. It was moved by Starleen and seconded by Bob to pay the bills. A roll call vote was called-

Mary yes      JoAnn yes      Bob yes      Starleen yes      Andy yes

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**FIRE DEPT.:**

There were 7 runs in November. The chief requested \$450.00 to update the generator to be able to run 24 hours off the propane tank. This would make the fire hall a shelter for our residents to come to during power outs. Bob moved to update the generator and Starleen seconded. A roll call vote was polled-

Mary yes      Starleen yes      Bob yes      JoAnn yes      Andy yes

Lawrence Huckins is moving from Hope, this will put our man power down to eleven firemen.

**FIRE AUXILIARY:**

Santa's Workshop is December 4, at the Swanton Hall. The time is from 8:00a.m. until 5:00 p.m. We are having the kids come in three sessions this year. The first session is from 8:00 a.m. until 10:30 and the second starts at 11:00 until 1:30 p.m., the third starts at 2:00 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. We can use all the help we can get. Our next meeting will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> Mon. of Jan.

**PARK COMMISSION:**

The gate is closed for the winter. The bathrooms have been winterized. We will not be putting the city water in until spring. We were fortunate to have no vandalism this year.

**CHAPEL/CEMETERY:**

A quick meeting was held before the regular board meeting. The final wording for the cemetery ordinance was agreed on and voted on. The ordinance will change that the headstone foundation can be poured by the family but the sexton will mark out where the foundations goes at the cost of \$50.00. This should take care of the problem of the headstones being in the walkways. Bob moved to amend the ordinance and Andy seconded it. Motion carries. Wilbur Havens will take care of updating the Cemetery Ordinance Book.

**PLANNING COMMISSION:**

Building Place Consultants from Midland MI has given an estimate of \$1785.00 to revise the following Ordinances- RV Ordinance, Set back Ordinance, Cell Towers and Wind and Solar Ordinances. Andy moved to pay the Consultants to update our Ordinances, JoAnn seconded the motion and a roll call vote was called-

Bob yes      Mary yes      JoAnn yes      Starleen yes      Andy yes

**WATER PROJECT REPORT:**

The Supervisor had the following bills concerning the water project.

- (1) CIVIL ENGINEERING CONSULTANTS-\$8,400.00, \$12,510.00, \$30,337.00=\$51,247.00

It was moved by Andy and seconded by Bob to pay bill, a roll call vote was called-

Bob yes      Starleen yes      JoAnn yes      Mary yes      Andy yes

(2) BILACIC TRUCKING-CONTRACT 1= pay certificate #7-\$76,444.98, it was moved by Starleen and seconded by Mary to pay bill- a roll call vote was polled-

JoAnn yes Starleen yes Bob yes Mary yes Andy yes

(3) BILACIC TRUCKING-CONTRACT #2- Pay Certificate #6-\$174,063.88

Change Order #3-\$1,803.00 insulation in the attic of booster station.

It was moved by Andy and seconded by Bob to pay bill. A roll call vote was called-

Mary yes Starleen yes Bob yes JoAnn yes Andy yes

(4)STERLING EXCAVATION- CONTRACT 3-Pay Certificate #7-155,

Change Order #2-209,200.00 Birches extension. It was moved by Andy and seconded by

Bob to pay the bill. A roll call vote was polled-

Bob yes Mary yes JoAnn yes Starleen yes Andy yes

(5 ) WM FAHEY-\$798.00, it was moved by Andy and seconded by Starleen to pay bill- a roll call vote was called-

Starleen yes Bob yes Mary yes JoAnn yes Andy yes

(6) AMENDMENT #2- \$55,800.00. a motion to pay extras and mileage for consultants was made by Andy and seconded by BOB. A roll call vote was called-

Mary yes Starleen yes Bob yes JoAnn yes Andy yes

TOWNSHIP CODE AUTHORITY:

The December meeting will either be Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> or the 26<sup>th</sup>. They will let Bob know. Working on the water hookups.

WIXOM LAKE ASSOCIATION:

Done until spring.

ROAD ADVISARY COMMISSION:

The road bill for this year's work has been paid. They will continue with finishing the work next year.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NONE-

NEW BUSINESS:

NONE

The MTA Conference will be held 1/28/14—1/31/14 Andy moved and Mary seconded to pay expenses for the Board to attend. A roll call vote was called-

Starleen yes Mary yes Bob yes JoAnn yes Andy yes

Starleen moved to adjourn and Mary seconded

7:56 p.m.

Hope Township Clerk