

HOPE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
Hope Township Hall
January 8, 2013 7:00 P.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Andy Kobisa, Supervisor
JoAnn Wilkie, Clerk
Starleen Eddy, Treas.
Mary Letts, Trustee
Bob Davis, Trustee (absent)

VISITORS:

List with clerk's

CALL TO ORDER:

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

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

There was no business from the floor at this time.

Starleen moved to approve Bob's absent from the meeting because of illness. Mary seconded the motion and it carried.

CLERK'S MINUTES:

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

TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT:

The financial statement as of December 31, 2012 had been dispersed earlier. It was moved by Andy and seconded by JoAnn to accept the report. The paychecks for the firemen will be given to John Reisig (F.C.) to handout to the firemen at their Thurs. meeting. When the checks go to the Detroit Postal Service it can take up to ten days to get to the firemen.

OUTSTANDING BILLS:

A list of the outstanding checks had been handed out with the clerk's minutes. Starleen moved to pay the bills and JoAnn seconded the motion-a roll call vote was called-

Mary yes Starleen yes JoAnn yes Andy yes Bob absent

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DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

There were 8 runs in the month of December-2012. Three were medical, 2 fire assists with Edenville and Mills Townships. There were 2 good intents and 1 service call. This brought to year end-108 total runs and 633 responses for 2012. The new fire truck chassis will be in this week, John and Andy will check out the truck chassis and make sure it is what we ordered. Then John will need a check for \$82,369.00 to be paid to Circle K. The body of the new truck is in process of getting painted. The fire chief requested that \$625.00 be okayed for Cliff Blake to take the classes for instructor @\$325.00 and EMS for \$300.00. Starleen moved to pay the expenses for Cliff and Mary seconded it. A roll call vote was polled-

JoAnn yes Starleen yes Mary yes Andy yes Bob absent

The wetsuits and equipment are too expensive at this time to purchase until we get the new fire truck taken care off. The fire chief wants to see where the department will stand financially after the major purchase.

WATER DISTRICT:

Mark Norten from Civil Engineers was present to explain where Hope stands at this point. The water project has gone out for bids. Several contractors have contacted the engineering company for the specs. The bids will be opened on February 4th contract #1 at 1:00p.m., contract #2 at 1:30p.m., and contract #3 at 2:00p.m. in the County Commissioners room at the county building. Everyone is invited and especially the Township Board. The supervisor will get this on the website. The closing of the loan will take place before March 31, 2013.

FIRE DEPT. AUXILIARY:

The auxiliary worked hard on the Santa's Secret Workshop. It was held at the Edenville Swanton Hall on December 14, 2012. We had more businesses than last year to help us with money and gifts for the workshop. We had twice as many kids this year. There were 5 families that did their complete shopping there or there would have been no Christmas for the kids. The next meeting will be January 21 at 7:00p.m. at the fire hall. Officers will be elected at that time.

PARK COMMISSION:

The park commission will not meet until March 5 unless something urgent comes up. A new member has to be appointed to replace Larry Maxwell. David Yahr has stated interest in the township and would like to assist wherever possible. Andy moved to appoint David to the park commission and Mary seconded the motion. The motion carries. Don Dice has resigned from being caretaker of the park because of health issues. The township appreciates all the work that Don and Diane have done for the park. We always received good reports on how well the park

looked. The Supervisor will put this on our website and people will let it be known that a caretaker is needed. The park commission will consider this matter at their March meeting.

Water:

Andy had two bills from our attorney, Wm. Fahey and Civil Engineers-

- 1) Civil Engineers for easements-\$10950.00 & \$1575.00, Andy moved to pay the bills and Starleen seconded it A roll call vote was called-
Mary yes JoAnn yes Starleen yes Andy yes Bob absent
- 2) Attorney Fahey-\$1368.00, It was moved by Andy and seconded by Starleen to pay the bill. A roll call vote was polled-
Mary yes JoAnn yes Starleen yes Andy yes Bob absent

PLANNING COMMISSION:

The next meeting for the planning commission is February 5, 2013.

The Zoning Board of Appeals will be meeting Jan. 22, 2013 for a variance for Wilma Owens.

Andy moved to pay Attorney Fahey \$237.50 for legal service not concerning the water so it will come out of the General Fund. Andy moved to pay Fahey and Mary seconded, a roll call vote was called-

Starleen yes Mary yes JoAnn yes Andy yes Bob absent

CHAPEL/CEMETERY:

Wilbur Havens was present and stated the new cemetery book was completed. Wilbur will be going west until March so any questions can be answered then. The computer used at the chapel is approximately 12 years old. The data base and all new records are stored in it. It was recommended a new laptop computer be purchased out of the Matthews Fund. Starleen moved to purchase a new laptop and Andy seconded the motion. A roll call vote was polled-

Mary yes JoAnn yes Starleen yes Andy yes Bob absent

TOWNSHIP CODE AUTHORITY:

Andy reported for Bob who was absent-they will be holding elections soon. There are some new members on the Board. The meetings will be held the fourth Thursday of the month at 5:00p.m at the County building.

ROAD COMMSSION:

Jim is waiting to make sure of the right amount left to do work on roads this year. The clerk will make sure the entire road bill is paid.

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OLD BUSINESS:

It was mentioned that the street light at Stark and Shaffer Roads is still not working. The supervisor has called Consumers and will give them another call.

NEW BUSINESS:

The township board meeting dates for the 2013 year have been set. They are Jan. 8, Feb. 12, Mar. 12, April 9, May 14, June 11, July 9, Aug. 13, Sept. 10, Oct. 8, Nov. 12, and Dec. 10.

It was moved by Starleen and seconded by Mary to accept these dates and have them published in the Midland Daily News. Motion carries.

Starleen moved to adjourn and Mary seconded it-motion carried
Meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.