

HOPE TOWNSHIP PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING
AND REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
JUNE 11, 2013—7:00 P.M.
HOPE TOWNSHIP HALL

PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2013-2014 BUDGET

BOARD MEMBERS

Andy Kobisa, Supervisor
JoAnn Wilkie, Clerk
Starleen Eddy, Treasurer
Mary Letts, Trustee
Bob Davis, Trustee

VISITORS:

LIST WITH CLERK'S MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE TO FLAG:

The Supervisor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. by leading the pledge to the flag. The Clerk and Treasurer went over the proposed budget for the years 2013 – 2014. The budget is adopted by the expense item but set up in line items expenses. The line item expenses include salaries, phones, education, heating, insurance and etc.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: A question was asked considering the telephone bills. Supervisor remarked we will look at them and see if anything can be done.

MARK NORTEN, from CIVIL ENGINEERING: _____

Mark was present to give update on the water line progress in Hope Twp. Contract No. 1 has started on Shaffer Rd, heading east to Hicks Rd. This is being done by Bilacic Trucking Co. Contract III is being done by the Sterling Excavation Co. and has started on Adams Rd. at M-30. Contract II will be the last one done coming down Middle Rd. This is also being done by Bilacic Trucking Co. Civil Engineering is watching all the construction work being done to be sure it meets the State requirements.

This part of the meeting was closed at 7:23 p.m. and re-started with the Regular Board meeting at 7:29 p.m.

HOPE TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING 6/11/13

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Dave Rothman was present and commented on the lowering of Wixom Lake Dam for improving the dam structure. This has been required by the Federal government and Boyce Co. has to comply by the regulations. The Townships concern is that the construction will start and there will not be enough money to complete the project. The dam therefore would be left open and the lakes as we know them would no longer exist. This would make a hardship on the people living around the lake. Dave belongs to

a group of seven people who represent people concerned about Wixom Lake. This group has gone to the Wixom Lake Association and now functions as a group under their name and web site www.wixomlakeassociation.org. There will be a meeting called by the DEQ at the Beaverton High School on Saturday, June 15 @10:00a.m., to hear public comments concerning the repair project. The water would be lowered 4 feet in 2013 and 8 feet in 2014. Tobacco Township has put up an injunction to stop work until Boyce can obtain a bond to prove he has the money to complete the job. This now has gone to the higher courts to see if it is legal. Dave will keep us updated.

CLERK'S MINUTES:

The minutes from the May 14, 2013 meeting had been dispersed earlier. It was moved by Starleen and seconded by Bob to approve the minutes with one correction. Correction: the group looking into the Wixom Lake Dam repair work was not started from the Wixom Lake Improvement Board and they are a separate group Wixom Lake Association. They have requested to work with the WLIG. The motion carried.

TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT:

It was moved by Mary and seconded by Bob to accept the financial report from May 31, 2013. Motion carried.

OUTSTANDING BILLS:

The bills for the General Fund, Fire Fund and the Solid waste Fund were dispersed with the minutes. Bob moved to pay the bills and Mary seconded. A roll-call vote was polled

Mary yes Starleen yes JoAnn yes Bob yes Andy yes

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

FIRE DEPT:

The month of May seen 18 fire calls-11 medical, 2 fires, 2 lines down, 2 weather watches, and 1 good intent. The fire chief requested to have Cliff Blake promoted to the position of Captain. Cliff would be the head medical officer. The Hope Fire Station is now certified to be a Red Cross training site. Cliff would be the officer to make sure everyone's training is up to date. Bob made a motion to put Cliff Blake a captain and Starleen seconded the motion, a roll call vote was called-

Mary yes Bob yes JoAnn yes Starleen yes Andy yes

The Fire Dept. would like to request a new sign for Pequot Road. It was hard for fire dept. to find where there was a fire run. In case of a medical run this could mean life or death. Andy will check with the road commission about purchasing one. The Chief also requested 3 extension cords. The price is \$80.00 apiece. The Chief asked for 2 at this time.

Bob made the motion to pay up to \$200.00 for them. Starleen seconded the motion and a roll call vote was called-

JoAnn yes Mary yes Starleen yes Bob yes Andy yes

FIRE DEPT. AUXILIARY:

Dept. had a very productive meeting. The topic was the fund raiser. Ann is accepting things for the live and silent auction. The date is August 24 at the township park.

PARK COMMISSION:

Jim had the agreement between the Twp. Board and the Sanford Little League. They will have first choice to use of the baseball diamonds. They also have some improvements they will pay for. A new roof is going on the pavilion at the park. David Yahr is fixing the name boards to be put back up on the sidewalls of Pavilion A. The new dumpster is at the Park. Karen Davis has heard from the Strostacker Foundation. They are not going to help with the remaining money for the stations around the walkway.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

Bob went to the Edenville Twp. Board meeting. He was seeing how they handled the cell towers. A new tower in Edenville will be ready in August. This will be Verizon Tower and it should improve the cell phone service.

WATER BOARD:

The water project information was updated in the earlier segment. Four bills will be turned into the county for payment for Civil Engineering- they are- \$10,425.00, \$8,400.00, \$5,767.00, and \$1,987.00,

It was moved by Bob to accept these bills and pay them, seconded by Mary, a roll call vote was called-

Starleen yes Bob yes Mary yes JoAnn yes Andy yes

Midland County Attorney, \$972.00- it was moved by Bob and seconded by Andy to pay the bill- a roll call vote was polled-

JoAnn yes Mary yes Bob yes Starleen yes Andy yes

Bilacic Trucking, Contract I, a bill for \$1,030,077.66 and Contract 2 a bill for \$ 77,730.06. It was moved by Bob and seconded by Starleen to pay the bill. A roll call vote was called-

JoAnn yes Mary yes Bob yes Starleen yes Andy yes

A bill for Sterling Excavation for Contract 3, for \$755,735.45, It was moved by Bob and seconded by Andy to pay the bill. A roll call vote was polled-

JoAnn yes Mary yes Bob yes Starleen yes Andy yes

TOWNSHIP CODE AUTHORITY:

The meeting was held May 23, 2013. Hope Twp. Had 2 plumbing permits, 1 mechanical, 2 electrical for May. The next meeting will be held on June 27.

ROAD COMMISSION:

No meeting scheduled as of now. First brining has been done. Roads are being worked on.

CHAPEL/CEMETERY COMMISSION:

A meeting was held on May 21 and another one on June 11 before the June Board meeting. It was decided to not obtain the dirt from the water line diggings. There were too many permits and regulations by the Midland County Drain Commission and the DEQ to make it feasible. We can work with what we have and not fill in with questionable dirt at this time. JoAnn, Kathy and Bret are attending a cemetery seminar at Frankenmuth on Thurs. to learn what everyone else is using in their cemeteries. We are especially interested in "green burials."

WIXOM LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD REPORT:

They have finished applying the weed killers. The cold water has helped keep the weed growth down. Bob encouraged people to attend the meeting at the Beaverton High School concerning the lowering and fixing the Wixom Lake Dam.

OLD BUSINESS:

The schedule for the fair booth is Wed., Aug. 14, 2013. Andy & Bob will take the 4-6 p.m. time and JoAnn, Ann, Starleen & Starla will cover the time of 6-8 p.m.

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2012-2013 BUDGET

It was moved by Starleen and seconded by Bob to amend the accounts that were either over or under the budgeted amount. A roll call vote was polled-

JoAnn yes Bob yes Starleen yes Mary yes Andy yes

The meeting was closed at 9:15 p.m. and opened at 9:20 p.m.

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE SALARY FOR 2013-2014

A motion to adopt the proposed salary resolution was offered by Starleen and seconded by Andy
A roll call vote was called-

Mary no Starleen yes Bob no JoAnn yes Andy yes
Motion carried.

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE 2013-2014 BUDGET

It was moved by Starleen and seconded by Andy to adopt the 2013-2014 proposed budgets. A roll call vote was polled-

Bob yes JoAnn yes Starleen yes Mary yes Andy yes
Moved to adjourn at 9:36 p.m. by Mary, seconded by Starleen.
JoAnn Wilkie, Clerk

