

HOPE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
HOPE TOWNSHIP HALL – 7:00 P. M.
MARCH 12, 2013

BOARD MEMBERS:

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

VISITORS:

WITH CLERK'S MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER:

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

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

Bob Kelly reported there will be a meeting March 21, at the Billings Township Hall concerning the lowering of the water by the Edenville Dam. This will make it hard for the water front residents to enjoy their property this year. The same company did this to the Sanford Dam to repair it and then could not come up with the finances to complete the job. The Sanford Lake Front owners ended up finishing the job. The Townships do not want to see this happen to our residents. Anyone that can is encouraged to attend this meeting. It is at 7:00 p.m. Dave Rothman is also keeping us updated to the happenings of this issue.

CLERK'S MINUTES:

The Clerk's minutes from the February 12, 2013 meeting were distributed earlier. It was moved by Bob and seconded by Starleen to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT:

The treasurer's report as of February 28, 2013 had been distributed earlier. It was moved by Mary and seconded by Bob to accept the financial report. Motion carries.

OUTSTANDING BILLS:

A list of the outstanding bills for the General, Fire and Solid Waste Funds had been handed out with the minutes earlier. It was moved by Bob and supported by Starleen. A roll call vote was called-

Mary yes Starleen yes Bob yes JoAnn yes Andy yes

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

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FIRE DEPARTMENT:

There were 12 runs for February, 9 were medical, 1 fire call, 1 carbon monoxide and 1 lift assist. The body of the fire truck has been mounted on the chassis. There is still no delivery date. The old fire truck will be let out for bids with \$3500.00 being the lowest accepted bid.

FIRE DEPARTMENT AUXILIARY:

The next meeting is March 18 at 6:30 p.m. They will be assembling personal kits to be given to victims of fires. There will be different ones for men, women, boys and girls. Ann had a lady donate 49 packs of toothbrushes, toothpaste, combs and misc. for the packs. Plans are being made for the events coming up this year.

PARK COMMISSION:

The park commission met for the first time this year on March 5, 2013. The Supervisor was present to swear in the members. David Yahr was welcomed as the new member of the commission. The same officers were elected in for the coming year. Starla was sick and unable to be at the meeting, the treasurer report will be given next month. A new grounds keeper was discussed and Bob Pyle was present and interested in the position. The park commission agreed on hiring Bob for the lawn keeper for this year. The picnic tables have to be gone over and decide to either refinish them or replace them. Jim will look into getting bids for the roof on pavilion B. Karen Davis has written to several foundations for grants to match the grant for the exercise pads around the track. We need \$4729.00 to finish the project. The grant Karen got was \$5,000.00 and the project was \$9729.00. The Supervisor will take care of the water sample to send into the state. Andy also got a dumpster for the park for no cost. Andy has requested \$200.00 from Republic towards the township picnic.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

The next meeting for the planning commission is May 1 at the township hall at 7:00 p.m.

WATER PROJECT:

Mark and John were present to give us an update of the progress so far. They had gone over the bids for the water project and were making their recommendations to the township board. The construction had been put into three contracts. Contract One was recommended to Bilacic Construction as they were the lowest bidder. Their references were checked out and found favorable. Contract Two was also recommended to Bilacic Construction for their lowest bid. Contract Three was recommended to Sterling Excavation, they were second to the lowest bid and their references were good. The lowest bidder, Clark Trucking had some remarks that were not favorable to their company. The Supervisor had done some checking on his own and found some references that would not employ them again. Lynn Harwell was present from the Clark Company and asked to be heard concerning the remarks. Lynn was granted the time and the board took into consideration her remarks. She also asked for time to check out the other remarks and bring back other reference. The township board felt this was not necessary and thanked her for her time. It is noted the bonds should be ready to sign on March 21, and the pre-construction meeting and ground breaking ceremony will take place the following week.

HOPE TOWNSHIP BOARD AWARDS THE WATER CONTRACTING BIDS

Andy moved to award Contract One to BILACIC TRUCKING, Contract Two to BILACIC TRUCKING, and Contract Three to STERLING EXCAVATION. The motion was seconded by Bob Davis and a roll call vote was polled-

Mary yes Starleen yes JoAnn yes Bob yes Andy yes

MOTION CARRIED.

It was moved by Andy to pay Civil Engineering \$9,125.00, Bob seconded and a roll call vote was polled-

Starleen yes Bob yes JoAnn yes Mary yes Andy yes

A bill from Wm. Fahey for \$2080.00 was moved to be paid by Andy and seconded by Starleen, a roll call vote was called-

Bob yes Mary yes Starleen yes JoAnn yes Andy yes

WM. Smith, Midland County Attorney, had a bill for \$611.00, it was moved by Andy and supported by Mary to pay- a roll call vote was called-

JoAnn yes Bob yes Mary yes Starleen yes Andy yes

The bills will be turned into the Midland Board of Public Works for payment.

RESOLUTION APPROVING FIRST AMENDMENT TO MIDLAND COUNTY WATER SUPPLY

It was moved by Andy to approve the first Amendment to the Midland County Water Supply. Bob seconded the movement and a roll call vote was polled-

Mary yes Starleen yes JoAnn yes Bob yes Andy yes

Resolution passed

CHAPEL-CEMETARY COMMISSION:

The commission will be having a meeting to decide on foundation rules. We need to look at them and see if they still accomplish what they were intended to. The new area will be marked out this spring and as such it needs to be mowed every time the other parts are. We will set up new guidelines for the mowing and trimming. We will be interviewing applicants for the caretaker position at the next meeting. The clerk will contact commission members and applicants of the date and time.

TOWNSHIP CODE AUTHORITY:

Bob Davis reported the code authority is doing well with the inspectors. It is the slow time for construction but will picking up with spring and the water lines going in.

WIXOM LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD REPORT:

The next meeting is March 13, 2013 at the Billings Township Hall.
The dates for the other meetings are-May 8, June 12, July 10, Aug. 14, Sept. 11, 2013.

ROAD ADVISORY COMMISSION:

Jim reported the paper work has been turned into the Midland County Road Commission and they signed and returned our copy to township. Work will begin this summer on Hull Road and Five Mile Road.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

It was moved by Bob and seconded by Starleen to pay expenses for the Supervisor to attend the Supervisor's conference in Lansing from April 24-26. A roll call vote was polled-

Mary yes Starleen yes JoAnn yes Bob yes Andy yes

MTA is having conferences this summer at Mission Point for –

TREASURER & DEPUTY-May 14-15

SUPERVISOR & DEPUTY-May 16-17

TRUSTEES-May 18-19

CLERK & DEPUTY-May 22-24

It was moved by Bob and seconded by Starleen to pay expenses for the Board members and deputies that can attend. A roll call vote was polled-

Mary yes Starleen yes JoAnn yes Bob yes Andy yes

A Public Hearing for a Tax Abatement for International Engineering will be considered at the April 9, 2013 meeting.

Bob moved and Mary seconded to adjourn- 8:14 p.m.

Hope Township Clerk
JoAnn Wilkie