

**HOPE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 12, 2013
HOPE TOWNSHIP HALL-7:00 P.M.**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

VISITORS:

LIST WITH CLERK'S

CALL TO ORDER:

The Supervisor led those present to the pledge to the flag to start the meeting at 7:00p.m.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

Mark Norton, from Civil Engineering Con. was present and gave an update of Hope's water project. We are at 88% of having the water lines installed in our township. Work is in progress on Wendt Rd., Cassidy, Baker Rd. and Hope Rd. The Fire Dept. approach was completed and is working well for the fire trucks. The power at the Edenville substation should be completed this week. We are hoping for a start up for the power in two weeks and then possibly in a month we can start the hookups for people north of Baker Road.

CLERK'S MINUTES:

The minutes from the October 8th meeting were handed out earlier. It was moved by Starleen and seconded by Mary to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT:

The financial statements from October 31, 2013 were disbursed earlier. Bob moved to accept the reports and JoAnn seconded the motion. Motion carried.

OUTSTANDING BILLS:

The list of bills for the General Fund, Solid Waste and Fire Dept. were disbursed earlier. Bob moved to pay the bills and Starleen seconded the motion. A roll call vote was called-

Mary yes Bob yes Starleen yes JoAnn yes Andy yes

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

FIRE DEPT:

October there was 4 runs, they were all medical. The Fire Chief met with Central Dispatch to update on what is going to be necessary to receive the emergency calls. We will need a base of at least 800 megabits to receive the calls from Central Dispatch. A minimum of 10 portables and 5 mobiles receivers will have to be ordered. The Dept. has two fire fighters leaving the fire dept., because of moving away and then they have received 2 new applicants. A memorial of \$500.00 was received from the family of Marilyn Fillmore.

FIRE AUXILIARY:

The trunk or Treat at the park went very well for a rainy and cold night. We had 411 kids out to the trunk or treat. The Hope Church of God provided and served the food. A special thank you to everyone that helped or provided candy or treats to the kids. Thank you to the Fire Dept. for having the fire trucks there and providing treats for the kids. The Santa Secret Workshop will be Dec. 14, 2013 at the Swanton Hall. It will be done in 3 shifts this year. The time is 8:00 a.m. until 5:00p.m. Please call and let Ann Blake-689-3275 or JoAnn Wilkie, 689-3056 know what time slot you would like for your kids or if you could help.

PARK COMMISSION:

The exercise equipment has arrived and is being stored until spring to set up. Denny Hatfield has been helping Bob Pyle to put things away and ready to close the bathrooms for the winter. Consumers have fixed the yard light at the park.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

The planning commission will be doing some revisions on our ordinances. Rodney Nanney, from Building Place Consultants, has offered to help our commission to go over the wind solar power ordinances. The medical marihuana situation is still waiting for the State to decide how they are going to control the drug. Three applicants were interested in being on the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission decided to recommend Wendy Faber. Andy moved to accept Wendy Faber to be on the planning commission and Mary seconded it. Motion carried.

WATER REPORT :

Invoices for the water project had been received and were as followed-

1) Civil Engineering-\$2100.00 & \$49,461.30, it was moved by Andy to pay Civil Eng. And seconded by Bob, a roll call vote was called

Starleen yes Mary yes Bob yes JoAnn yes Andy yes

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2) Bilacic Trucking-

Contract 1-pay certificate #6-\$229,062.64, change order-\$23,490.00. It was moved by Andy and seconded by Bob to pay the invoice. A roll call vote was polled-

Bob yes Starleen yes JoAnn yes Mary yes Andy yes

3) Contract 2-Pay Certificate#5 \$286,560.62 and change order#1- \$31,163.30 Andy moved and JoAnn seconded motion to pay the bill- a roll call vote was called-

Bob yes Mary yes Starleen yes JoAnn yes Andy yes

4) Sterling Excavation –Contract 3 pay certificates #6- \$191,352.80 and change order #121,275.35. It was moved by Andy and seconded by Bob to pay invoices, a roll call vote was polled-

Andy moved and Bob seconded to pay the bills- A roll call vote was called-

Starleen yes Mary yes Bob yes JoAnn yes Andy yes

5) Our attorney, Wm Fahey- a bill for \$931.00, Andy moved and Bob seconded to pay the bill- a roll call vote was polled-

Bob yes JoAnn yes Mary yes Starleen yes Andy yes

6) Consumers Energy booster station electric & gas- \$1,110.00. It was moved by Andy and seconded by Bob to pay the bill- a roll call vote was polled-

Starleen yes Mary yes Bob yes JoAnn yes Andy yes

7) A bill from Currie, Kendall (P. Poznak) concerning the VanSteenhouse lawsuit-\$56.70. Andy moved to pay bill and Mary seconded- A roll call vote was called-

Bob yes JoAnn yes Mary yes Starleen yes Andy yes

CHAPEL/CEMETERY:

Kathy and Brett have been cleaning up the cemetery from sticks, branches and old decorations that are flying around. Brett found some parking bumpers to keep cars off the septic tank and grass. It was discussed and decided a 6 in. wash around the headstone would protect the headstones for a longer period of time.

TOWNSHIP CODE AUTHORITY:

There was 1 mechanical permit, 2 electrical permits and 1 plumbing permit. The meeting was held on Oct. 24, 2013 and the next one will be Nov. 21, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. at the county building. The Supervisor got one bid for the hook up for the town hall from J. Starks, he will get a couple more for next month.

WIXON LAKE ADVISARY REPORT:

They are done until next spring.

HOPE TWP. ROAD ADVASARY COMMISSION:

Jim Hockameyer talked with Sam and Depak from the Cty Road Commission about the work to be done in Hope Twp. They have revised their work bid because of the ditching and tree removal the companies putting in the water lines did. The work price for now is \$21,094.00. They will continue on with road work next year on seal coating on Hull and Baker Roads. Hull (west of Hope Road)and Five Mile Road (south of Hull Rd) will be done in 2014.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mary moved to pay the expenses for the Board members and guests to attend the dinner/meeting of the MCTOA on Dec. 6, 2013 at the Holiday Inn. Starleen seconded the motion and it carried. Those planning on attending are-

Andy & Marge Kobisa, JoAnn Wilkie & Ann Blake, Mary Letts, Starleen & Phil Eddy,
Bob & Karen Davis and Starla & Jody Jordan. The clerk will send in the reservations.

Meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

JoAnn Wilkie
Hope Township Clerk