

HOPE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
HOPE TOWNSHIP HALL
OCT. 8, 2013---7:00 P.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

Visitors:

List with the clerk's

CALL TO ORDER:

The supervisor called the meeting to order by leading the pledge to the flag. Mark Norton was present from Civil Engineering Con. to update the water project. The water lines are going good and the construction is still going on Hope Rd., Shearer Rd. and they are half way done on Richmond Dr. The booster station is nearly completed and waiting for Consumers to hook up the electricity.

CLERK'S MINUTES:

The minutes had been dispersed earlier. It was moved by Bob to approve the minutes with the corrections of the next planning meeting would be Nov. 6 at the town hall. It was seconded by Starleen and motion carried.

TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT:

It was moved by JoAnn and seconded by Bob to accept the treasurer's report. The motion carried.

OUTSTANDING BILLS:

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

Starleen yes Bob yes Mary yes JoAnn yes Andy yes

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

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FIRE DEPT:

There were six runs in September. Four were medical and two were public assists. The fire dept. is having their open house, Oct. 11 from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. There will be food, popcorn and goodies for the kids. The fire men appreciation dinner will be Oct. 26 at 6:30 p.m. The tire collection in Sept. went very well. They collected 1,000 tires and the truck was full when it left here. This will probably become an annual event for tire collecting. John R. and Cliff B. went to a conference for the fire dept. Several changes are coming up and will be costing the fires depart. more money. PLEASE CALL YOUR REPRESENTATIVES AND ASK THEM TO TURN DOWN HB 4785. THIS WOULD BE CHARGING THE FIREMEN TO GET CERTIFIED EVERY YEAR. The medical firemen would cost even more and the instructor would have to be certified at a cost of over \$600.00 a year. This is just a way for the government to take over control of our volunteer fire department. Any questions call our fire chief at 689-4859 or Cliff Blake at 689-3275.

FIRE DEPT. AUXILIARY:

We will be having Trunk or Treat at the park again on Halloween, Oct. 31, 2013. The time will be 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. We will have food, cookies, treats and more for everyone. The fire depts. Will be there and everyone is invited to come and share your treats with the township.

PARK COMMISSION:

The life trail equipment has been ordered. It should be in within a week. The concrete pad will be poured this week. The connecting path to it will be four foot wide to make it handicapped accessible. This is the equipment Karen Davis had written a grant for and we thank her for all her work. Maxwell Seed Farms sprayed the park for weeds again this year. Thank you to them. Casey Johnson is going to be starting to work on grants.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

The next meeting will be on Nov. 6 at the town hall at 7:00 p.m. The supervisor had a resignation from Janille Chrvia to leave the planning comm. Bob moved to accept the resignation and Mary seconded the motion. Motion carried. Wendy Faber indicated she would be interested in sitting on the planning comm. The supervisor will put it on our township website.

WATER DEPARTMENT:

Mark Norton had updated us earlier. There were five bills to approve concerning the water project.

- 1) Civil Engineering Con. \$6300.00 and \$38,259.55. It was moved by Andy and seconded by Bob to pay the bill- A roll call vote was called-

Mary yes Bob yes JoAnn yes Starleen yes Andy yes

- 2) BILACIC TRUCKING- payroll of \$204,630.38. It was moved by Starleen and seconded by Mary to pay the bill. A roll call vote was polled-
JoAnn yes Mary yes Starleen yes Bob yes Andy yes
- 3) BILACIC TRUCKING-contract #2 -\$300,715.23, it was moved by Bob and supported by Mary. A roll call vote was called-
JoAnn yes Mary yes Starleen yes Bob yes Andy yes
- 4) STERLING EXCUVATION CO. CONTRACT #3 -FOR PAYROLL-\$106,969.46. It was moved by Mary and seconded by Bob. A roll call vote was called-
Bob yes Starleen yes Mary yes JoAnn yes Andy yes
- 5) FIRST AMERICAN TITLE CO.-\$150.00. It was moved by Starleen and seconded by Mary. A roll call vote was called-
Mary yes Starleen yes JoAnn yes Bob yes Andy yes

RESOLUTION TO CORRECT THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL

It was moved by Bob and supported by Starleen to adopt the Resolution. All five Board members voted aye. Resolution adopted.

CHAPEL/CEMETERY COMMISSION:

No meeting was held this month. Floyd Andrick will be the speaker on Oct.23 to the Daughters of the Union. He will be talking about the soldiers from the Civil War, buried in the Old Hope Cemetery.

TOWNSHIP CODE AUTHORITY:

Bob attended the meeting and reported that there were 3 building permits for Sept. There will probably be several after the booster station is completed and more people can hook up to water. The next meeting is Oct. 24 at the County Building at 5:00 p.m.

WIXOM LAKE ASSOCIATION:

The spraying and dredging is done for this year. There will be one more meeting to review how well the chemicals worked. It will be held on Nov. 13 at the Billings Township Hall.

ROAD ADVISARY COMMISSION:

No meeting at this time. Jim is going to contact the county to see if they can revise the price for work on the roads that needed ditching and trees removed. The company that installed the water lines did major work on the ditches and tree removal.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) MTA Conference in Jan. 28-31 at Traverse City- It was moved by Bob and seconded by Starleen to pay expenses for township people going to the conference. A roll call vote was called-
Mary yes Starleen yes JoAnn yes Bob yes Andy yes

- 2) **RESOLUTION FOR ACCELERATED FORFEITURE ACT:**

It was moved by Bob and supported by Mary to approve the Accelerated Forfeiture Act.

Motion carried by 5 ayes and no nays.

- 3) MCTOA dinner/meeting in December, at the Holiday Inn. It was moved by Bob and seconded by Starleen to pay for members and guests to attend the meeting. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m. It was moved by Bob and seconded by Mary.

JoAnn Wilkie,

Hope Township Clerk