

HOPE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
HOPE TOWNSHIP HALL
SEPT. 10, 2013 – 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

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:

Mark Norton was present from Civil Engineers Cons., to give a update on the water project. Everything is going good. Bilacic Trucking has hired Sterling Excavation to work on some of the waterline to keep everything on track. Dan Anger was present and had some complaints concerning his driveways. Mark and the supervisor will check out the problem to see what can be done to take care of the problems.

CLERK'S MINUTES:

The clerk's minutes from the August meeting had been distributed earlier. It was moved by Bob and seconded by Starleen to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT:

The financial report as of August 31 had been distributed earlier. It was moved by JoAnn and seconded by Mary to accept the report. The motion carried.

OUTSTANDING BILLS:

The outstanding bills for the General, Fire Dept. and Solid Waste had been distributed with the minutes earlier. It was moved by Bob and seconded by Mary to pay the bills. A roll call vote was called-
Mary yes Starleen yes Bob yes JoAnn yes Andy yes

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

FIRE DEPT.:

There were 9 runs in August. Five were medical and four were public assists. There will be a tire collection on Sat. the 14th, from 8:00 until 12:00. There is a number on the sign to call to make an appointment to drop off tires. Fire Prevention week is Oct. 6---12. An Open House will be held on Oct. 11 from 4:00 until 7:00 p.m. The Fire Dept. would like to purchase a Garmin G.P.S. Some of the

addresses are hard to find. They cost around \$120.00 to \$150.00. Andy made a motion to purchase the Garmin G.P.S., Starleen seconded it and the motion carried.

FIRE DEPT. AUXILIARY:

The Fund Raiser for the new complex was held on Aug. 24, 2013. There were lots of things to do including kids games. The Hope Methodist Church ladies did a bake sale for us. Gene Smith and his band entertained the people and were great. We had a DJ out by the live auction and he entertained the younger crowd. Floyd Andrick was at the First Aid station and free blood pressures were given. Our auctioneers were Steven Braley & Sippi. A thank you to Mike Braley, who kept the bidding interesting. Special thank you to our petting zoo helpers. There were so many people that donated prizes, sold tickets and helped with the food. If we missed anyone that helped, please accept this thank you. The total for all the Fund Raiser was \$2300.00. All of this will go into the Complex fund. The next meeting will be Mon., the 17th. We are working on plans for next year.

PARK COMMISSION:

Next year will be 30 years since the park property was purchased. The park commission is going to have a special celebration then. Karen Davis has a \$5,000.00 grant to be used towards equipment for exercise by the track. The equipment costs \$9,730.00, the park commission is asking the township to go half with them to finish the purchase and not lose the grant. Andy moved to have the township and park go \$2365.00 each to purchase the equipment. JoAnn seconded the motion and a roll call vote was called-

Mary yes Starleen yes Bob yes JoAnn yes Andy yes

PLANNING COMMISSION:

The next meeting will be Nov. 7 at the town hall. The state is still working on what day's fireworks would be allowed. Oct. 2 Marge, Andy, Bob would like to go to a seminar at Frankenmuth. It was moved by Bob and seconded by Mary to have them go. A roll call vote was polled-

Starleen yes Mary yes JoAnn yes Bob yes Andy yes

WATER:

Mark Norton had updated us earlier. We had bills for Bilacic Trucking, Sterling Excavating and Civil Engineering Cons., to approve to be turned into the county to be paid.

(1) Civil Engineering Consulting for \$4,170.00, \$4,200.00, and \$41,426.85, it was moved by Bob and 2nd by Andy to pay the bill. A roll call vote was called-

Bob yes JoAnn yes Starleen yes Mary yes Andy yes

(2) Contract #1, Bilacic Trucking \$206,960.33, it was moved by Andy and seconded by Bob to pay the bill, a roll call vote was polled-

Mary yes Starleen yes Bob yes JoAnn yes Andy yes

(3) Contract #3, Sterling Excavation, \$292,878.24, it was moved by JoAnn and seconded by by Bob to pay the bill. A roll call vote was polled-

Starleen yes Bob yes JoAnn yes Mary yes Andy yes

CHAPEL/ CEMETERY COMMISSION:

The commission met before the Board meeting. Items discussed were- (1) Where will green burials and cremations be located. We are working on a garden to incorporate them in. (2) The light and flag pole will be located on the west side of the chapel. (3) The benches to be purchased for the cemeteries have not been located yet. We may have to wait for next season to find some. (4) We are still getting bids for the new roads in the new cemetery. (5) Kathy is going to try a new paper she has found in the glass windows. (6) We are waiting for the roads to be completed to mark out new section. (7) The concrete slab has been poured for the dumpster in new cemetery. (8) The willow trees that were cut down in the old cemetery have been removed by residents to use the wood. (9) Floyd went back to the census of 1894 to find the names of residents to use their names for roads in both cemeteries. The new cemetery we are thinking of Wilson- Mathews for the main road. The old cemetery, we are looking at Havens-Fillmore for the main road. These have not been set in stone yet and suggestions will be taken into consideration. A question was raised if we could put the info on our website. This will be looked into.

TOWNSHIP CODE AUTHORITY:

There were 9 permits for our township. These will be going up as the water lines get completed. The office hours have gone back to the original times. The new hours did not work for the contractors. Sept. 26 is the next meeting at the county building.

WIXOM LAKE ASSOC. REPORT:

The work is done for this year. There will be a meeting Sept. 11 at the Billings Twp. Hall. The state has decided there will be no drawdown this year on Wixom Lake.

ROAD ADVISARY COMMISSION:

There will be a meeting to look at how much money is left and what road projects will be considered for next year.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

JoAnn brought the chair that Kelly and Kathy Hatfield had painted for the fund raiser. They had taken 2 old chairs and painted and recovered the seats. Kathy has said they will do more if we are interested. Bob moved to have the old chairs done for \$40.00 each, \$20.00 for the complex and \$20.00 for Kathy's work. It was seconded by Starleen and motion carried.

We have been discussing padded folding chairs for the hall for two years. It was decided to have the clerk look into some prices for 50 chairs. The old chairs would be let out with the tables and new chairs kept in the hall.

Bob moved to adjourn, Andy seconded at 8:07 p.m.

Hope Township Clerk