

HOPE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
April 8, 2014-7:00 P.M.
HOPE TOWNSHIP HALL

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

VISITORS:

WITH CLERK'S COPY

CALL TO ORDER:

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

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

A pre-final inspection was held today for Rural Development representatives. They were given a ride through the township to see the progress of the water line going through the township. This shows them where the money is going and that everything is being installed to specifications. Mark Norton stated that "The Birches" waterline is being designed.

CLERK'S MINUTES:

The minutes from the Mar. 11, 2014 meeting had been dispensed earlier. It was moved by Bob and seconded by Starleen to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT:

The treasurer gave the financial status as of Mar. 31, 2014. It was moved by JoAnn and seconded by Mary to accept the financial statement. Motion carried.

OUTSTANDING BILLS:

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

Bob yes Starleen yes Mary yes JoAnn yes Andy yes

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

FIRE DEPT.:

There were 6 runs in March. They were 5 Medical and 1 good intent. John Reisig and Cliff Blake are attending a fire convention in Indianapolis. There is a bus to take them there and will be returning that night.

PARK COMMISSION:

They had their first organizational meeting April 1, 2014. Casey Johnson is getting info for grants for the park. Starla has contacted the Kiwanis Club and they are going to paint Pavilion A. Pavilion B was painted last year. David Yahr has contacted the Boy Scouts and they are willing to redo the tables and benches at the park. They are also going to spruce up the park sign.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

The planning commission is waiting to hear any comments from the Midland County Planning Commission. They do not meet regularly but when a request is put in they will meet and give their recommendations for possible changes. Then it is up to the Township Board to decide to abide by it or go with Hope Township Planning Commission's approval and recommendation. This will be presented to the township board for the final decision at a special meeting April 24, 2014 A trial date is set in early May and we would like everything in place by then.

WATER PROJECT REPORT:

The Supervisor had the following bills concerning the water project.

- (1) CIVIL ENGINEERING CONSULTANTS-\$12566.90

It was moved by Andy and seconded by Bob to pay bill, a roll call vote was called-
JoAnn yes Mary yes Bob yes Starleen yes Andy yes

- (2) BILACIC TRUCKING-CONTRACT # 1= pay certificate #0-00.00,

- (3) BILACIC TRUCKING-CONTRACT #2- Pay Certificate #10-\$51,479.

It was moved by Andy and seconded by Bob to pay bill. A roll call vote was called
Mary yes Starleen yes JoAnn yes Bob yes Andy yes

- (4) A bill for \$190.00 to be paid to our attorney, Wm. Fahey .

It was moved by Andy and seconded by Bob to pay bill. A roll call vote was
Mary yes Starleen yes JoAnn yes Bob yes Andy yes

- (5) Rural Development Hope Water Project interest payment of \$87,313.80. It was moved by Andy and seconded by Bob to pay the bill. A roll call vote was polled-

JoAnn yes Mary yes Starleen yes Bob yes Andy yes

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RESOLUTION FOR BOOSTER STATION PAYMENT

It was moved by Andy and supported by Starleen to make the payment. A roll call vote was called-
Mary yes Bob yes JoAnn yes Starleen yes Andy yes

RESOLUTION #5 PUBLIC HEARING FOR "THE BIRCHES" WATER MAIN

It was moved by Andy and seconded by Bob to hold a public hearing concerning the water main to be installed in "THE BIRCHES". A roll call vote was polled-

Bob yes Starleen yes Mary yes JoAnn yes Andy yes

CHAPEL-CEMETARY COMMISSION:

A meeting was held on March 18, at the chapel. A new member is needed on the committee. Rose Ann Trylch was present and said she may be interested. We discussed the frost damage in basement. We are going to wait for the frost to go before deciding. Some of the things we would like to see done are- expansion of the parking lot. The hillside slope taken care of. Spring cleanup will be the weekend of April 15. We will be meeting again on April 29 at 7:00p.m. at chapel. A request to have the foundation wash around the headstone be changed from three inches to six inches on all four sides was submitted. Andy moved to have change from 3 inches to 6 inches be incorporated into our rule book. Bob seconded and a roll call vote was polled-

Starleen yes Mary yes JoAnn yes Bob yes Andy yes

There is \$74,500.00 presently in the Matthews Fund. We can take out \$7,500.0 by April 7 and then go in after that date and get \$7,500.00 more to use towards our projects.

TOWNSHIP CODE AUTHORITY:

The meeting is April 24, 2014 at the County Building. Bob reported that for 2013, there were-18 Building permits, 4 plumbing permits, 14 mechanical permits, 18 electrical permits. 71 water permits have been picked up. The nice weather will allow for more permits to be obtained.

WIXOM LAKE ASSOCIATION:

There is still ice on the lake, so there is no weeds growing yet. May will be the next meeting and they will be talking of the planned actions.

ROAD ADVISARY COMMISSION:

Jim reported that DePak is no longer at the Cty. Road Commission. Sam is the person that Jim talks to and they are still looking into Curtis Rd., 1 mile east of Middle Rd. Jim will report back as to what they recommend.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NONE-

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NEW BUSINESS:

NONE

Bob moved and Mary seconded to adjourn.-8:34 p.m.

Hope Township Clerk