

Hope Township Public Hearing for Tax  
Abatement for International Engineering  
and REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
July 8, 2014 7:00 PM  
Township Hall

**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 FOR PUBLIC HEARING:**

The Supervisor called the public hearing to order at 7:01 p.m. by leading the pledge to the flag.

Robert Musselman, CEO from International Engineering, gave a brief history of his company. They have been in Hope Township since 1972. They presently have 64 employees and running two shifts. They are applying for the tax abatement now but if proposal 1 does go through on the election this tax abatement would be canceled. With no more questions from public, the hearing was closed at 7:10 p.m.

**OPEN REGULAR TOWNSHIP MEETING AT 7:10 P.M.**

**BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:**

**Resolution to Approve Tax Abatement**

It was moved by Andy to approve the Tax Abatement request for 12 years. Mary seconded the motion and a roll call vote was called-

Mary yes      Starleen yes      Bob yes      JoAnn yes      Andy yes

The clerk will send the request into the State.

Mark Norton was present to update the water project. Mark had drove through the township to see what concerns remain to finish project. The Construction Project #1 is mainly redoing the concrete driveways to original status. Construction Project #2 is not completed and the

driveways will be finished to original status. Some of the residents were present to give Mark an idea of their chief concerns. Mark will check them out and make sure they are back to their original being.

### **Township Insurance Coverage**

Ken Lind from Lind & Lind Insurance Company was present to share his policy from their company. He gave a brief history of their coverage with our township from the previous year. He had new costs and pictures of the townships buildings and properties. The Supervisor gave him five minutes to present.

Larry Cleaver, from Burnham & Flowers then had five minutes to explain their policy. The Township had been with Burnham & Flowers before Lind & Lind. Larry gave a summary of what their company would cover and the cost. The cost for Burnham & Flowers was \$9,928.00 and Lind and Lind was \$11,066.00.

Bob Davis made a motion to join Burnham and Flowers and Mary Letts seconded the motion. A roll call vote was called-

Starleen yes Bob yes JoAnn yes Mary yes Andy yes

### **J.D. Brooks Running for Prosecuting Attorney**

J.D. Brooks was present to share some of his background and why he is running for prosecuting attorney. ANN MANARY, County Clerk, came up first to explain why she is campaigning for J.D Brooks for prosecuting Attorney. Ann has worked with J.D. and knows he has the experience to do the job.

#### **CLERK'S MINUTES:**

It was moved by Bob and seconded by Starleen to approve the minutes. The motion carried.

#### **TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT:**

The Treasurer's computer has quit working and is in the shop for repairs. A complete report will be given next month. It was moved by Mary to accept what could be given and seconded by JoAnn. The motion carried.

OUTSTANDING BILLS:

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

Bob yes      Starleen yes      JoAnn yes      Mary yes      Andy yes

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

FIRE DEPT.:

There were 6 runs in June. Five medical runs and 1 power line down. The new truck needs to have some work done. Douglas Safety Gear will be coming out to measure for new fire gear including boots and gloves. Kim Booth has shown interest in becoming a fire fighter. She would be the first female to actually go into the fire area.

PARK COMMISSION:

Karen Davis has sent a thank you and closed out the grant for the exercise equipment for the park. The Gerstacker Foundation grant paid for half of it and the Park Comm. and the Township paid for the other half.

A discussion concerning a new zero turn industrial mower was held. There were five models to be considered. The two leading models were a John Deere and the Bad Boy. It was mentioned both models had three years warranties and both would be picked up by the dealer for service, the cutting width is 71 inches on both. The cost of the John Deere is \$11,000.00 and the Bad Boy is \$8,000.00. Bob moved to purchase the John Deere Zero Turn mower. There was no second and the motion died. JoAnn moved to purchase the Bad Boy Zero Turn mower and Mary seconded it. A roll call vote was called-

Bob no      Starleen yes      JoAnn yes      Mary yes      Andy yes

Starla Jordan had put in for a grant from the Kiwanis Group for the money for paint for the park pavilion and possible storage building. They received a check for \$2517.00 for the supplies. The Park Comm. will be looking for volunteers for help painting.

PLANNING COMMISSION: The commission with Rodney Nanny are working on updating the Township's Ordinances. The next meeting will be held on August 6, 2014. It was moved by

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Andy and seconded by Bob to pay The Building Place \$1,368.75. A roll call vote was called-

Bob yes JoAnn yes Starleen yes Mary yes Andy yes

WATER PROJECT:

The following bills had been turned into the township for approval-

CIVIL ENGINEERING INC.\$16,934.00. It was moved by Andy and seconded by Bob to pay the bill. A roll call vote was called-

Mary yes Bob yes Starleen yes JoAnn yes Andy yes

CONTRACT 1-PAY CERTIFICATE #11 \$56,212.64. It was moved by Andy and seconded by Bob to pay- A roll call vote was called-

Starleen yes JoAnn yes Mary yes Bob yes Andy yes

CONTRACT #2-PAY CERTIFICATE #9-\$33,440.91. It was moved by Andy and seconded by Bob to pay the bill, a roll call vote was called-

JoAnn yes Mary yes Starleen yes Bob yes Andy yes

CONTRACT #3-PAY CERTIFICATE #9-\$97,718.87. It was moved by Andy and seconded by JoAnn to pay the bill. A roll call vote was called-

Mary yes Bob yes JoAnn yes Starleen yes Andy yes

CHAPEL/CEMETERY COMMISSION:

No meeting has been called yet, we are waiting for another bid on driveway projects. Bret Witte & Kathy Trask have constructed a new sign at the old cemetery for maps and info. It is had a lot of good comments.

TOWNSHIP CODE AUTHORITY:

There were 2 mechanical, 1 electrical and 44 water permits for June.

WIXOM LAKE ASSOCIATION IMPROVEMENT BOARD REPORT:

The water has been 76 degrees so the weeds are not growing very fast. The treatments seem to be doing the job. The next meeting is July 9, 2014 at the Billings Township Hall.

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ROAD ADVISARY COMMISSION:

The County Road Commission is trying a new treatment of putting down a fabric before tarrying the roads. This seems to put a better ground barrier for the asphalt. The Supervisor called the Board members to get approval for working on Saiko Road. It was approved by phone.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NONE.

NEW BUSINESS:

NONE.

BOB MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 8:36 P.M. MARY SECONDED

HOPE TOWNSHIP CLERK

JOANN WILKIE