

**HOPE TOWNSHIP BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING
AND REGULAR BOARD MEETING
June 10, 2014
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

OPEN, PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2014-2015 BUDGET:

CALL TO ORDER:

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

The proposed budget for the fiscal year of 2014-2015 had been handed out before the meeting. The clerk explained the expense items and the projected income for the coming year. With no questions from the floor the public hearing was closed at 7:16 P.M.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING: 7:22 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Larry Cleaver was present and gave a review of what the Michigan Par Plan would be able to offer the Township. He gave each Board Member a folder with the quotes. The new insurance policy would come up August 1. This will give us the chance to go over both policies.

Ken Lind was also present from Lind and Lind to present some things from his company. Our Township is presently covered by his company's policy. Ken will bring a renewal policy to look at next month. The Board will then make their decision of which company to go with.

Mark Norton was present to update us on the water project. There are four more spots to fix on the roads. They will need to have black dirt on them and then seeded. Bob Keeley inquired to what kind of grass seed are they going to use? Mark answered a good quality lawn seed.

Andy explained that there was money left from the grant and so we would like to put the water line down three more roads. A letter has been sent out explaining that, this is a volunteer water line. They will not be assessed the fee of the water line unless they request to be hooked up to the water. Then the \$8,350.00 would be assessed to their property taxes.

A question was asked concerning the Birches Water project of completion. Mark explained that without complications the line should be able to begin in July and finished by mid-September. The State DEQ has stopped progress through their land, so four easements have to be obtained from residents in the Birches. Two easements have been obtained and there is two to go.

There is a piece of property in the township that is 1' 6" by 120" that is unclaimed. The County needs a statement from the Township of whether we would like it or not. The consensus was the Township could do nothing with it. Andy moved and Bob supported to not purchase the land. Motion carried.

CLERK'S MINUTES:

The minutes from the May 13 meeting were handed out earlier. It was moved by Bob and seconded by Starleen to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT:

The financial statements from May 31, 2014 were disbursed earlier. JoAnn moved to accept the reports and Bob 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-

Starleen yes Bob yes Mary yes JoAnn yes Andy yes

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

FIRE DEPT:

May there was 6 runs, 4 were medical, 1 good intent and 1 car roll over. The Chief now has two bids for turn out gear. One is from Front Line for \$1700.00 and we need 12 sets. Douglas Safety Equipment was \$2200.00-\$2500.00 for sets. It will take 8 weeks to get the gear in. JoAnn moved to purchase the 12 sets of turn out gear from Front Line for \$4500.00. Starleen seconded the motion and a roll call vote was called-

Mary yes JoAnn yes Bob yes Starleen yes Andy yes

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The Chief would also like to purchase more t-shirts for fire dept. He can get them locally for between \$400-500.00. Bob moved to purchase 36 t-shirts and Starleen seconded the motion. A roll call vote was polled-

JoAnn yes Mary yes Bob yes Starleen yes Andy yes

The fire Dept. is planning on doing their own maintenance (such as oil changes) to save money.

PARK COMMISSION:

The group called Trail Life has been helping at the park. David Yahr is overseeing this project. He also has updated the park sign. It looks very nice. The new tire swing is up and kids are enjoying it. The park would like to purchase a new commercial zero turn lawn mower. They have two bids and have tried both mowers. They are recommending the John Deere versus the Cub Cadet. The price would be around \$11,000.00 for the mower. It is zero per cent interest. Starleen moved to purchase the mower and Mary seconded the motion. A roll call vote was called-

Bob yes JoAnn yes Mary yes Starleen yes Andy yes

The Twp. Board will look into the best way to purchase the mower. It has been 25 years since the last one was purchased.

Andy received two bids for hooking up the water line at the park. 1) was from J. Starks-\$3731.84 and Earthworm was-\$4150.00. Earthworm can go over 700 feet without having to splice the line. Starks can go only 700 feet. Andy made a motion to go with Earthworm and Bob seconded it. A roll call vote was called-

Starleen yes Mary yes Bob yes JoAnn yes Andy yes

PLANNING COMMISSION:

The next meeting is August 6 at township hall @7:00 p.m. There is a seminar for the planning commission on July 22 at the Bavarian Inn at Frankenmuth. JoAnn will reserve for Marge, Bob and Wendy.

WATER REPORT:

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

1) Civil Engineering-\$13,059.00, it was moved by Andy to pay Civil Eng. And seconded by Starleen, a roll call vote was called

Bob yes Mary yes JoAnn yes Starleen yes Andy yes

Andy explained that we had money left from the grant that had to be used on the construction of the water line. Rather than lose the money, it was decided to put in three more water lines in Hope. They would be Shaffer Rd., Adams Rd., and Curtis Rd. Andy made a motion to do all three roads and Starleen seconded it- A roll call vote was polled-

Bob yes Mary yes Starleen yes JoAnn yes Andy yes

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2) Bilacic Trucking-

change order #2-\$93,330.00. It was moved by Andy and seconded by Starleen to pay the invoice. A roll call vote was polled-

JoAnn yes Bob yes Mary yes Starleen yes Andy yes

3) Contract 2- Bilacic Trucking- change order#4- \$120,375.00. Andy moved and Mary 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 change order #3-\$100,975. It was moved by JoAnn and seconded by Andy to pay the invoice, a roll call vote was polled-

Mary yes JoAnn yes Starleen yes Bob yes Andy yes

5) Our attorney, Wm Fahey- a bill for \$152.00, Bob moved and Andy seconded to pay the bill- a roll call vote was polled-

JoAnn yes Starleen yes Mary yes Bob yes Andy yes

TOWNSHIP CODE AUTHORITY:

There were 27 permits for the month of May. They were: six plumbing, 5 building, 3 electrical and 2 mechanical permits. June 26 is the next meeting at the County Building, 5:00 p.m.

CHAPEL/CEMETERY:

Floyd had the township hall flag dry cleaned at Roth Cleaners. They did a great job and did not charge anything for the cleaning. Brett constructed the new sign at the Old Cemetery. Kathy has updated the list and it is installed there. Brett will brush hog under the pine trees. JoAnn moved to appoint Rose Ann Trylch to the Chapel/Cemetery Board. Starleen seconded the motion and it carried. The commission needs six handbooks for the cemetery rules. JoAnn moved to purchase them and Mary second the motion. Motion carried. Wilbur Havens has resigned from the commission and that left another position to fill. Ann Blake has said she is interested. The commission will vote on her at the next meeting. Then the recommendation is brought back to the Twp. Board.

HOPE TOWNSHIP ROAD ADVISARY COMM.:

The company doing the seal coating will start working in Midland County, Aug.4th. Hull Rd. and Five Mile Rd. will get a fabric down first and then get asphalt. Jim had the new amounts for the road work. It would be \$260,000.00 to pay for the asphalt and seal coating three roads. It would cost \$25,161.00 for 710 feet of grading and graveling. The whole mile would be \$65,000.00 for 6 inches of gravel.

WIXON LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD REPORT:

They will not be publishing a newsletter now. All the information can be found on their website and on the Hope Township website.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

AMEND THE 2012-2013 BUDGET

When the expenses or income go over or under projected budgets, the budget must be amended. It was moved by Starleen and seconded by JoAnn to amend the budget. There were five ayes and no nays. Budget amended.

NEW BUSINESS:

ONE SIGNATURE ON CHECKS RESOLUTION

The Chemical Bank has requested we have one signature to cash checks through the bank. It is extra work and very hard to catch a check with only one signature on it. We would continue to use two signatures for our internal control. Starleen moved to adopt the Resolution and JoAnn seconded it. Five ayes and no nays.

INTERNATIONAL ENGINEERING, LTD.

The company has requested a tax abatement. This will be posted in the paper and a public hearing will be held July 8, 2014, before the next township meeting.

The meeting was closed for five minutes-9:17 p.m.

MEETING OPENED FOR ADOPTING 2014-2015 BUDGET-9:22 P.M.

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE SALARY FOR 2014-2015

Andy moved to approve the salary Resolution and Bob seconded it. A roll call vote was called-

Bob yes JoAnn yes Mary yes Starleen yes Andy yes

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE NEW BUDGET FOR 2014-2015

Motion was made by Starleen and seconded by Mary to adopt the new budget. A roll call vote was called-

Bob yes Mary Jo yes Starleen yes JoAnn yes Andy yes

Meeting was adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

JoAnn Wilkie
Hope Township Clerk

Meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

JoAnn Wilkie
Hope Township Clerk