

HOPE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

Nov. 11, 2014- 7:00 p.m.

HOPE TOWNSHIP HALL

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

VISITORS:

List with Clerk's

CALL TO ORDER:

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

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

Mark Norton was not able to be here so the supervisor will update during the dept.'s time.

.CLERK'S MINUTES:

The minutes from the Oct. 14, 2014 meeting were distributed earlier. It was moved by Starleen and seconded by Mary to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The financial report as of Oct. 31, 2014 was presented. It was moved by Bob and seconded by Mary to accept the financial report. Motion carried.

OUTSTANDING BILLS:

The list of outstanding bills for the General Fund, Fire Fund and Solid Waste was handed out with the minutes. It was moved by Mary and seconded by Starleen to pay the bills- A roll call was polled-

Mary yes Bob yes JoAnn yes Starleen yes Andy yes

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

FIRE DEPT.:

There were 10 runs in Oct. Four were medical, 3 fire calls, 2 downed power lines and 1 carbon monoxide investigation. Discussion was held on having Steven Braley back on the department. He lives in Midland and would attend the worst & longer fire runs. Mary moved to accept Steven back on the fire dept., Starleen seconded and motion carried. The dept. has 5 in medical class now and 3 going to fire academy in three weeks. The new turn out gear is ordered and on its way. The whole fire dept. appreciates the voters renewing the fire millage. The fire appreciation dinner will be held on Dec. 6, 2014 at the fire hall. It starts at 6:00 p.m.

PARK COMMISSION:

The park is shut down for the winter. Terry Chrivia is the new chairperson. One more person is needed for the park commission. The park commission would like to increase the caretaker's salary from \$850.00 to \$1000.00. Bob moved to increase the salary for the new season, to the \$1,000.00. Starleen seconded the motion and a roll call vote was called-

Mary yes Bob yes Starleen yes JoAnn yes Andy yes

Discussion was held on having \$400.00 available for emergency repairs. It was being called a contingency fund which is not the correct way to use a contingency fund. All the money from the park expense would have to be used before you use the contingency fund. Mary moved and Starleen supported to have \$400.00 available for emergencies. A roll call vote was called-

Bob yes Mary yes Starleen yes JoAnn no Andy yes

The clerk questioned the purchase of a sign to be kept at the park, so events could be provided at both ends of the Township. It was okayed at the park meeting. Andy moved to have the Township, Fire Dept. and the Park Commission to pay 1/3 each for the sign and a trailer (that is available from Jody Jordan's bosses)the cost would be \$125.00 which is considerable cheaper than purchasing it retail. Bob seconded the motion and a roll call vote was called-

Mary yes Starleen yes Bob yes JoAnn yes Andy yes

PLANNING COMMISSION:

The Public Hearing was held on Nov. 5, 2014. The amendments were adopted and will be presented to the township Board for approval. Andy made a motion to approve the zoning ordinance amendments, Bob supported and the motion carried. The next meeting will be Feb. 4, 2015.

WATER REPORT:

The work up at the Birches will be finished now that the DEQ has given a permit to complete the work in the wetlands. They are overseeing the work and will make sure it is completed to their specifications.

- (1) Civil Engineering Co. had a bill for \$13,710.00. It was moved by Andy to pay the bills and seconded by Bob- a roll call vote was called-

Mary yes Bob yes Starleen yes JoAnn yes Andy yes

- (2) Contract #1 Bilacic Trucking Pay Certificate #13 \$59,861.52
It was moved by Andy and seconded by Starleen to pay the bill, a roll call vote was polled

Mary yes Starleen yes Bob yes JoAnn yes Andy yes

- (3) Contract #2 Bilacic Trucking Pay Certificate #14 \$43,323.27. It was moved by Andy and seconded by Bob to pay. A roll call vote was called-

JoAnn yes Bob yes Starleen yes Mary yes Andy yes

CHAPEL-CEMETERY:

Floyd Andrick checked the parking lot that was to be enlarged by Novak Trucking and it had not been completed. They plan on finishing tomorrow. Brett has purchased the snow fence for cemetery and will install shortly. Rose Ann Trylch worked with her grandchildren to clean up the old cemetery. A certificate will be issued to them. Wilbur Havens has completed updating the cemetery rule book.

TOWNSHIP CODE AUTHORITY:

The next meeting will be Nov. 20, 2014, 5:00p.m. at the County Building. Hope had 2 water permits, 1 building permit and 1 mechanical. A discussion was held regarding the plumbing inspector from TCA and the possibility of using the Water District 1's inspector. Andy moved to change the plumbing inspector if the need to be. Starleen seconded the motion and it carried. There was a \$380.58 rent decrease for the County Building. Nov. 20, 2014 will be the next meeting.

WIXOM LAKE IMPROVEMENT REPORT:

Bob Kelly reported tomorrow night will be the last meeting for this year. They will take a look at the budget and see what has to be changed for next year.

TOWNSHIP ROAD ADVISARY COMM.:

Jim Hockemeyer has stepped down from the chairperson and Terry Chrivia will be the chairperson. There are two positions opened on the Commission to be filled. Cliff Blake, fireman from Hope made a comment concerning E. Curtis Rd, They had to make a run down on E. Curtis Rd. East of Middle Rd The fire Dept. had all they could do to keep the fire truck from going into the ditch. The road is so bad that if this was a life or death situation, they could not guarantee they could get there in time. The Supervisor said they would take a look at the financials for next year.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- (1) TRUCK OR TREAT: It will be held at the park on Halloween night. Anyone can come and give away treats or bring your children to trick or treat. A meal will be served.
- (2) SANTA'S SECRET WORKSHOP: This year it will be held at the Meridian Elementary School. We need more volunteers. The date is Dec. 6, 2014 from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

- (1) The annual dinner/Meeting will be held on Dec. 4, 2014 at the Holiday Inn Midland
It starts at 6:00 p.m. Starleen moved to pay expenses for the board members & guests to attend. It was supported by Andy and a roll call vote was called.
Starleen yes Mary yes JoAnn yes Bob yes Andy yes
Andy & Marge Kobisa, Mary, JoAnn & Ann, Starla & Jody and Bob & Karen, plan on attending..

Mary moved to adjourn and Starleen seconded-at 8:14p.m.

JoAnn Wilkie
Hope Township Clerk