

HOPE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
October 14, 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 American Flag at 7:00 p.m.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

Mark Norton was present and reported work is going good on the roads that were added to the water line in Hope. They are waiting for a permit from the DEQ concerning the water line in "The Birches"  
Patty Hardy was present to represent her husband, Gary Hardy at the meeting. Mark reported that most of the driveways have been restored to as was or better than before the water line was started. The cement driveways are being restored, also.

CLERK'S MINUTES:

The minutes from the Sept. 9, 2014 meeting had been dispersed earlier. It was moved by Mary and seconded by Starleen to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT:

The Treasurer reported the finances for all accounts as of Sept. 30, 2014. Starleen's computer had crashed and was taken into Staples to be restored. JoAnn moved to accept the financial report and Mary seconded. Motion carried.

OUTSTANDING BILLS:

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

JoAnn yes     Starleen yes     Mary yes     Bob yes     Andy yes

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

FIRE DEPT:

9 runs in Oct. There were 7 medical and 2 downed wires. Amber Valley is going to be taking EMS training. Steven Braley has moved out of the township but would like to be considered to be on the

Hope Fire Dept. He would not come out to short runs but fire runs that were going to be going awhile he could assist. The Fire Chief remarked that the Department had paid for all of Steven's training and it would be nice to see him back on. Steven has been over to Iraq in the military. The Board's opinion is that they had no problem with it. John will take it back to his department. John and Starleen are going to work out a payment schedule to repay the Mathews Fund for the down payment for the new fire truck. John would like to pay \$10,000.00 at this time. Cliff Blake had applied and received a grant for \$2,300.00 for training supplies. He requested to purchase a 50' smart television and training videos. The Board had no objections to this.

PARK COMMISSION:

Jim reported the park is winding down for the season. There will be trunk or treat on October 31, 2014. Terry C, put the old lawnmower on Craig's list and sold it for \$5,000.00. This will pay off the rest of the new mower. Casey Johnson has resigned from the commission and there is now a position opened. Hope Township's meeting procedure was discussed and it is guide for all our commissions. Robert's Rules is the leading guide we adopted and are following.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

The planning commission will be having a PUBLIC HEARING on Nov. 5, 2014 at the township hall. They will be discussing the changes to the original zoning ordinance. Any questions can be answered there

WATER DISTRICT:

Andy presented the bills for the expenses for the water line.

- (1) CIVIL ENGINEERS, INC.-\$25,789.00 it was moved by Bob and supported by Starleen, a roll call vote was polled-  
Bob yes JoAnn yes Starleen yes Mary yes Andy yes
- (2) Contract #1-BILACIC TRUCKING-Pay Certificate #12=\$12,459.86  
It was moved by Bob and seconded by Mary, a roll call vote was called-  
Bob yes Starleen yes Mary yes JoAnn yes Andy yes
- (3) Contract #2-BILACIC TRUCKING- pay Certificate #13-\$69,370.99, it was moved by Andy and supported by Bob, a roll call vote was called-  
JoAnn yes Starleen yes Mary yes Bob yes Andy yes
- (4) Contract #3-Sterling Excavation-Pay Certificate #11-\$144,715.03. It was moved by Andy and supported by Bob. A roll call vote was called-  
Starleen yes Mary yes Bob yes JoAnn yes Andy yes
- (4) Consumers ENERGY-BOOSTER STATION-\$207.20, It was moved by Andy and seconded by Starleen. A roll call vote was polled-  
Mary yes Bob yes Starleen yes JoAnn yes Andy yes
- (5) Wm. Fahey, water attorney, bill for \$266.00. It was moved by Andy and seconded by Bob. A roll call vote was polled-  
Bob yes Starleen yes Mary yes JoAnn yes Andy yes

CHAPEL/CEMETERY:

The work for the month is we got the water line into the chapel. The Park can now close off the well for good. There are some finishing projects we need to get done. We are putting snow fences up to protect the chapel more. Kathy is cleaning the cemeteries and finishing the trimming and grass cutting. We hope to get the parking lot completed yet this fall.

TOWNSHIP CODE AUTHORITY:

There have been 6 water permits picked up, 2 mechanical permits and 1 building permit for Hope in Sept. The next meeting is Oct. 24, at County Building.

WIXOM LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD REPORT:

Bob Kelly is out of state, so no report was given. It is getting to the cold weather and the WLIB will be shutting down until spring.

TOWNSHIP ROAD COMMISSION:

Jim H. has gone down to the County Road Commission for the bill for roadwork for 2014. The bill for this year is \$191,000.00.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

The MTA annual conference is being held from Jan. 28-30, 2015. It will be in Grand Rapids. Bob moved to pay expenses concerning the conference. Starleen supported and a roll call vote was polled-

Mary yes      Bob yes      JoAnn yes      Starleen yes      Andy yes

Starleen, Starla, Mary, Bob, Ann & Cliff plan on attending.

TRUNK OR TREAT:

There will be a TRUNK OR TREAT @ THE PARK, OCT. 31, 2014. The time is 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Sloppy joes, hot dogs, chips and drinks will be provided by the Hope Community Church of God. There will be vendors there with treats. A new fun house will be set up at the farthest pavilion. It will be "A Snow Princess" theme and not to be scary

SANTA'S SECRET WORKSHOP WILL BE HELD AT THE MERIDIAN MIDDLE SCHOOL ON DEC. 6, 2014.

Ann Blake is heading it up and all help is needed. Contact Ann @689-3275 for more info.

Another sign is needed to pass info to our residents. JoAnn suggested that the cost be split between the three units-Township, Park and Fire Dept. Then we could keep information such as recycling and elections at both ends of the township. Jim is going to take proposal to their commission meeting.

Hope Township Clerk  
JoAnn Wilkie