

HOPE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
HOPE TOWNSHIP HALL
APRIL 14, 2015 7:00 P. M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

VISITOR'S LIST:

WITH CLERK'S

CALL TO ORDER:

The Supervisor led those present to the pledge to the flag .

Business from the floor:

NONE

CLERK'S MINUTES:

The minutes from the March 10, 2015 meeting had been passed out earlier. Bob moved to approve the minutes and Mary seconded the motion. The motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treas. financial report had been dispersed earlier. The Treas. and Deputy are still going through the back entries to correct funds. JoAnn moved to accept financial report and Mary 2nd. Motion carried.

OUTSTANDING BILLS:

A list of the outstanding bills had been distributed earlier for the General, Fire Dept. and Solid Waste. It was moved by Starleen and seconded by Bob to pay the bills- a roll call was polled-

Starleen yes Bob yes JoAnn yes Mary yes Andy yes

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

FIRE DEPT.:

There were 8 runs in March. Five were medical, 2 fire calls and one downed utility pole. International Engineering let the fire department do a walk through to see what they would have to watch out for if there was ever a fire. The Maxwell and Leuenbergers farms are having the fire dept. do a pre-incident- which would be to plan in the future should there be a need there. The fire dept. received two bids for 10 sets of wild fire gear and 10 dozen gloves. These would be purchased from the DNR grant which was for wild fire equipment. The Chief wants to go with Douglas as he feels their equipment is made better. Ten sets of gear would be \$4,400.00 and then 2 doz. Gloves for \$2,250.00. He would also like to purchase 4 more sets of gear from their general fund. Andy moved to purchase the 10 sets of fire gear and the 2 doz. gloves from the grant and the 4 sets of fire gear from the fire dept. general fund.. Starleen seconded the motion and a roll call vote was called-

Bob yes Starleen yes Mary yes JoAnn yes Andy yes

Andy moved to purchase the four sets of fire gear for \$1760.00 and 2 headsets_ cost of \$900.00, making the total of \$2660.00, Mary seconded and a roll call vote was polled-

Starleen yes Mary yes JoAnn yes Bob yes Andy yes

A bill was turned in by the Chief for \$110.00 for 22 office chairs to be paid to Brett Witte.

PARK COMMISSION:

Jim Hockemeyer resigned from the park effective April 8, 2015. The park commission recommended two people, Jim's resignation made two empty spots available.. Kathy Kissner and Doug Shoffner were recommended by Terry Chrivia from the park comm.. Andy moved to appoint Kathy & Doug to the Park Commission and Starleen seconded it and the motion carried. Andy moved to pay the \$200.00 Bob charged for renting a lawn mower last fall. Bob Davis seconded the motion and a roll call vote was called-

Mary yes Starleen yes Bob yes JoAnn yes Andy yes

The park has received a bid for \$1200.00 to repair the walking trail. This is from Yeager Blacktopping. Terry stated they would hold off until their funding is correct.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

Their next meeting will be May 6, at the hall, 7:00 p.m. They will be discussing wind turbines and the Master Plan. Bob made a motion for the planning comm. members that can to attend the MTA seminar in Mt. Pleasant, April 29. Starleen seconded the motion and a roll call vote was polled-

Mary yes JoAnn yes Starleen yes Bob yes Andy yes

The Zoning Amendment Accessory Structures and Keeping of animals and bees was put on hold as two of the Board members did not receive the amendments to read ahead of time. They will be put on next month's agenda. Medical marijuana will be reviewed in the future.

WATER DEPT.:

Driveways and ditches will be cleaned up shortly. Tobacco Twp. Has paid about \$70,000.00 towards their water line. This has helped pay for the water connections for the Twp. Hall, park, chapel and fire dept. The bills for the month are-

CIVIL ENGINEERING FOR \$4690.00. Andy made the motion to pay Civil Engineering and it was seconded by Starleen. A roll call vote was called-

JoAnn yes Starleen yes Bob yes Mary yes Andy yes

Fahey for \$1470.00, it was moved by Andy and seconded by Bob. A roll call was polled-

Starleen yes JoAnn yes Bob yes Mary yes Andy yes

CONSUMERS for the water tower in Edenville. Andy moved to pay the \$461.93 and it was seconded by Starleen. A roll call vote was called-

Bob yes Starleen yes JoAnn yes Mary yes Andy yes

CHAPEL/CEMETERY:

Floyd reported from the last meeting the things we would like to get done there. Jody did an excellent job at keeping the snow from the cemetery. The stones this year were thrown way out into the grass and on top of the headstones. Jody has stated at the meeting, he does not rake up the stones. This has to be taken care of before the mowing season starts. Brett Witte stated he had checked into a special sweeper that would clean up the stones. It would be a cost of \$40.00 to rent and then the labor of the sweeping. Mary moved to pay the \$40.00 for renting machine and pay Brett Witte for doing it. Starleen seconded and a roll call vote was polled-

Bob yes JoAnn yes Mary yes Starleen yes Andy yes

The commission would like to order evergreens for a wind break. Floyd has found some deer and weather proof trees and will order them at a cost of around \$100.00. We will be doing a draw on the Mathews Fund again this year. That will give us around \$20,000.00 to put the road in around the new section. Brett and Cathy have not had a raise in three years. They pay for their own insurance, equipment and gas to do the mowing and trimming around the headstones, plus all the trimming of bushes and trees. The chapel commission recommends a raise to \$975.00 each time. Andy moved to raise their pay to \$975.00 and JoAnn seconded it. A roll call vote was polled-

Bob yes Starleen yes Mary yes JoAnn yes Andy yes

Starleen moved to pay the expenses for the ones that can go to the cemetery seminar at Traverse City to go. Bob seconded and a roll call vote was polled-

Mary yes Starleen yes Bob yes JoAnn yes Andy yes

TOWNSHIP CODE AUTHORITY:

Bob reported that for March, 2015 there were 1 mechanical permit and 1 water permit. The next meeting is April 23, at the county building at 5:00 p.m.

WIXON LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD REPORT:

The first meeting was held March 11, 2015. The next meeting will be May 13, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. It is held at the Billings Township Hall.

HOPE TOWNSHIP ROAD Advisory COMMISSION:

Terry reported-nothing new, road work will be done in July or August.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Annual MTA Spring District Seminar to be held at Valley Plaza, June 2, 2015. Starleen moved to allow members that can go to pay their expenses. Bob seconded the motion and a roll call vote was polled-
Bob yes Starleen yes Mary yes JoAnn yes Andy yes
- 2) Andy made a motion to approve parcel combinations or splits fee to \$100.00. Assessor will no longer receive any money from this fee. Bob seconded and motion carried.
- 3) GRANT RESOLUTION:
Starleen moved to adopt the grant resolution and Bob seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mary moved and Bob seconded to adjourn

8:45 p.m.

JoAnn Wilkie

Hope Township Clerk