

HOPE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
HOPE TOWNSHIP HALL
JANUARY 13, 2015---7:00 P.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

ANDY KOBISA, SUPERVISOR
JOANN WILKIE, CLERK
STARLEEN EDY, TREASURER
MARY LETTS, TRUSTEE
ROBERT DAVIS, TRUSTEE

VISITORS:

LIST WITH CLERK'S COPY

CALL TO ORDER:

The Supervisor called the meeting to order by leading the pledge to the flag at 7:00 p.m.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

- 1) Ken Berthiaume was present and gave a summary of the 2014 annual audit report. Our major new project is the water line through Hope. The project concerns a great deal of money and grant money. All this money has to be accounted for and where it is spent. Ken talked with our adviser from the Livonia area and he walked the auditor through what the Township would be required of for the next forty years. The biggest concern is how many people will be paying off their water assessment ahead of time; therefore the township will be losing that interest portion for paying on the principal. The adviser assured Ken how this is covered and how the Township will be able to plan for this situation. Ken's assistant, Darcy, has gone over the General Fund and brought it up to date as of Sept. 30, 2014. Ken's report was that the Township is of sound financial structure.
- 2) John Billette, of Civil Engineering Consultants, was unable to be here. Andy will give update on water project in that section.

CLERK'S MINUTES:

The clerk's minutes from Dec.9, 201 had been dispersed earlier. It was moved by Starleen and seconded by Bob to approve the minutes with the additions from the Fire Dept. portion, that the new lines are being used from Central Dispatch. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT:

The treasurer's report was given up to Sept 30, 2014. The auditor's corrections have made it necessary to go through the Oct., Nov and Dec. 2014 to correct the postings. The clerk & treas. will get together to complete the postings. The new account of the Township water expense has been added to the listing by Darcy. It was moved by Mary and seconded by Bob to accept the report. Motion carried.

OUTSTANDING BILLS:

The list of bills for the General Fund, Fire Dept. and the Solid Waste had been distributed with the clerk's minutes. It was moved by Starleen and seconded by Bob to pay the bills. A roll call vote was polled-

Bob yes Mary yes Starleen yes JoAnn yes Andy yes

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

FIRE DEPT.:

There were 8 runs in December. Seven were medical and one good intent. The ear 2014 saw one hundred four runs. There were 77 medical, eight fire runs, seven public assists, six canceled calls, five utility lines and one weather stand by. John will get bids for running boards put on 950. He will also check on prices for fixing the exhaust pipes on 950. There is a surplus left from when the truck was built that John would like to use before it expires. The fire extinguishers have been refilled. The ones from the park and chapel will be done as soon as they are able to get to them. Cliff reported that the new 55 in. television, DVD player and sound bar have been purchased from the grant, the F.D. received. Amber Valley has started her medical training.

PARK COMMISSION:

No meeting until Mar., unless an emergency comes up.

PLANNING COMM.:

The next meeting will be Feb. 4, 2015. They will be going over the Hope Township Master Plan.

HOPE TOWNSHIP WATER SYSTEM:

Andy brought everyone up to date on the water line progress. Sterling Construction will be ready to start on W. Lakeshore Dr. this coming week. Things are coming to a slow down until spring to finish the driveways and ditch banks.

CIVIL ENGINEERS CONSULTING.-\$20,977.00

It was moved by Andy and seconded by Bob to pay Civil. A roll call vote was called-

Starleen yes Mary yes JoAnn yes Bob yes Andy yes

(1) BILACIC TRUCKING CONT. CONTRACT #1- \$0.00

(2) BILACIC TRUCKING CONT. CONTRACT #2--\$0.00

(3) STERLING EXCUVATION CONTRACT #3-PAY CERTIFICATE #12- \$82,614.59. It was moved by Andy and seconded by Bob to pay the bill. A roll call vote was called-

Mary yes JoAnn yes Starleen yes Bob yes Andy yes

(4) CONSUMERS ENERGY - \$275.96. Noted paid to take to county to be repaid.

Andy reported that the Birches is ready to be tested. Bob and Andy were at the hall on Sat., Jan. 10, 2015 from 10—12:00 to allow people to get their booklets necessary to get permits for water hook ups. Jan. 19, 2015, Sterling Trucking plans on starting W. Lakeshore Dr. in Tobacco Township.

CHAPEL/CEMETARY:

There has been no meeting but will meet in spring to look at this year's projects. The snow fence is working well in stopping a lot of snow plowing in the driveways of the cemetery. Brett Witte and Jody Jordan are working on keeping things in order at the cemetery.

TOWNSHIP CODE AUTHORITY:

The next meeting is Jan. 22, 2015 at the County Building. December saw two water permits, 3 mechanical, 1 building and 2 plumbing. There have been 400 books pertaining to water hookups disbursed. Two hundred seventy three hook ups in the township and 12 pending.

HOPE TOWNSHIP ROAD COMM.:

They have a meeting set for Feb. 3. There are 2 vacancies on the road commission. Please let anyone know if they would be willing to be on the commission. Any questions can be addressed to Terry Chrivia at 689-3999. All reservations will go through Terry also at this time.

OLD BUSINESS:

None-

NEW BUSINESS:

The Supervisor had two bids for repair work to be done on the township hall floor. The floor is over one hundred years old and needs to be replaced. The two bids were from Sundown Construction for \$6500.00 and Roebuck Construction for \$7100.00. This is to take out the old flooring, remove the old floor joints (tree trunks were used) foam insulate the cement blocks foundation and construct new cold air returns. Andy moved to go with Sundown Construction and Starleen seconded. A roll call vote was called-

Mary yes Starleen yes Bob yes JoAnn yes Andy yes

Supervisor stated they will be able to start this week.

Bob moved to adjourn @8:20 P.M.

JoAnn Wilkie
Hope Township Clerk