

HOPE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
MARCH 10, 2015-7:00P.M.
HOPE TOWNSHIP HALL

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

VISITORS:

WITH CLERK'S COPY

CALL TO ORDER:

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

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

NONE

CLERK'S MINUTES:

The minutes from the FEB. 10, 2015 meeting had been dispensed earlier. It was moved by Starleen and seconded by Mary to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT:

The treasurer gave the financial report as of Feb. 28, 2015. It was moved by Mary and seconded by Bob to accept the report. Motion carried.

OUTSTANDING BILLS:

The list of outstanding bills for the General, Solid Waste and Fire Dept. was handed out with the clerk's minutes. It was moved by Bob and seconded by Starleen to pay the bills. A roll call vote was called-

Bob yes Starleen yes Mary yes JoAnn yes Andy yes

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

FIRE DEPT.:

There were 6 runs in March, there were 3 medical runs, 1 good intent and 2 fire runs. Cliff will be applying for a DNR grant for purchasing wild fire coats. The Federal Government have said they will give Fire Dept.'s a free new generator. Ours is old and needs to be updated. The Chief would like to order more shirts and jackets. Two firemen have taken their state tests and are now qualified as EMS's. Two more firemen are ready to take their tests. We are proud of our fire dept., they go above and beyond what is asked of them. TRAINING AVAILABLE THIS MONTH: Hope will assist Mills in training for the Jaws of Life. Homer will have training for Farm Accidents. Mills through the DNR will have training for wild fires. We have approximately 12 to 15 firemen available for fire calls. We are fortunate to have this many as some of the departments do not have many to be counted on.

PARK COMMISSION:

They held their meeting Mar. 3, 2015 at the hall. Work will be done on Pavilion A this spring. The pavilion will be painted and the picnic tables refinished. This will be paid from the grant from the Kiwanis Group. Andy had applied for a grant from Midland Area Community Foundation for doing the handicap parking in front of the bathrooms. He applied for \$8,000.00 and that is what he was granted. Starla has the bids from last year and will check to see if they will honor their bids this year. She is also working on matching funds for the \$8,000.00. This can be in money, donated work time or supplies.

Mary yes Bob yes JoAnn yes Starleen yes Andy yes

PLANNING COMMISSION:

They met May 7, 2014. Rodney Nanny has agreed to help look into the fees charged to farmers that will go into bio-feed. He is also looking into wind equipment and the Resolutions needed. May 6 is the next meeting and Rodney will have some ordinance changes to review. Andy moved and Bob seconded to pay Rodney's bill for Feb. A roll call vote was called-

Mary yes Starleen yes JoAnn yes Bob yes Andy yes

WATER PROJECT REPORT:

The Supervisor had the following bills concerning the water project.

- 1) Consumers Energy electrical bill for booster station at Edenville. Cost was \$287.91.

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

- 2) A bill for water attorney, Fahey, bill for \$38.00, Andy moved and Bob seconded motion to pay Fahey. A roll call vote was polled-

JoAnn yes Bob yes Mary yes Starleen yes Andy yes

Andy made a motion to pay for the renewal of the soil erosion permit through the Midland County Drain Commission to continue the water line on E Edenville Lake Dr (Birches). The renewal fee is \$655.00 and Bob seconded the motion. A roll call vote was called-

Mary yes Starleen yes Bob yes JoAnn yes Andy yes

CHAPEL\CEMETERY COMMISSION:

Floyd was present and stated a meeting will be held before the next Board meeting. There were many good comments about Jody's job of snow plowing the driveway.

TOWNSHIP CODE AUTHORITY:

Bob reported the next meeting will be Mar. 26, 2015. They meet at the County Building at 5:00 p.m. There were five permits for Hope Township last month. Three were mechanical, one was plumbing and one electrical.

WIXOM LAKE ASSOCIATION:

The first meeting of the year will be held Wed., March 11, 2015. It will be held at the Billings Township Hall at 6:00 p.m.

HOPE TOWNSHIP ROAD ADVISORY COMMISSION:

Terry reported he had taken the road work schedules back to the County Road Commission. He said the work will get done sometime in 2015.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NONE-

NEW BUSINESS:

There is a seminar to be held by MTA concerning contracts and agreements. No one from our Township was interested in attending.

SUPERVISOR'S CONFERENCE

Andy would like to attend the Supervisor's conference, it will be held April 22-24 at Chelsea MI. Bob moved to send Andy to the conference and JoAnn seconded it. A roll call vote was called-

Bob yes JoAnn yes Mary yes Starleen yes Andy yes

DONATION TO INTERNATIONAL ENGINEERING, INC.

It was moved by Andy and seconded by Bob to donate \$500.00 to bring a fiber optic cable up to their facility on M-30. Midland Tomorrow is getting the funding for this adventure. It is an opportunity for the businesses on M-30 to use this feature. A roll call vote was called-

Mary yes JoAnn yes Starleen yes Bob yes Andy yes

APPLICATION FROM SHANNON CAY TO PUT THEIR PROPERTY INTO PA-116.

Property parcel #050-022-400-067-00, Shannon Cay has requested that their property be put into a PA 116 agreement. The Township Board has to decide and then send the application onto the State for their decision. It was moved by Andy and seconded by Bob to approve the application. A roll call vote was called-

Starleen yes Bob yes JoAnn yes Mary yes Andy yes

Adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

JoAnn Wilkie
Hope Township Clerk