

HOPE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
May 12, 2015- 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:

Casey Johnson was present from Curtis Rd., east of Middle Rd. Casey was concerned with the way that Curtis Rd. was pushed aside from being repaired. Discussion was held that previous Township Road Commission minutes had stated there would be work done on it, in the four year road work. It was suggested to Casey to go to the road commission meeting with the concerns and support.

.CLERK'S MINUTES:

The minutes from the April 14, 2015 meeting were distributed earlier. It was moved by Bob and seconded by Starleen to approve the minutes, with the typo corrections noted. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The financial report as of April 30, 2015 was presented. It was moved by Mary and seconded by Bob 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 Starleen and seconded by Bob to pay the bills- A roll call was polled-

Starleen yes    Mary yes    Bob yes    JoAnn yes    Andy yes

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

FIRE DEPT.:

April had 7 runs; four were medical, two good intent, and one tree down. We have three fire people who have graduated from Fire Fighter I. They are Duane Valley, Chris Peacock and Kim Booth. There will be an appreciation dinner held for them. There are now 14 people on our fire roster. Cliff Blake attended the Fire Seminar at Traverse City. He attains credits towards his teaching certificate. Midland will become one of the pilot counties to have trauma facility. The EMS update is that different back boards will be used for transporting injured people. Cyanide poisoning will be more of a concern when fire fighters go into house fires. A young lady stopped at the fire station and was looking for someone to thank because she had been horseback riding and fell and broke her ankle. Cliff happened to be the one that brought her out of the woods in the back of his truck. She was grateful to the fire department.

PARK COMMISSION:

The park opened April 24, 2015. Starla will check with Rudy Turk concerning the cookout for the park picnic. The picnic will be held Saturday, July 18, 2015, at the park. Info will be included in the tax notices sent out in July. Mills Township Fire Dept. is willing to let us use the Jaws of Life for demonstration purposes. The bid for painting Pavilion A for \$3358 will be honored and the repair of the walking trail for \$1200.00, are the projects the commission would like to get done this year. Starleen made the motion to do so and Bob seconded it. A roll call vote was called-

Mary yes      Bob yes      JoAnn yes      Starleen yes      Andy yes

Terry questioned when the sign would be purchased and ready to use at the park. The Supervisor stated that JoAnn would pick it up the following (Wed.) evening.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

The amended Zoning Ordinance was moved by Bob and seconded by Starleen to be adopted. - The motion carried. It will be published in Midland Dailey News and 8 days later it is in force. The next meeting is Aug. 5 at the Township Hall.

WATER REPORT:

The water project is winding down and driveways are being finished to the way they were or better.

- (1) Civil Engineering Co. had a bill for \$4,583.75. It was moved by Andy to pay the bills and seconded by Bob- a roll call vote was called-

Bob yes      Mary yes      JoAnn yes      Starleen yes      Andy yes

- (2) Civil Engineering Co. a bill for \$600.00, It was moved by Andy and seconded by Bob to pay the bill. A roll call vote was called-

JoAnn yes      Mary yes      Starleen yes      Bob yes      Andy yes

- (3) Contract #3 Bilacic Trucking Pay Certificate #14 \$0.00

- (4) Consumers Energy-\$516.07 It was moved by Andy and seconded by Bob to pay the bill- A roll call vote was called-

Bob yes      JoAnn yes      Starleen yes      Mary yes      Andy yes

- (5) Fahey-A bill for \$589.00, It was moved by Andy and supported by Starleen. A roll call vote was called-

Bob yes      JoAnn yes      Mary yes      Starleen yes      Andy yes

- (6) Building Place (Planning ) A bill for \$562.50 was moved to pay by Andy and seconded by Bob. A roll call vote was polled-

JoAnn yes      Starleen yes      Bob yes      Mary yes      Andy yes

CHAPEL-CEMETERY:

Floyd Andrick checked the rates from surrounding cemeteries. Our Sexton o/c rates are at the bottom of the list. The Commission recommends a \$50.00 increase across the board Except for an infant interment which should remain at \$175.00. The recommendation of \$1,000.00 for a disinterment where the vault, headstone & foundation have to be removed and then fill in the empty space & replace foundation and headstone. We had one last month and only charged \$450.00. A child's disinterment recommended of \$250.00. A medical disinterment would be \$450.00 as it would not have to be completely removed. Andy moved to adopt these rates and Bob seconded-a roll call vote was called-

Starleen yes    Mary yes    JoAnn yes    Bob yes    Andy yes

TOWNSHIP CODE AUTHORITY:

The next meeting will be MAY 21, 2015, 5:00p.m. at the County Building. Hope had 0 water permits, 0 building permit and 7 mechanical.

WIXOM LAKE IMPROVEMENT REPORT:

The meeting will be Wed., May 13, 2015 at the Billings Township Hall.

TOWNSHIP ROAD ADVISORY COMM.:

Nothing new.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

- (1) Andy presented an updated credit card policy. It was moved by Andy and seconded by Bob to adopt it. A roll call vote was called-  
Bob yes    Starleen yes    Mary yes    JoAnn yes    Andy yes
- (2) A letter of refusal was sent to the Treas concerning a back taxes property in Hope Twp. The Township does not want it. It was moved by Andy and seconded by Bob, motion carried.
- (3) It was moved by Andy and seconded by JoAnn to keep our Terrorist coverage on the insurance policy. Motion carried.
- (4) There is a financial seminar at Frankenmuth on July 28, 2015. The Treas, deputy and Clerk and deputy would like to attend. It was moved by Starleen and seconded by JoAnn to pay expenses to attend. A roll call vote was called-  
Bob yes    Mary yes    JoAnn yes    Starleen yes    Andy yes
- (5) The quarterly meeting for the MCTOA will be held June 4 at the Homer Training facility-Andy moved to pay for expenses and Bob seconded. A roll call vote was called-  
Bob yes    Mary yes    JoAnn yes    Starleen yes    Andy yes

Mary stated she would like to see the board members to see a copy of the credit card statement. She had been going to the Supervisor's office to see them. The Board agreed this would be feasible. The clerk will make sure to get copies to Mary & Bob.

Mary moved to adjourn and Starleen seconded-at 8:17p.m.  
JoAnn Wilkie, Clerk