

Road Commission Meeting

June 26, 2008

Mike Kressler - Supervisor

Joe Lunsford - Treasurer

JoAnn Wilkie – Clerk

Bob Davis – Trustee

Elgin Childs - Trustee

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Hope Township Road Committee meeting

Don Dice; Dennis Guthrie; Jim Hockemeyer; Joe Lunsford; Matt Smith

Open with the pledge of alliance to the flag

Business from the floor:

- Black topping Hull Road from Hope to 5 mile (0.5 miles) (Andy Pancek)
 - o 6 houses
 - o Pay too much to have school buses run down gravel roads
 - o This is the first time this road has been brought up
 - o \$155,000 to black top 1 mile of road (everything)
- Black topping East Baker road was brought up by the Mahl's
 - o Comment that it's been 20 years that it's been talked about paving
 - o 13 homes in the 1 mile
 - o Jerry Mahl and wife (1696 E. Baker) since 1970
 - o They also asked if they "chip and seal" – only sometimes
- Since 2005 Hope has spent \$587,000 on Hope roads
 - o Repaved 5; 4 general upgrades
 - o County will match \$39,500
 - o Township puts in ~\$10,000 to \$15,000
 - o Does not include brine used on roads
 - o Black top along will be ~\$85,000
 - o Current year mileage is ~\$87,000/yr
 - o Two brine coating/gravel road each year is in Township budget
- Roads currently being considered
 - o 5 mile road (1 mile)
 - o ½ mile of Stark
 - o 1 of Curtis
 - o ½ mile of Adams

- Hull 1 mile
- Baker 1 mile

August 5, 2008 will be the primary and the time that the mileage renewal will be voted on. The mileage renewal will be ~1.9 miles (the same amount as in the past).

Next meeting will be the 3rd Thursday of September, 18th which will be after the primary. This meeting will be the time the final recommendation for the 2009 spending will come from the Road Committee which will go to the Township Board.

Other business:

Michigan campaign and finance act: a Township board and members can provide information but not make recommendations. As members of this committee, members can provide information about Township committee information. We can also make recommendations with our own time as to how Township people should vote. We cannot use Township funds to promote how Township people should vote. Township funds can encourage people to "vote" but not how to vote. Therefore, if the committee wanted to encourage people to vote "yes" on the road mileage then the money would have to come from people not the Township.

Motion: Purchase or construct signs that encourage Township people to vote on the renewal of the road mileage, up to \$100. Sign could say: "Hope Road Mileage Renewal; vote on August 5". Also consider placing "information" on the website regarding previous road work. Seconded...passed. Jim will look into the cost of signs.

2008 Project costs:

East Midland County line road \$73,021

East Baker road upgrade gravel \$151,500

Meet closed at 8:02