

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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Supervisor: Andy Kobisa
Clerk: JoAnn Wilkie
Treasurer: Starleen Eddy
Trustee: Mary Letts
Trustee: Bob Davis

VISITORS:

WITH CLERK'S MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER:

The Supervisor called the meeting to order by leading the pledge to the flag AT 7:00 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

NONE

CLERK'S MINUTES:

The minutes from the Sept. 8, 2015 meeting had been disbursed earlier. It was moved by Bob and seconded by Starleen to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The financial report was given from Sept. 30, 2015. It was moved by Mary and seconded by Bob to accept the report. Motion carried. The Supervisor reminded everyone that the mail is taken up to a week to be delivered now. You should give your payment time to get to the treasurer.

OUTSTANDING BILLS:

The outstanding bills were listed for the General Fund, Fire Dept. and Solid Waste funds. It was moved by Mary and seconded by Bob to pay the bills. A roll call vote was called-

Bob yes JoAnn yes Starleen yes Mary yes Andy yes

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

FIRE DEPT.:

OCTOBER SAW 7 RUNS. There were- 5 medical, 1 downed wire and 1 lift assist. It will be spring before the ISO will be sending out the permits for our insurance companies to lower insurance costs with the installation of the fire hydrants. The Chief will keep us informed when this will be happening. The repayment to the Matthews Fund has paid back \$20,000.00. Next year will be the final payment of \$10,000.00. Oct. 9th will be the firemen appreciation dinner. The Township Board is invited and a guest. John requested \$750.00 for supplies for the dinner. Bob moved to use \$750 towards the expenses for the dinner. Starleen seconded and a roll call vote was polled-

Mary yes JoAnn yes Starleen yes Bob yes Andy yes

PARK COMMISSION:

The three handicap parking pads have been completed. There is a sidewalk to connect the two pavilions also. Three handicap parking spaces were poured and will make it much easier for the handicapped people to reach the bathrooms. Dave Yahr is doing the name boards now. The boards are not put down on a walkway; they are now hung in the pavilions. The Park will be closed after the Halloween "Trunk or Treat Fun Night".

PLANNING COMMISSION:

A special Public Hearing will be held on Nov. 4, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. A variance has been requested for the Verizon Tower to be constructed on Meridian Rd between Saiko and Curtis Roads. The clerk will put the ad in the Midland Daily News.

WATER REPORT:

The water line has been completed and the account closed out.

TOWNSHIP CODE AUTHORITY:

There was 1 building, 2 mechanical and 6 water permits for Hope Twp. Last month. The next meeting is Oct. 22, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. Geneva, Homer and the City of Coleman have joined the Township Code Authority.

HOPE TOWNSHIP ROAD COMMISSION:

The County Road Commission will be working on Shaffer Road to replace a bridge about a quarter mile west of Hope Rd. The Road will be closed to thru traffic for a few days.

CHAPEL/CEMETERY REPORT:

Floyd reported from the Sept. 14 meeting. The fees for residential cemetery lots had not been changed for over ten years. The State has commented that we are giving away township money. Our feeling has been that these people have paid property taxes for years and this is a township break for them. The Commission has proposed the following fees for the lots- 5 spaces-\$200.00, 2 spaces-\$100.00, 1 space would be \$75.00. It was moved by Starleen to accept the proposed fees. It was seconded by JoAnn and a roll call vote was polled-

Bob yes Mary yes Starleen yes JoAnn yes Andy yes

A contract was drawn up by Floyd for our 2015-16 snow plowing. It was passed by our commission and will be discussed in the New Business section. The contract was offered to our present contractor who refused to continue on the new terms.

WIXOM LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD REPORT:

The lake has not been lowered at this time. It is reported that they are not sure when it will be lowered or if this year because of finances. A new weed was discovered this year in the lake. The chemicals seem to be taking care of it.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Township Board needed to have a POLICY FOR REUBURSING EMPLOYEES put in place. A copy was presented last month to all Board members to study and make recommendations for this month's meeting. It was moved by Bob and seconded by JoAnn to approve the policy. A roll call vote was called-
Mary yes Starleen no JoAnn yes Bob no Andy yes

Motion was declared approved. All members are to go by the \$200.00 limit and no more without pre-approval.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION FOR ABANDED PROPERTY

The County Clerk has sent out again a request for the township to obtain a one foot strip of land on Five Mile Rd. The Township does not want the land. Andy made a motion that the township does not accept the land, Bob seconded and motion carried.

SNOW PLOWING CONTRACT

A snow plowing contract had been drawn up for the Cemetery, Fire Hall and Township Hall. The main concern was the contractor not cleaning up the stones that were thrown in the grass and on some headstones. It is stated in the new contract. There are three different sections to cover each place. It was moved by Bob to accept this contract and seconded by Starleen. A roll call vote was polled-

Starleen yes Bob yes JoAnn yes Mary yes Andy yes

MTA ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN DETROIT

It was moved by Starleen and seconded by Bob to pay for the expenses for Board Members and their guest to attend the conference. A roll call vote was called-

JoAnn yes Starleen yes Mary yes Bob yes Andy yes

It was moved by Mary to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. and seconded by Bob, but it was realized we needed to move on two other items. So the Board reconvened at 8:43 to finish business.

The Supervisor had got two bids for a new furnace for the hall. (This had been put in the budget) The bid from ALL SEASONS was \$2338.34 and the bid from R. Dachsteiner was \$2,100.00. Andy made the motion to go with Dachsteiner's bid. Bob seconded the motion and a roll call vote was polled-

Starleen yes Mary yes Bob yes JoAnn yes Andy yes

Rodney Nanny had given a summary of proposed work to be done for the Master Plan for Hope. The Supervisor gave the board members a list last month to read over. The Supervisor recommended going with A & B plans. Bob moved to go with A & B and Starleen seconded. A roll call vote was called-

Mary yes JoAnn yes Bob yes Starleen yes Andy yes

Adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

Hope Township Clerk
JoAnn Wilkie