

HOPE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
HOPE TOWNSHIP HALL
SEPT. 13, 2016-7:00 P.M.

BOARD MEMBERS :

ANDY KOBISA, SUPERVISOR
JOANN WILKIE, CLERK
STARLEEN EDDY, TREASURER
MARY 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 at 7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

A moment of silence was held for Terry Chrivia, who has passed away from our community. We will miss Terry and all the work he did for the Township. Terry had been active on the park commission and the road commission and a alternate for the board of review.

CLERK'S MINUTES:

The minutes from the Aug.9, 2016 meeting had been disbursed earlier. Bob Kelley requested the Wixom Lake report wording be changed to "the weed control on the lake so far" to be clear they are not destroying weeds in the lake. It was moved by Starleen and 2nd by Bob to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

TREASURER FINANCIAL REPORT:

The treasurer had dispersed the financial report as of Aug. 31, 2016 for the General, Fire and Solid Waste accounts. It was moved by Bob and seconded by Mary to accept the report. Motion carries.

OUTSTANDING BILLS:

The bills for the General, Fire and solid waste had been passed out with minutes.

It was moved by Starleen and supported by Mary to pay the bills. A roll call vote was called- Mary yes Starleen yes Bob yes JoAnn yes Andy yes

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

FIRE DEPT.:

There were 7 runs in Aug., they were 4 med., 1 fire investigation, 1 mutual aid and 1 public assist. Our fire truck will be getting serviced by Circle K. The firemen are going to be cleaning up around the fire hall and painting inside. HYDRANTS in the Birches, there have been a problem in the subdivision of finding the hydrants in the winter. There are 7 hydrants in the area and we can only find 5 in the snow. The fire dept. is trying to find an easier way to locate them, one possibility is longer stakes. There is a person that has lived in the Township for about six months now; they would like to become a fire fighter for Hope. The fire chief is checking them out. The fire chief needs to order new gear for some of our firemen. John requested \$200.00 for medical supplies, \$150 for MTA training for C. Blake, \$500.00 for Jeff Tidwell to come from Miss. To teach several classes while here, \$225, for ventilation supplies, \$110.00 for 2 license reimbursing, \$150 and \$3,000 for Galls supplies & turnout gear and \$240 for new pagers supplies. The total would be \$4600.00 with \$3000.00 out of the Matthews special fund. Andy moved to purchase the new equipment and Bob seconded. A roll call vote was polled-

Starleen yes Mary yes Bob yes JoAnn yes Andy yes

Fire Chief also requested to have the final \$20,000.00 paid back from the fire fund to Matthews fund for the down payment paid for new fire truck #931.

They are having problems with new minitors but can still hear commands from lead minitors. They will keep checking on repairs for them.

PARK COMMISSION:

Park is winding down for another season. A plaque has been ordered for Terry Chrivia who passed away and was chairperson of the commission. Cathie Kissler who was vice chair will be taking over the chair position. All positions are on the ballot for election in Nov. There can be write ins, so if you know of anyone interested in running have them get in touch with our clerk or county clerk. The cost for a family bathroom at the park was higher than expected. The park commission will do more checking with other companies. A statement was made that the Trunk or Treat needs to be more organized, discussion will be held later.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

The next meeting will be held on Nov. 2, 2016. It will be at 7:00 p.m. at the town hall. Mr. Wirbel has requested to speak to the group concerning whether he would need a variance for a building project. He has cancelled his request for a variance, so a public hearing is not needed.

TOWNSHIP CODE AUTHORITY:

Bob was unable to attend so Andy went in place of him. There were 4 water, 1 plumbing, 1 mechanical and 1 electrical permit issued for Hope. The next meeting is Sept 22, at County Building.

TOWNSHIP ROAD COMMISSION:

Jody Jordan will contact members and schedule a meeting. He will let Supervisor know so it can be posted on website.

CHAPEL/CEMETARY COMMISSION:

A meeting was held at 6:00 p.m. before regular meeting. The new driveway has been completed and looks very nice. It is not sure if the new area will be able to be surveyed out before winter or wait until spring.

The commission has come to the conclusion that it is not wise to let people do their own foundations any more. It has gotten to be a problem of them not waiting for the sexton to meet them there and mark out the area. Also, there have been several incidents that the foundations were not deep enough and not straight in the layout. Starting January 1, 2017, all foundations will be done by the sexton. The cemetery board feels that the six inch wash was not needed and recommend going back to the original 3 inch wash. Andy moved to have sexton do all foundations and go back to 3 inch wash. Bob supported the motion and it carried.

WIXOM LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD:

The last survey has been completed and everything is done for this season.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None-

ADJOURN: Andy moved and Mary seconded at 7:50 p.m.
Hope Township Clerk-JoAnn Wilkie