

**HOPE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
APRIL 18, 2017, 7:00 P.M.
HOPE TOWNSHIP HALL**

BOARD MEMBERS:

Andy Kobisa, Supervisor
JoAnn Wilkie, Clerk
Starleen Eddy, Treas.
Mary Jo Letts, Trustee
Bob Davis Trustee

VISITORS:

List with clerk's copy

CALL TO ORDER:

The supervisor led those present to the pledge to the flag.

CLERK'S MINUTES:

The clerk's minutes had been distributed earlier. Starleen moved to approve the minutes and Mary seconded the motion. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT:

Starleen gave balances for the General, Fire Dep. And Solid waste as of March 31, 2017.
Bob moved to accept the report and Mary seconded it. Motion carried.

OUTSTANDING BILLS:

The list of outstanding bills had been distributed earlier. Starleen moved to pay the bills and Mary supported it. A roll call vote was called-

Starleen yes Bob yes Mary yes JoAnn yes Andy yes

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

FIRE DEPT.:

There were 11 runs in March. They consisted of Medical-05-----Fire-03.....Utilities-03. Hope assisted Edenville with 2 mutual aids and Mills with 1 mutual aid. Douglas met with fire dept. and gave a bid for the 6-new turn out gear. Frontline gave their bid and came down \$125.00 a set. Fire Dept.

decided to stay with Frontline Service. The cost would come out of the DNR \$3600.00 grant, that Cliff obtained for the department Two firemen will be finishing their fire academy May 6, 2017. We will be taking part in the SKID@ drama at Meridian High School. There is a re-enactment of accidents and death from drinking and texting on cell phones. This is to let the students think about it could be me or my friends. The fire chief has received two bids for the electrical update on the fire hall. The update includes a generator, 5 circuits and a light at the back door. The cost would be \$12,000.00 from Select and \$16,500.00 from Blasey Electrical. Andy moved to accept Select's bid and start the work. Bob supported the motion and a roll call vote was polled-

Starleen yes Mary yes Bob yes JoAnn yes Andy yes

PARK COMMISSION:

The park is now officially opened. There were some water issues but all has been taken care of. David requested a lawn edger, the grass is growing up on the track and we will lose more all the time if it isn't stopped now. The park would also like to purchase a 60-inch cut Bad Boy zero turn mower from Lowe's. The old Cub Cadette is getting not to reliable. They would like to continue to use it until it does quit. Andy moved to purchase the zero turn for \$5799.00 and the edger for \$199.00, Mary seconded the motion. A roll call vote was polled-

Bob yes Starleen yes Mary yes JoAnn yes Andy yes

PLANNING COMMISSION:

Bob reported the next meeting will be May 3rd. There will be more reviewing of the Master Plan.

CHAPEL/CEMETERY COMMISSION:

The commission met on Mar. 28, 2017. Discussion was held on the work needed to be done this year. Number one on the list is to get the new section surveyed. JoAnn will check with Edenville to see who did theirs. Appreciation was given to Brett and Kathy for all their work on the cemetery through the winter. This included putting up and taking down the snow fence. We had been thinking of a gazebo for at the east end of the cemetery on the hill there. We have to check with the DEQ to see what rules would be needed to put it there for cremation burials. Kathy and Brett will continue to mow both cemeteries for \$975.00. A strong wind took down our flag pole, Brett will check into getting a new one and install it near the mercury light on the west side of the chapel. This will facilitate the law to have the flag lit up at night. We have approved the fire dept.'s request to use the chapel for practice of rescuing people from toxic air situations. There is a need to have electric at the east end of the cemetery. Brett will check into the cost for the poles, wiring and fixtures and bring it back to the cemetery board for approval and then to township board for approval. We have several trees that need to come down and we will go out for bids for them. The Mi Cemetery conference will be held at Frankenmuth this year in Aug. Several of our members would like to attend at least one day. We will get a count and come back for approval from the Twp. Board.

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TOWNSHIP CODE AUTHORITY:

The meeting was held on March 23, 2017. Bob reported the Code is doing good. There were 4 water and 1 mechanical for Hope in March. The next meeting will be held on April 27, 2017 at the county building.

WIXOM LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD:

No report.

ROAD ADVISARY COMMISSION:

No new meetings, but Andy reported that the cost of asphalt should be down 40% this year.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

No unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS:

David reported that the Oak trees have a fungus that is destroying them. It is in Roscommon County and will probably be all over the state this summer.

Mary moved to adjourn and Bob seconded at 7:50 p.m.

JoAnn Wilkie
Hope Township Clerk