

HOPE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
SEPT. 11, 2018—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 called the meeting to order by leading the pledge to the flag at 7:00 p.m.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

Dave Rothman was present and informed us what is happening with the Boyce hydro Dams at this time. There was a discretion as to when the lake would be dropped down four foot, first it was Sept. 20 then changed to a sooner date. Things got straightened out and it was back to Sept. 20. Dave is involved with an association that is looking into purchasing the hydro dams and keep them running according to the Federal rules. Dave will keep us informed on what is happening concerning the hydro dams.

Dave Rothman is also our contact with road improvements on Lakeshore Dr., a private road. They have requested road improvements and have to come through the township Board to have it approved. They have applied to a local bank for the funding and have been approved for it. Dave will update us on the time frame and what needs to be done on the township's part.

CLERK'S MINUTES:

The clerk's minutes were approved with the correction of Dave's name to be corrected to Rothman and the Fire Dept. was given a donation of \$265.00 from a Mid-Michigan organization. Starleen moved and Bob seconded to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT:

Starleen gave the financial as of August 31, 2018. The report was accepted and will be filed.

ACH AND ELECTRONICS POLICY

The Board adopted this policy to receive payments for taxes from credit cards. The fees for using this system will charge their own fee on the credit card. It was moved by Andy and supported by Bob to adopt this policy. Motion carried.

OUTSTANDING BILLS:

It was moved by Bob and seconded by Starleen to pay the bills for the General, Fire Dept., Solid Waste and all others. A roll call vote was called-

Starleen yes Bob yes Mary yes JoAnn yes Andy yes

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

FIRE DEPT.:

The correction of the donation from the Mid-Michigan group was \$365.00 instead of \$750.00. The fire department had a truck in the Founders Day parade. Oct.7---13 is the annual Fireman's appreciation week. Oct. 11, our fire department will be hosting an appreciation open house for the public. It will start around 6:00—7:00 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13 there will be an appreciation dinner for the fire department and guests and the township board and their guests. The fire chief would like to know as soon as possible how many are planning on attending.

PARK COMMISSION:

The new handicapped bathroom is still 98% done. We are still waiting to hear from a grant whether or not we will receive the money. The lady reports we are still eligible but doesn't know when it will be decided. The year is winding down and the park will be closing in early Nov. Trunk or Treat will be held on Halloween, oct. 31, 2018. All park members and township board members are asked to bring two dozen cookies. JoAnn Wilkie will be heading up the event and any questions can be directed to her. Phone number is 989-689-3056. The Fire Department also helps with the parking of vehicles and security for the kids.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

The commission is continuing to work on regulations for the wind turbines. They will have another meeting on Oct. 3, 2018 at the township hall. The meeting starts at 7:00 p.m.

CHAPEL/CEMETERY COMMISSION:

Floyd, JoAnn, Kathy and Bret attended the conference at Frankenmuth for cemeteries. Cindy gave a very good seminar on what is changing in the cemetery world. Cemeteries have to allow pets to be buried in the cemetery. If a lot owner wants to have their pet buried on the same plot as they are, it is legal. We can charge whatever we feel is allowable. The charge for a pet horse was discussed and \$1,000.00 was brought up, the cemetery board will have to discuss this and then bring it back to the township board. The cemetery commission is looking at putting up a veteran's memorial at the cemetery. The size is 12 x 12 foot. We are looking at having the area built up and compressed to set through the winter. Tyler Novak has given a bid of \$1200.00 for the work. Andy moved to have Novak do the work and Bob supported the motion. A roll call vote was called-

Starleen yes Mary yes Bob yes JoAnn yes Andy yes

The work will be done and set through the winter and in the spring, we will continue on the project.

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TOWNSHIP CODE AUTHORITY:

There were 2 plumbing, 3 mechanical, 4 electrical, 3 water and 3 building permits for Hope this month. The next meeting will be Oct. 27 at 8:00 p.m. at the county building.

WIXOM LAKE AUTHORITY:

Bob Kelley is on vacation and Dave Rothman gave an update on Wixom Lake in the business from the floor.

TOWNSHIP ROAD ADVISARY COMMISSION:

Andy reported from the County Road Commission that they plan on having \$20,500.00 for the townships to plan their road work. It was \$12,500.00 for 2018 and they are hoping for \$28,000.00 to \$30,000.00 for 2020. This will help the township get more work done with the extra money from the State.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Andy requested to attend the supervisor's conference at Bay City, Oct. 3,4 &5. Starleen moved and Bob supported to attend. A roll call vote was polled-
Mary yes Starleen yes JoAnn yes Bob yes Andy yes
- 2) RESOLUTION 2019-1 ABANDONED PROPERTY FOR ACCELERATED FORFEITURE
This resolution has to be adopted annually. It was moved by Andy and supported by Bob to adopt it for 2019. Motion carried.

Bob moved to adjourn and Mary seconded it.

Adjourned at 8:07 p.m.