

Hope Township Board Meeting
Hope Township Hall
April 13, 2021- 7:00PM

Board Members:

Rita Goul, Supervisor
Dori Allen, Clerk
Starleen Eddy, Treasurer
Mary Jo Letts, Trustee
Bob Davis, Trustee

Visitors:

List with Clerk's copy

CALL TO ORDER:

Zoom meeting and in person meeting was started by Supervisor- Rita Goul. Those present led by the Supervisor in the pledge to the flag to call the meeting to order.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR: Nothing to report

CLERK'S MINUTES:

The minutes from the March 2021 meeting had been distributed earlier.

It was moved by Mary and supported by Starleen to approve the minutes. A roll call vote was called-
Dori Yes - Starleen Yes - Bob Yes - Mary Jo Yes- Rita Yes

TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT:

The financial report was given up to February 28, 2021. The report was presented, and it will be filed. It was moved by Dori and supported by Rita to accept and file. A roll call vote was called-
Dori Yes - Starleen Yes - Bob Yes - Mary Jo Yes- Rita Yes

OUTSTANDING BILLS:

The bills from the General and Fire Dept. Funds and Solid Waste were distributed earlier. It was moved by Starleen and supported by Rita to pay the bills. A roll call vote was called-
Dori Yes - Starleen Yes - Bob Yes - Mary Jo Yes- Rita Yes

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

FIRE DEPARTMENT- Brian (Fire Chief) was present at the meeting to give report.

March Calls: 11
7 Medical
1 Control Burn
1 Structure Fire
1 Brush Fire
1 Wire Down

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The Fire Barn will host a Tire Drive May 15, 2021 from 8AM-12PM. Brian thanked the Treasurer and Clerk for getting together and discussing the financials. Looking to proceed with purchasing the air packs hopefully later this year. Brian is looking into hiring a grant writer to be able to fund a new fire barn in the future- about 10 years down the road.

PARK-

Cathie Kisser was present to give the Park report. The park is set to open on April 19, 2021. With the rising Covid cases the annual Picnic planning is on hold. The park board will host a work day on April 17th, 2021 @ 10:00 AM. The water is set to be turned on April 19, 2021. The park is taking resumes for a new caretaker, due by May 1, 2021. The former caretaker has resigned due to moving out of Hope Township. The park is looking at repairing/replacing the roof on one pavilion and the barn. The park board agreed to find all missing board minutes to enable the Supervisor to get them posted to the website.

PLANNING-

Bob Davis was present to give the Planning report. Meeting was held on April 7, 2021- those minutes will be posted. Container use was discussed- currently there is no ordinance prohibiting the use of Containers in Hope Township.

CHAPEL/CEMETERY-

Floyd Andrick was present to report on the cemetery. Spicer group came out April 9, 2021 and installed plot pins for the new section of 2 space lots in the New Hope Cemetery. This gives the cemetery 352 more plots. A work day is planned May 1, 2021 - 10AM to place veteran and fire flags, and clean up the New Hope Cemetery.

TOWNSHIP CODE AUTHORITY-

Meeting was held March 25, 2021

- 2 Building permits
- 1 Electrical permit
- 3 Mechanical permits
- 1 Plumbing permit

Next meeting April 22, 2021

WIXOM LAKE AUTHORITY-

Robert Kelley was present to report. The tax money collected for weed control is still sitting with the Gladwin County Drain Commission. No plans have been made with the money as of yet.

ROAD ADVISORY COMMISSION-

Working on Projects- some estimates are expected to be lower than first anticipated.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS-

- 941 updates/IRS

The CPA is still working on the 941's that are missing. The IRS letters continue to come in and are being paid as they arrive.

- Budget being worked on for Fiscal year July 1, 2021- June 30, 2022

Please get all your budgets into the Supervisor as soon as possible.

NEW BUSINESS-

- BS&A presentation via Zoom with Steve Rennell - Board Approval of BS&A purchase for next fiscal year.

Steve Rennell was present via Zoom to present the BS&A software. The purchase of the software was presented to the board. The project will take about 6 months to complete.

It was moved by Rita and supported by Starleen to accept. A roll call vote was called-

Dori Yes - Starleen Yes - Bob Yes - Mary Jo Yes- Rita Yes

- Approval of Updated QuickBooks

QuickBooks 2018 is currently being used- Update needed to get accounting in order to move to BS&A.

It was moved by Dori and supported by Starleen to accept. A roll call vote was called-

Dori Yes - Starleen Yes - Bob Yes - Mary Jo Yes- Rita Yes

- Lawncare Bid Proposal selection of Contractor for the season- Cemetery New and Old

Received 4 bid proposals. It was decided to go with Dan Andrick a Hope Township resident.

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- Cemetery Board Decommission

Hope Township is a very small Township. A board of 5 was not needed to over see the Cemeteries.

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- Accept resignation of Clerk- Dori Allen effective April 28, 2021.

Written resignation was turned in to Resign as Hope Township Clerk position by Dori Allen.

It was moved by Rita and supported by Starleen to accept. A roll call vote was called-

- **Dori Abstained-Starleen Yes - Bob Yes - Mary Jo Yes- Rita Yes**

- Appointment of New Clerk as effective April 28, 2021.

It was motioned to appoint the current Deputy Clerk - Carol Coyle as Hope Township Clerk until next election and the position can be put on the ballot.

It was moved by Rita and supported by Starleen to accept. A roll call vote was called-

- **Dori Abstained-Starleen Yes - Bob Yes - Mary Jo Yes- Rita Yes**

Motion to adjourn by Rita, and Starleen supported. Motion carried. Adjourned at 8:15 PM