

Hope Township Board Meeting  
Hope Township Hall  
February 14, 2023  
7:00 pm

Rita Goul, Supervisor  
Carol Coyle, Clerk  
Starleen Eddy, Treasurer  
Mary Letts, Trustee  
Daniel Mieske, Trustee

**Visitors:**

*List with Clerk's copy*

**TOWNSHIP MEETING CALL TO ORDER:**

Township meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor, Rita Goul.

**Roll call of the Board Members:** *Dan Mieske Present, Mary Letts Present, Starleen Eddy Present, Board Members present*  
Rita Goul, Supervisor

*Carol Coyle Present, Rita Goul Present.* Quorum-Yes

**BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:** Resident Elgin Childs stated he would like to grow and irrigate strawberries. Wondered if he had to have the Board approval for the irrigation aspect or if this was something to take to Water District #1? After discussion, Elgin was encouraged to attend the Water District meeting that was taking place on 2-15-2023. Location for request is 305 E. Shearer Rd. Hope, Mi.

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve the agenda with no additions by Dan and supported by Starleen. All in Favor 5 Opposed 0 Motion Carried.

**SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:** Rita presented the following resolutions for discussion. 1. "Combined Boards of Review", 2. "Certification of Abandoned Property for Accelerated Forfeiture Act", and 3. "Poverty Guidelines". In Ron Thompson's absence, Carol Coyle was asked to present the reasons behind the potential for combining the of Boards of Review with Lincoln, Jerome, and Hope Townships. (See the complete resolution in Clerk's office). The discussion was opened to the floor for comments. After discussion **by members in the audience that voiced disapproval**, the motion to approve the combining of the Boards of Review was made by Mary and Supported by Starleen. Roll call vote. Dan NO, Mary, NO, Starleen, NO, Carol YES, Rita NO. MOTION FAILED. Resolution for Certification of Abandoned Property for Accelerated Forfeiture Act (copy in Clerk's office) was presented with explanation from Rita. Motion by Starleen and supported by Mary to adopt the resolution. All in favor 5, opposed 0. MOTION CARRIED. Resolution for Poverty Guidelines (copy in Clerk's office) was presented by Rita. Motion to accept the Poverty Guidelines Resolution was made by Starleen and supported by Mary. All in favor 5, opposed 0. MOTION CARRIED.

2. New (updated policy) for "Training/Conference Expense Reimbursement Policy" was presented. No discussion from the Board. Motion to approve the policy as presented (copy in Clerk's office) by Mary and supported by Starleen. All in favor 5, opposed 0. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Consumers Outage: There will be a scheduled outage for certain residents in Hope Township. Complete details are posted on the website, Facebook and at the Township Hall.

4. Township Phones: Rita reiterated that Township phones must be carried by a member from each office Monday-Friday and checked on the weekends if a message has been left. This had been discussed previously and just reinforced.

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5. Mileage update: Rita reminded everyone that mileage is to be for the shortest distance to and from the place of business. If the return mileage is charged to come back to the hall and that distance is further than returning home, the business for which travel took place needs to be given to the department for which work was done.

6. Appointment of Chuck Hudler to road commission as an alternate. Rita asked the Board to approve adding Chuck Hudler to the road commission as an alternate. Motion by Starleen and supported by Dan.

All in favor 5, opposed 0. MOTION CARRIED.

**CLERK'S MINUTES:** The Board packets were distributed to all board members by Monday, February 13th, 2023, (complete copy of the Board packet on file in Clerk's office). Motion to accept the minutes as written by Starleen and supported by Rita. All in Favor 5 Opposed 0 Motion Carried

1. Bond Claim update-The bond claim has been filed with Tokio Marine, the bond company. (A complete copy of the claim is on file in the Clerk's office). A case number has been assigned and the claim is in the review process. No additional information currently.
2. 1099's ,1096's have been filed with the State and Federal agencies. In addition, the 941's for the year ending 2022 have been filed.
3. May election-There will be an election on May 2, 2023. The election team is in place.
4. Budget Amendments-All members were given a copy of the proposed budget changes based on activity from the first 6 months. No questions from the Board. Motion to accept the Resolution to approve the budget amendments as presented by Rita and supported by Starleen. Roll call vote: Dan YES, Mary YES, Starleen YES, Carol YES, Rita Yes. MOTION CARRIED.
5. Budget to Expense Report was provided in the Board packet. No questions currently.

**TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT:** Winter taxes are coming in. The Financial report was provided in the Board packet. Starleen noted the positive balance in the Solid Waste due to tax collection. Motion by Rita and supported by Carol to APPROVE AND FILE THE TREASURER'S REPORT. Roll call vote: Dan YES, Mary YES, Starleen YES, Carol YES, Rita Yes. MOTION CARRIED.

**OUTSTANDING BILLS:** Within the Board packet was the Payroll Summary and Liability Report. No questions. The Bank Reconciliations were presented with outstanding checks noted. No additional questions. Credit Card charges had supporting documentation, so payment was made. Motion for payment of bills was made by Rita and Supported by Starleen. Roll call vote: Dan YES, Mary YES, Starleen YES, Carol YES, Rita Yes. MOTION CARRIED.

#### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** Brian Solomon reported things are quiet for now at the Fire Department with only 9 calls in January. Brian was excited to report the donation of a "LUCAS" machine to the Fire Department from MyMichigan Health. The value of this piece of equipment has shown an increase of survival rate from a sudden cardiac event to be 25% higher. This week, training on the use of the equipment is taking place. The cost of the equipment, if purchased outright, would be in the range of \$17,000-\$18,000.00. Brian will be sending a Thank you and getting information so acknowledgement will be on the website. Brian is meeting with the department to get ideas for the drawings for a new fire hall. Once the ideas are done, he will be in touch with an architect to draw up plans. At that time, a grant writer will be contacted to help write a grant(s) for funding of the new fire hall.

**PARK COMMISSION:** David presented he has been in contact with Billsby lumber about the road repair at the Cemetery. Once things dry out some, Billsby lumber will come in and fix the roads and area around the site to restore it back to the original condition. The first meeting will be March 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. The sheriff's department

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has been contacted about the additional damage at the Park. There has been an increase in patrolling the area. David has tried to get in touch with Robb Webber to set goals and timeline for the disc golf. The only report that needs to be made to the State was done when the audit was completed and filed by the auditor.

**PLANNING:** Nicole Kelley stated there has been confusion with the billing received from Spicer Engineering. The other Hope Township also used Spicer for their business. Nicole is working with Jenny from Spicer to get the billing to be more precise with the details to ensure the correct township is being billed. Nicole also will be the only person eligible to contact Spicer. Next meeting will be April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 7:00 pm.

**CHAPEL/CEMETERY:** Nothing to report. Asked to get American flags ordered for the cemetery in time to have them placed by Memorial Day. Stated there are enough flags for the firemen sites.

**TOWNSHIP CODE AUTHORITY:** Rita was present and gave the report of Plumbing 1, Mechanical 2 and Electrical 2 permits issued for January.

**WIXOM LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD:** Bob Kelly stated no meeting this month and nothing new to report.

**ROAD ADVISORY COMMISSION:** Rita said nothing to report. Dan Mieske asked to have an additional meeting added to this year to take place ~~in~~ on May 5<sup>th</sup>. Motion to add meeting by Starleen and supported by Mary. Roll call vote: Dan YES, Mary YES, Starleen YES, Carol YES, Rita Yes. MOTION CARRIED.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** ARPA update was provided by Starleen. AED's were ordered and should be here in 4-6 weeks. ARPA approved the purchase of one AED for the Township Hall and 2 for the Fire Department.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

Motion to adjourn by Mary and supported by Starleen at 7:52pm. All in Favor 4 Opposed 0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Coyle