

Hope Township Board Meeting
Hope Township Hall
April 11th, 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 MEMBERS: Carol Coyle, Present, Starleen Eddy, Present, Dan Mieske Present, Mary Letts, Present, Rita Goul, Present.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR: Bill Cleland, from the Methodist Church on Hope Road, was present and asked if the church would be able to use the vacant area behind the Fire Hall for activities for the church. Carol will contact Brian to ask permission and get back to Pastor Bill. Pastor Bill also announced there will be three days of food distribution by the East Michigan Food Bank. The days will be April 28 and May 26th from 4-6 pm, and June 10th from 10am-noon. This will be done at the Methodist Church and more details to follow.

Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda with one addition under the Supervisor, by Dan and supported by Mary. All in Favor 5 Opposed 0 Motion Carried.

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

1. Deputy-Rita asked for approval to add a Deputy Supervisor as the need arises. This will start in the new budget beginning July 1, 2023. Motion to approve the Deputy by Dan and supported by Mary. All in Favor 4 Opposed 0 Abstain 1. Motion Carried.
2. Planning- The Planning Committee would like to appoint Jennifer Salisbury as an alternate for the Planning Committee. Motion to approve the appointment by Starleen and supported by Mary. All in Favor 5 Opposed 0. Motion Carried.
3. Budget Workshop-Rita announced there will be a budget workshop on April 22, at 2:00 pm. This is open for anyone wanting to attend.
4. Cemetery Foundations-Dan Andrick submitted a request to have the foundation pricing increased to \$.50/sq. in. He would receive \$.45 and the Township would receive \$0.05/sq. in. Motion to approve the increase by Starleen and supported by Rita. All in Favor 5 Opposed 0. Motion Carried.

CLERK'S MINUTES: The Board packets were distributed to all board members by Monday, April 10th, 2023, (complete copy of the Board packet on file in Clerk's office). Discussion on how new business was recorded in the March minutes about the mileage expense report for the Deputy Treasurer. Minutes will stand as written and noted the mileage expense report for the Deputy was corrected, submitted and paid. Motion to accept the minutes with one correction by Mary and supported by Dan. All in Favor 5 Opposed 0 Motion Carried

TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT:

1. The Bank and Investment Balances as prepared by the Deputy Clerk, was presented. Received a Revenue Sharing in the amount of \$25,178.00. Have also received a Local Stabilization check in the amount of \$896.83. Waiting for the County to send the settlement check. May be in May sometime. No estimate on amount to be received at this time. Motion to ACCEPT AND FILE THE TREASURER'S REPORT by Rita and

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supported by Mary a. Roll call vote: Carol YES, Starleen YES, Mary YES, Dan YES, Rita YES. MOTION CARRIED.

2. ARPA update: Reports are being filed as required on how the ARPA funds have been utilized. May have a meeting in June.

OUTSTANDING BILLS:

1. Payment of Bills: In the Board packet was a copy of the bills from the General Fund, Fire Fund, Road Fund, Tax Fund, Solid Waste fund, Water Fund and Lakeshore Fund. Two additional checks in the General Fund and one in the Fire fund. General fund was for \$574.87 to American Fund for pension and one to Howdens in the amount of \$110.00. One from the Fire Department in the amount for \$105.00 to Howdens. Motion for payment of bills was made by Starleen and Supported by Mary. Roll call vote: Dan YES, Mary YES, Starleen YES, Carol YES, Rita Yes. MOTION CARRIED.
2. Budget vs. Expense report was provided and reminded everyone to review their budget. No questions from Board members.
3. Budget Amendment Resolution: See Resolution on file in Clerk's office.
4. Bank Reconciliations were provided in the Board packet. Prepared by Deputy Clerk and reviewed by the Supervisor and Treasurer. Outstanding checks were noted. No questions from Board members.
5. Payroll Summary for the Township was presented in the Board packet. No questions from Board members.
6. Liability Report for the Township was presented in the Board packet. No questions from Board members.
7. First Quarter 941's for 2023 have yet to be filed. Usually this takes about 30 days after the end of the quarter.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Rita presented in Brian's absence that Brian hopes to have the packets ready for the next board meeting for the grants for the new fire hall. Wanted to remind everyone to contact the DNR to get a burn permit before doing any burning. Happy spring to all.

PARK COMMISSION: David Yahr reported the water will be turned on by April 17th so the bathrooms will now be available. Disc golf is progressing. There are 3 work days scheduled for 4-15, 4-21 & 4-22. This is to get work done in the woods. Work will start at 10:00 and there will be free fire wood to pick up that day. A release of liability must be signed prior to working in the woods. A shredder will be used by Jay Brown to assist in chipping of the wood. May need to still grind some of the bigger stumps and will get a bid for that portion when it gets closer. Bids will be obtained to get a furnace for the bathroom and may try to get a grant to pay for the furnace. The May meeting will be moved to May 3rd at 7:00 pm at the Township Hall. The July meeting will be moved to June 28th at 7:00 pm. Darlene Thompson is the Event Coordinator and she is working on planning events for the park. Question on how to pay Dan Andrick for work he completed to correct the damage caused from the tree cutting. David will be in contact with Billsby Lumber to see how to proceed. Rita requested a job description for the Park Caretaker.

PLANNING: Diane Vaughn reported there has been another land sale that did not go through based on forestry ordinance. This will be reviewed. A couple came to the Planning meeting on possibility of a grow facility. A dangerous building ordinance is being looked at getting established. Working with Spicer's to change some of the ordinances updated/changed. An additional meeting has been requested for May to get work done on these potential changes. Motion by Starleen and supported by Mary to approve additional meeting. Roll call vote: Carol YES, Starleen YES, Mary YES, Dan YES, Rita YES. ----MOTION Carried.

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CHAPEL/CEMETERY: Floyd was present and clean up at the cemetery will begin April 15th. Please have all items removed by that time. New flags have been ordered. Carol asked to order new holders to replace the damaged ones. The presentation on the sinking of the Titanic will be held April 16th at 2:00 pm. Carol reported the new door locks have been installed at the Chapel.

TOWNSHIP CODE AUTHORITY: There were 6 Mechanical, 1 Electrical, 1 Building and 1 Demolition permit since the last meeting.

WIXOM LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD: Bob Kelly stated the next meeting will be April 19th at 6:00 pm at the Billings Township Hall. They will be discussing the effectiveness of spray on the lakebeds from last fall.

ROAD ADVISORY COMMISSION: Dan said no county meeting last month. Next meeting will be May 4th at 7:00 pm. He will ask about the brine application after questions/discussion on if brine will be used on the dirt roads.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. AED update-The AED's have been shipped.
2. New Sexton-Dan Andrick will be doing all the work for the burials and foundations at the Cemeteries. He fixed 13 gravesites and several foundations that had failed over the winter.
3. Election Equipment was tested and thanks to Dan Mieske, Chuck Hudler and Starla Jordan for assisting with this process.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Board of Review. After discussion, no changes will be made to the Board of Review. Noted is if the Treasurer were to become incapacitated and the Deputy needed to step in to that role, the Deputy would be removed from the Board of Review.
2. Charter/Spectrum will be taking over as the internet provider. This change will take place on May 16th. Carol said someone need to sign the agreement with Charter/Spectrum to allow the Township to continue to receive internet service. Motion to have Carol sign for this by Starleen and supported by Rita. All in Favor 5 Opposed 0 Motion Carried
3. Midland County Library-Encouraged residents to utilize the library and all it has to offer.

Motion to adjourn by Mary and supported by Starleen at 820 pm. All in Favor 5 Opposed 0 Motion Carried

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Coyle