

Hope Township Board Meeting
Hope Township Hall
June 13th, 2023
Followed Budget Hearing

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 7:11 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: NONE

Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda with 2 additions by Rita and supported by Mary. All in Favor 5 Opposed 0 Motion Carried.

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

1. The Township recently underwent an assessment audit and a new Poverty Guidelines Resolution was required to complete the audit. Motion by Rita and supported by Starleen to adopt resolution 061323. All in Favor 5 Opposed 0 Motion Carried.
2. With the Election being held on the same night as the next Board meeting, Rita asked to move the meeting to August 9th at 7:00 pm. Discussion from the Board and Motion by Rita and supported by Starleen to move the August 8th meeting to August 9th at 7:00 pm. All in Favor 5 Opposed 0 Motion Carried. Carol to make sure posted on the web page and at the Township Hall.

CLERK'S MINUTES: The Board packets were distributed to all board members on Monday, June 13, 2023 (complete copy of the Board packet on file in Clerk's office).

1. Minutes from the May 9th meeting were reviewed with a motion to approve the minutes with 3 corrections by Rita and supported by Starleen. All in Favor 5 Opposed 0 Motion Carried.
2. Minutes from the May 30th Budget meeting were reviewed and a motion to approve the minutes with one correction written by Rita and supported by Starleen. All in Favor 5 Opposed 0 Motion Carried.

TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT:

1. The Bank and Investment Balance as of May 31, 2023, prepared by Deputy Clerk Charles Hudler, was presented. Additionally, noted was a \$15.00 charge to the Tax Account for a low balance in the account. The money has been refunded and will show up on the June statement. Motion to ACCEPT AND FILE THE TREASURER'S REPORT by Rita and supported by Mary. Roll call vote: Dan YES, Mary YES, Starleen YES, Carol YES, Rita YES. MOTION CARRIED.
2. Revenue sharing check in the amount of \$21,968.00 has been received. In addition, a check from the cable company in the amount of \$981.27 has been received.
3. Starleen has been in contact with Carl Cryderman about the investment account. There was no interest recorded for the last year. Explanation was the lifetime guarantee was for 1% and because the township had received 2% the previous year, there would be no interest for the past year. Starleen has requested the surrender form and will look at investing in another firm.

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4. Taxes will be mailed out the end of June.
5. The Treasurers office will be closed on June 19th and June 21st.

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. Carol noted in the bills that Dan Mieske was overpaid \$.40 in mileage. He has since re-imbursed the Township. Consumers was overpaid by \$10.00 and the credit will come next month. Consumers has been notified. Motion to pay the bills by Rita and supported by Starleen. Roll Call: Dan YES, Mary YES, Starleen YES, Carol YES, Rita YES. Motion carried.
2. Budget vs. Expense report was provided. No questions from Board members.
3. 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.
4. Payroll Summary and Liability report for the Township was presented in the Board packet. Carol noted the worksheets to explain the payment were provided to the Treasurer. No additional questions from Board members.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Brian Solomon stated the Fire Department was not asking for a raise this year as they are truly a volunteer department. Sometime this month, there will be an inspection of the equipment, maintenance logs, training records etc. Insurance rates are affected by this inspection. Brian will not be in attendance for the August meeting. A resident asked if the parking lot on the west side of the building could be marked for fire volunteers only. Another resident asked about burn permits. Burn permits are issued through the State of Michigan. Brian and Duane Valley did a visual presentation of the proposed new Fire Hall. Several questions from the audience were answered. Brian said the next step is to let Three Rivers to proceed with a quote. Then, grant writers will be involved to get funding for the new station. The new location will be on the corner of Middle and Schearer Roads.

PARK COMMISSION: Starla Jordan gave the report for the park. The Farmer's Market is up and running. The first week there was only 1 vendor but this past week, there were 3. David has been in contact with Robb and Blake Webber on the disc golf and no further update at this time. David will be purchasing the new wood for the bleachers this week and getting the bleachers repaired. Movie in the Park took place on June 3rd with about 25 people in attendance. Concessions were sold and brought in \$18.00. The next movie night will be July 8th. There will be a vendor sale in the park on Saturday, June 17th from 9-4. Spaces are still available for \$15:00. Darlene Thompson is the event coordinator and a big thank you to her and Cathie Kisser for their efforts. The Bad Boy mower is in for repair. David had to cut up a tree that had fallen in the walking path so thank you to David for that work. A Jamboree is scheduled in August. The annual picnic will be July 15th at noon. Starla is looking into grants to for a furnace in the concession building.

PLANNING: Nicole Kelley said there was a meeting last week and the Planning Committee is getting information from surrounding townships and will bring that information to the August 2nd meeting and a potential special hearing in September.

CHAPEL/CEMETERY: No updates.

TOWNSHIP CODE AUTHORITY: There were 3 Electrical permits, 95 Lakeshore, 810 Poquonnock Dr and 1360 E. Curits. 4 Mechanical permits, 1412 Saiko, 95 Lakeshore, 1662 Hull and 5774 Stark. There were 2 Building permits, 6358 Middle and 357 Richmond. The next meeting is June 22, 2023.

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WIXOM LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD: Bob Kelly reported spraying for the trees will be sometime before the end of June. The timing depends on weather and availability of equipment. Those residents that will be affected should have received notification by mail. People are NOT to cut or mow areas until the first part of August to allow the chemicals time to work.

ROAD ADVISORY COMMISSION: Dan reported work has been started on Saiko road to prep for paving in 2024. Art Buck was out and will be meeting with the drain commissioner to evaluate the drain at 5 mile and Saiko road. Question about the culvert area on N. Meridian Road to be taken to the Road Commission. Also, question about the area on N. Meridian and M-30 that has washed away. The sink hole by the Township Hall has been fixed for now. There are tiles broken along the road and a more extensive fix will have to take place at a later date.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Follow up on questions from May meeting tabled until July meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. The State of Michigan and ESA have been billed for the May election expenses.
2. The annual reporting to the USDA has been filed and accepted by the USDA
3. W-9 has been filed with Spectrum.
4. A security camera will need to be purchased and installed to monitor the AV Ballot Drop Box per the State of Michigan's new requirements. Carol is looking into getting pricing. This will be re-imbursed by the State. The new ballot box will need to be installed following the State's guidelines. The guidelines will be researched prior to purchase.

Motion to adjourn by Rita and supported by Carol at 8:24 pm. All in Favor 5 Opposed 0 Motion Carried

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Coyle