Hope Township Board Meeting Hope Township Hall July 11, 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.

<u>ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:</u> Dan Mieske <u>Present</u>, Mary Letts, <u>Present</u>, Rita Goul, <u>Present</u>. Carol Coyle, <u>Present</u>, Starleen Eddy, Absent.

<u>APPROVAL OF AGENDA:</u> Motion to approve the agenda made by Mary and supported by Dan. All in favor $\underline{4}$. Opposed 0. MOTION CARRIED.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR: NONE

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

- 1. The Hall Rental Agreement has been updated and will be available on the website.
- 2. Water Update-Supervisor was unable to provide the update on the water related questions. She hopes to have the information available at the August meeting.
- 3. Facebook-Rita again, reminded everyone the Facebook page for the Township, is to be used only to promote positive items happening in the Township. She reported some posts had to be removed due to the negative comments posted.

<u>CLERK'S MINUTES:</u> The Board packets were distributed to all board members on Monday, July 11th, 2023(complete copy of the Board packet on file in Clerk's office).

- 1. Minutes from the June 13th, 2023 public hearing meeting were reviewed with a motion to approve the minutes as written by Rita and supported by Mary. All in Favor 4 Opposed 0 Motion Carried.
- 2. Minutes from the June 13th 2023 board meeting were reviewed and a motion to approve the minutes as written by Rita and supported by Mary. All in Favor <u>4</u> Opposed <u>0</u> Motion Carried.

TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT: In Starleen's absence, Rita presented the Treasurer's financial statement. Motion to *accept and file the Treasurers report* was made by Mary and supported by Dan. Roll Call Vote: Dan: YES, Mary YES, Carol YES and Rita YES. MOTION CARRIED. Deputy Treasurer Starla Jordan, reported there was a "glitch" in the County Tax office and this caused to a delay in tax documents being mailed.

OUTSTANDING BILLS:

- 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 two additional checks have been added. One to Starla Jordan for mileage reimbursement. The second check was to American Fund.(s) Motion to pay the bills by Rita and supported by Mary. Roll Call: Dan YES, Mary 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 as prepared by the Deputy Clerk and reviewed by the Supervisor and Treasurer. Outstanding checks were noted. No questions from Board members.

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4. Payroll Summary and Liability report for the Township was presented in the Board packet. No questions from Board members.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

<u>FIRE DEPARTMENT:</u> Duane Valley from the fire department, gave the report in Brian's absence. There were 11 runs last month. 8 Medical, 1 Smoke, 1 Personal Injury, and 1 mutual aid.

PARK COMMISSION: David Yahr reported 3 workers for the last work day on June 28th. He is working on getting the wooden posts to replace the metal ones along the driveway at the park. The lawnmower has been taken to Genes for repair work. July 15th is the picnic at the park. David encouraged everyone to attend. There have been several applications for the caretaker position at the park. A decision will be made at the August meeting on who to hire. In the meantime, David will be mowing as needed. David, "I want it noted in the record that I had nothing to do with the hiring of my son. I abstained from the voting in that meeting". David provided the Supervisor with a copy of the meeting minutes when the vote took place.

PLANNING: Nicole Kelley was not present. Wendy Faber noted the next meeting will be August 2nd, 2023.

<u>CHAPEL/CEMETERY:</u> Nothing significant to report. Carol asked Floyd if he and Dan would be available to get the Cemetery Ordinances updated so they can be posted. Both will be available.

TOWNSHIP CODE AUTHORITY: There were 2 building and 1 water permits issued last month.

WIXOM LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD: Bob Kelly reported spraying for the trees has been completed. Next meeting will be July 13th, 2023, 6:00 pm at the Billings Township Hall.

ROAD ADVISORY COMMISSION: Dan reported road work has been completed and the ditch work will take place later in the fall.

<u>UNFINISHED BUSINESS:</u> The State of Michigan and ESA have been billed for the May election expenses. Reimbursement has not been received as of today. The Absentee Ballot Box and Security camera has have been installed. The State of Michigan will be billed for these two items.

NEW BUSINESS: The Election worker list for the August 8th election was presented. The motion to approve the following people Linda Deitz, Jan Bates, Chuck Hudler, Toni Hudler, Di Mieske and Carol Coyle was made by Rita and supported by Dan. All in Favor 4. Opposed 0. MOTION CARRIED. The Public Accuracy Testing and preventive maintenance on the election equipment, will be performed on July 12th beginning at 8:00 am. The public is welcome. Carol attended a Cemetery Class in Mt. Pleasant. The property lines at the Cemetery have been marked and it is noted one of the disc golf baskets is on cemetery property and will need to be moved. The insurance for the Township has increased by 15% from last year. Final numbers are not yet available. The AED is mounted and ready for use. Rita read a letter of resignation from Starleen Eddy. Her last day will be July 25th. Motion to adjourn at 7:27 pm by Mary and supported by Dan. All in favor 4. Opposed 0. Motion carried. 7:30 pm Motion to adjourn by Rita and supported by Mary. All in favor 4. Opposed 0. Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:30 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Coyle