

Hope Township Road Committee Meeting

Jan 4, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dan Mieske at 7pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call members present: Jay Brown, Elgin Childs, Robert Kelley, Kelly Eddy, Chair: Dan Mieske, & alternate, David Yahr

Guest in attendance: Dennis Goul, Rita Goul, Jeremy Drouin, Carol Coyle, Wendy Faber

All members of the Road Committee were sworn in for a one-year term by Carol Coyle, the Hope Township Clerk

Approval of Agenda. Elgin Childs made a motion to approve the agenda. Kelly Eddy 2nd to approve. Motion carried.

Minutes from the last meeting, September 7, 2023, Elgin Childs made the motion to approve the minutes and 2nd was made by Kelly Eddy. Motion Approved.

OLD Business: All 2023 projects were completed except the replacement of a new culvert at E. Saiko and Five Mile Rd. Dan informed us that Four Lakes Task force would be covering the cost of that culvert and another replacement culvert about 100 yards north of that intersection.

Chairman, Dan Mieske, provided an update of 2024 Funds Allocated for Roads.

Allocation of Funds:

*Township Road Fund Carryover	\$183,157.89
*Required Twp Matching funds	-36,412.43
	146,745.46
*Matching and non-matching funds	+125,420.59
	272,166.05
*Tax income2024	+95,000.00
	367,166.05
*Emergency Fund	-67,166.05
*Available Funds for 2024	\$300,000.00

Jeremy Drouin, a homeowner at 485 E. Hull Road, stated that a short section of E. Hull Road west from the intersection of E. Hull Road and Five Mile Rd leading to his residence has become very muddy and difficult to drive through. He is requesting some gravel to improve his ability to get to his home. Dan Mieske will get an estimate for laying gravel on that short section from the Midland County Road Commission.

There was discussion about 2024 Road work to be completed. Jay Brown suggested that we consider improving E. Saiko Road from meridian Rd to Five Mile Road because it will see increased usage when the paving of E. Saiko Road to Middle Rd is completed in 2024. It was determined there is not enough available funding at this time. The following roads were selected.

A Motion to pave E. Saiko Rd from Five mile to Middle Road was made by Jay Brown and there was a 2nd by Kelly Eddy. All members approved the motion by a unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Dan Mieske to complete drainage and lay gravel for ½ mile on E. Curtis Road from Middle Road to the west. With a 2nd by Jay Brown and a vote of the Board, it passed. All members voted yes except Elgin Child who voted No.

There was a motion by Kelly Eddy and a 2nd by Jay Brown to add 6 inches of gravel west of the intersection of E. Hull and Five Mile Road for approximately 430 feet for a cost up to \$15,000. The Board voted unanimously to approve this motion.

Jay Brown suggested that there should be verbiage added to the Midland County Road Commission estimates before they are signed by both parties stating that payment would be made only after a satisfactory inspection and approval of the job is made by Hope Township officials. Robert Kelley made a motion, there was a 2nd by Jay Brown to add an addendum to those road work estimates stating as above. The vote to approve was unanimous.

The road committee will request that information regarding proper yard leaf disposal methods be inserted into the next mass mailing or along with summer tax bills to residents of Hope Township. Leaves are not to be raked into ditches because doing so will eventually cause drainage issues and more cost to Hope Township for excavation of ditches to restore proper drainage.

Meeting dates chosen for 2024-2025 will be May 8, 2024, September 4, 2024, and January 8, 2025

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Elgin Childs and 2nd to the motion was made by Robert Kelley

Meeting adjourned at 9:12pm

Meeting Minutes by Recording Secretary, Robert Kelley

