

Hope Township Board Meeting
Hope Township Hall
May 14th, 2024 7:00 pm

Rita Goul, Supervisor
Carol Coyle, Clerk
Chuck Hudler, Treasurer absent
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: Dan Mieske Present, Mary Letts, Present, Chuck Hudler, Absent, Rita Goul, Present, Carol Coyle, Present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion to approve the agenda, with two additions, was made by Rita and supported by Dan. No additional discussion. All in favor 4. Opposed 0. Motion carried.

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

1. May Birthdays - Two birthdays in May.
2. MCTOA - There will be a meeting of the MCTOA on June 6th, 2024 at 6:30pm. If any members of the Board wish to attend, the fee of \$20.00 will be paid by the Township. Must be registered by May 29th, 2024.
3. Brine and Grading at Park - Rita called the MCRC and asked about brining at Woodside Park. The driveway has been graded and brined to fill in the pot holes cut down on the dust.
4. Civil Infraction Ordinance - There was a brief discussion on the Civil Infraction Ordinance that had been presented at the April 29th meeting. A motion to approve the Ordinance was made by Dan and supported by Mary. No additional discussion. All in favor 4. Opposed 0. Motion carried.
5. Farm Act – Rita presented information on the “Right to Farm Act” and how it has affected the Township. A resident filed a complaint about the number of chickens his neighbor had and those chickens were on his property. Both the Health Department and the representative from the Farm Act came to inspect the property. The resident with the chickens was found to be compliant with the “Right to Farm Act”. A formal decision was provided to all involved.
6. Dave Randall, general contractor for the pickleball project, was present and needed to leave for another meeting. Dave was allowed to speak at this time and gave an update on the progress of the pickleball project at the Park. The ground has been prepared and the ‘sleeves’ will be placed this week. Cement work will be done next week. The cement will need to ‘cure’ for about two weeks. At that time, the courts will be painted and striped. Dave offered several suggestions for fencing around the court. He will present bids at the next Park meeting.

CLERK'S MINUTES: The Board packets were distributed to all board members on Monday, May 13th, 2024 (a complete copy of the Board packet is on file in Clerk's office). A motion to approve the minutes from the April 9th, 2024 as written, was made by Rita and supported by Dan. No additional discussion. All in favor 4. Opposed 0. Motion Carried. A motion to approve the minutes from the April 29th, 2024

budget workshop as written, was made by Rita and supported by Mary. No additional discussion. All in favor 4. Opposed 0. Motion Carried.

TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT:

1. In Chuck's absence, Carol presented the Bank and Investment Balances. It was noted the reconciled amounts match the bank balances. A motion to **accept and file the Treasurer's report** was made by Rita and supported by Mary. No additional discussion from the board. Roll call vote: *Dan, **YES**, Mary, **YES**, Carol, **YES**, and Rita, **YES***. Motion carried.
2. The Bank Reconciliations were prepared by Chuck and reviewed by Rita. Carol highlighted points of interest for discussion. She asked to have the Boards approval to 'void' check number 2782 from October 13th, 2023. A motion to void check 2782 was made by Rita and supported by Dan. No additional discussion. All in favor 4. Opposed 0. Motion Carried.
3. Carol informed everyone in order to capture a better interest rate, Chuck moved \$230,000.00 from the Road Fund to Michigan Class.
4. Carol announced Chuck had paid off the loan from the M-30 Water Fund to the Road Fund.

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. Rita made a motion, supported by Dan, to pay the bills. No additional discussion. Roll Call: *Dan, **YES**, Mary, **YES**, Chuck, **YES** Carol, **YES**, and Rita, **YES***. Motion carried.
2. Budget vs. Expense report was provided to all members. Carol asked to have 3 lines amended to the budget. The Revenue Sharing department is anticipated to be less than originally budgeted. Carol asked to decrease that amount by \$15,000.00. The other two areas were in the Board of Review and Lakeshore accounts. Motion to amend the budget was made by Rita and supported by Dan. No additional discussion. Roll Call: *Dan, **YES**, Mary, **YES**, Chuck, **YES** Carol, **YES**, and Rita, **YES***. Motion carried.
3. Payroll Summary and Liability reports were provided. No questions at this time.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Brian stated there were 12 runs last month. There were 7 Medical, 1 wire down, 2 trees across the road, 1 property damage and 1 suspected gas leak. Brian shared pictures of the proposed New Fire station. There will be fundraisers to help offset the cost of the new building. In addition, Grants are being sought for the construction. Brian does not want to add a millage to the Township residents. Brian will not be at the June meeting. He will be sending a representative in his place. The tire drive was successful with 200 tires being collected in about an hour.

PARK COMMISSION: Cathie Kisser presented the report for the Park Commission. The Event Coordinator has all new fliers out for the activities planned for this summer. There will be a dunk tank at the Jamboree and donations will be split with the Fire Department. Cathie announced the Disc Golf project has been stopped and the baskets will be sold. Cathie acknowledged the money will be returned to the

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Tree money and hoped to be able to use some for future projects. Carol recommended to get pricing from a couple of interested parties and bring it back to the Board for final approval prior to completing the sale of the baskets. In addition, Rita asked to have them sold in a group of 9 or all 18. There was a work day with student volunteers on May 10th. The ship had two coats of varnish and LOTS of painting was completed. A big THANK YOU to all the students. In addition, Rita thanked the community and Board members for helping out on April 20th. The Park is looking great!

PLANNING: Nicole Kelley reported there was a planning meeting on May 1st where the “Right to Farm Act” was discussed. Also, the Parish Communications property located at Stark and Shaffer, road is zoned commercial. The next meeting is June 5th, 2024.

CHAPEL/CEMETERY: Floyd stated he and Dan have completed the placing of the new flags for the Veterans and Fire personnel at both cemeteries. In addition, Dan has repaired about 60 flag holders as a volunteer donation to the Cemetery. Each holder takes about 20-25 minutes to repair. This serves as a significant savings to the Township. The cost of a new holder is \$25.00- \$30.00 each. Floyd had an article published in the Midland Daily News covering the “Old Hope Cemetery”. A copy was provided for the Township.

TOWNSHIP CODE AUTHORITY: Dan reported there were 2 building permits for April. One for a Pole Barn and the other was a shed. Next meeting is May 23rd, 2024.

WIXOM LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD: Bob Kelley presented the next meeting will be May 22nd, 6:00 pm, at the Billings Township Hall. Both the Wixom Lake Association and the WLIB will be present. The purpose will be to form a joint committee to continue work the Wixom Lake restoration project.

ROAD ADVISORY COMMISSION: The last meeting was May 9th at 6:00 pm at the Township Hall. Dan presented the roads and work to be done on those roads, as previously approved. The next meeting will be September 9th, 2024 at 6:00 pm.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Survey – Added new Firehall
2. Pickleball nets/posts
3. Water Update
4. Water Spigot at Cemetery – Fixed by Howdens

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Propane Bids - Carol will be working on bids for Propane for the 2024-2025 budget year. Jake Garcia from Scotland Propane was a guest and discussed the new business coming to the area.
2. Insurance Bids – Carol is working on bids for the insurance.
3. Library Meeting – The notice for the upcoming Library Board Meeting was shared.
4. Bids for the windows and power washing of the Chapel and Township Hall. Carol asked to have 3 bids for both projects. The bids should be presented ahead of time in order to provide copies to all Board members in their packets. Tabled for the June meeting.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

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1. There will be a food drive at the United Methodist Church on Thursday, May 23rd from 2-4.
2. Nicole Kelley asked about an update on the survey of the Park. Carol explained that 3 bids were obtained and the lowest bid was chosen. The survey has been ordered and should be done before the next Board meeting.
3. Brian Solomon asked about a cell phone update. Not yet completed at this time.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 pm was made by Rita and supported by Mary. No additional discussion. All in favor 4. Opposed 0. Motion carried.

Adjourned at 8:20 pm

Respectfully submitted.

Carol Coyle, Clerk