

## Hope Township water project

During the past three months there has been a very diligent effort on the part of many of your neighbors to bring a municipal water supply system **to all of the residents** of Hope Township who desire to have a clean reliable supply of good water in their homes. The City of Midland has increased the capacity of their supply to Water District #1 and we are assured of a reliable amount of water for a period of the next 40 years. After that hurdle was met the Hope Township Water Advisory Commission started the process of gathering signatures on petitions for those residents who desire municipal water. We are proud to say that those efforts have succeeded. The number of petition signatures demonstrated there is ample demand to bring municipal water to Hope Township and the preliminary water district has been developed according to those petitions. If you haven't signed a petition and would desire to do so contact one of the Water Advisory Commission members, the Hope Township website ([www.hopetwp.org](http://www.hopetwp.org)) or Township Supervisor, to get one.

A grant application has been submitted and the preliminary loan application completed and sent to the Department of Agriculture for pending approval. The Township Board will be petitioned (within 2 to 3 months) in accord with laws regarding citizen petitions and the process will begin. Hopefully we will have preliminary approval within that time and this process could be done by the end of this summer when construction could begin.

We would like to thank the citizens who gave tirelessly of their time and expense to make this a reality including Mr. Dave Rothman, Ms. Diane Vaughn, Ms. Valerie Smith, Ms. Ellen Traskos, Mr. Terry Chrivia, Cliff & Ann Blake, Kirk & Pam Geiling . Without the efforts of these people this project would not have developed as quickly as it did.

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