

HOPE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

AUGUST 11, 2009,

HOPE TOWNSHIP HALL, 7:00PM

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISOR, ANDY KOBISA

TREASURER, STARLEEN HEATH

DEPUTY CLERK, ANN BLAKE

TRUSTEE, BOB DAVIS

TRUSTEE, MARY LETTS

CLERK, JOANN WILKIE (ABSENT)

CALL TO ORDER:

THE SUPERVISOR OPENED THE MEETING BY LEADING THOSE PRESENT TO THE PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

JEFF SERVINSKI WAS PRESENT FROM BAILEY INSURANCE CO. THE BOARD HAD GIVEN ANDY, JOHN REISIG AND JOANN AUTHORITY TO DECIDE WHICH INS. CO. TO GO WITH AFTER CONSIDERING BOTH COSTS AND COVERAGES. THEY HAD DECIDED ON BAILEY WITH A \$3700.00 DIFFERENCE OF COST. JEFF CAME TO MEETING TO MEET THE REST OF THE BOARD.

A SPECIAL WATER BOARD MEETING WAS CALLED BY CHAIRMAN . QUESTIONS WERE DIRECTED AS WHEN THE NOTICE WAS POSTED AND WHY IT WAS HELD IN DAYTIME INSTEAD OF EVENING. RESPONSE WAS IT WAS POSTED AT LEAST 18 HOURS BEFORE AT TOWNHALL, AND THE REASON FOR DAYTIME MEETING WAS SOME MEMBERS WERE ABSENT FROM TOWNSHIP AND ONE MEMBER WORKS AFTERNOONS AND WAS NEEDED FOR A QUORUM.

A QUESTION WAS ASKED AS WHY PHONE CALLS WERE NOT ANSWERED BY THE CLERK. ELGIN & KIRK DUNDAS HAD CALLED CLERK AND SHE DID NOT RETURN HIS CALL. THE CEMETERY'S NEW PLANTED AREA HAD BEEN MOWED AND ELGIN WANTED TO PUT IN A BID. ELGIN WAS ON VACATION WHEN IT WAS TO BE BID AND THE CLERK WAS ON VACATION THE FOLLOWING WEEK. THE PRICE WAS \$100.00 AND ONLY ONE BID WAS NEEDED. BOB DAVIS HAD SUGGESTED GETTING RANDY WILKIE WITH HIS BRUSH HOG TO GET IT DONE.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD CONCERNING IF THREE BOARD MEMBERS WAS NECESSARY TO APPROVE BIDS UNDER \$200.00, WHEN BIDS HAD TO BE SEALED AND WHEN A BOARD MEMBER HAS TO ABSTAIN FROM VOTING. SHOULD A SPECIAL MEETING BE CALLED TO GET APPROVAL FOR BIDS OVER

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\$200.00? THIS WAS TABLED TO GET MORE INFORMATION. IT IS NOTED THE CLERK ABSTAINED FROM THE MOTION OF PAYING RANDY WILKIE \$50.00 FOR BRUSH HOGGING AROUND THE TRACK.

CLERK'S MINUTES:

THE MINUTES WERE DISTRIBUTED EARLIER, A MOTION WAS MADE BY BOB TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES WITH CHANGING OF THE DATE TO THE 11TH. MARY SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT WAS CARRIED.

TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT:

TREASURER REPORTED THE TAXES ARE COMING IN SLOWER THAN USUAL THIS YEAR. THE ECONOMY BEING THE REASON. A HOUSE MAILBOX WILL BE OBTAINED BY NEXT MEETING. BOB MOVED TO ACCEPT THE REPORT AND MARY SECONDED, MOTION CARRIED.

OUTSTANDING BILLS:

A QUESTION CAME UP CONCERNING DAN ANDRICK BEING PAID FOR REPAIR DONE BY VANDALISM TO THE PARK AND CEMETERY. DAN ANDRICK DID THE REPAIR WORK ON THE FENCING AT CEMETERY. WILBUR HAVENS DROVE OVER TO MENARDS AND HELPED DAN TO PICK UP FENCING. WILBUR PUT FENCING ON HIS CREDIT CARD. DAN ANDRICK HAD REQUESTED \$150.00 FOR DIGGING OUT OLD FENCING AND PUTTING IN NEW. WILBUR HAD GIVEN ALL BILLS TO DAN TO TURN INTO CLERK. DAN THEN PAID WILBUR BACK FOR HIS PART. THIS WAS TURNED INTO THE INSURANCE COMPANY AND DAN'S BILL WAS IN FILE THAT CONTAINED INSUR. INFO. COMPANY PAID FOR ALL EXCEPT TWP.'S DEDUCTABLE OF \$250.00. DON AND DIANE DICE DID CLEANUP AND REPAIR AT THE PARK. BOB MADE MOTION TO PAY BILLS AND STARLEEN SECONDED MOTION- A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS POLLED-

BOB YES MARY YES ANDY YES STARLEEN YES BILLS WILL BE PAID.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

FIRE DEPT.:

JOHN REPORTED THERE WERE FOUR RUNS IN JULY. THEY WERE TWO MEDICAL AND TWO FIRES. WE HAVE A NEW FIREMEN, CLIFF BLAKE HAS JOINED AND IS A PARAMEDIC /INSTRUCTOR. WE ARE FORTUNATE TO HAVE HIM WITH US. WE HAVE ALREADY PAID FOR ACCIDENTAL AND WORKMAN'S COMP. INSURANCE FOR THE FIREMEN THROUGH BURNHAM AND FLOWERS, JEFF WILL CHECK TO SEE IF WE HAVE TO REDO IT BEINGS THEIR COMPANY GOES THROUGH THE SAME COMPANY. HE WILL GET BACK WITH CLERK. FIRE DEPARTMENT IS NOW ON IT'S OWN FOR COVERING GRASS FIRES.

PARK COMMISSION:

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON HOLDING PICNIC EVERY OTHER YEAR. THERE WAS APPROXIMATELY 118 HERE THIS YEAR. THE TRACK IS BEING USED A LOT NOW BY PEOPLE OF THE TOWNSHIP. IT IS A NICE ASSET TO THE TOWNSHIP. TWO PLAQUES HAVE BEEN MADE (RECOGNIZING FOUNDATIONS FOR CONTRIBUTION) AND ONE SIGN FOR NO MOTORIZED VEHICLES ON THE TRACK. THEY ARE NOW LOOKING INTO A RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY TO PUBLICLY THANK EVERYONE. THE FINAL REPORT HAS

BEEN COMPLETED AND SENT TO FOUNDATION BY KAREN DAVIS. THE NEW GATE HAS BEEN PAINTED AND INSTALLED.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

WHEN WE REDO OUR ZONING PLAN WE HAVE TO SEND THE PLAN TO THE SURROUNDING TOWNSHIPS AND GET THEIR INPUT. THEY SHOULD MATCH AS CLOSE AS POSSIBLE.

WATER COMMISSION REPORT:

THE SUPERVISOR HAD THE REVISED PETITION THAT WAS APPROVED BY LAWYER. PETITIONS ARE USED AS ALL PROPERTY OWNERS ARE NOT REGISTERED TO VOTE IN HOPE TWP. THE PETITIONS WILL BE SENT TO OWNERS HOME ADDRESS. ALL SIGNATURES ON DEED MUST BE ON PETITION. MORE DISCUSSION AT NEXT MEETING AS A MOTION WAS NOT MADE AND A SECOND TO GO TO A ROLL CALL VOTE- A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS POLLED-

BOB YES MARY YES STARLEEN YES ANDY YES JOANN YES (BY WRITTEN VOTE)

THE SUPERVISOR BROUGHT UP OF HAVING WILLIAM K. FAHERY, AS THE LAWYER FOR THE WATER BUSINESS ONLY. THIS AND SEWER IS WHAT HE SPECIALISTS IN. HE CHARGES \$190.00 AN HOUR, WHICH IS WHAT THE OTHER ATTORNEYS CHARGE. PETE POZNAK WOULD STILL BE OUR REGULAR LAWYER FOR OTHER TOWNSHIP BUSINESS. WILL DISCUSS MORE AT NEXT MEETING.

CHAPEL/CEMETERY:

THE COUNTY SHERIFF DEPUTY WHO TOOK THE INFO CONCERNING DAMAGE AT PARK/CEMETERY HAS INFORMATION ON WHO DID THE DAMAGE AT THE PARK. HE SPOKE TO THE PERSON WHO ADMITTED TO THE DAMAGE AT THE PARK ONLY. THE TIRE TRACKS WERE DIFFERENT SIZE AT CEMETERY. THE PERSON GOT A FINE AND WE WILL BE TURNING THE INFO TO THE INSURANCE CO.

TOWNSHIP CODE AUTHORITY:

THE BALANCE AT THE END OF JUNE ENDED WITH \$49450.21 AFTER STARTING WITH \$47750.94. THE NEXT MEETING IS AUG. 24 @COUNTY BUILDING.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1)BIRCHWOOD SHORES, THEY HAVE THEIR SEPTIC SYSTEMS APPROVED BY DEQ. THEY WILL BE DONE IN FOUR PHASES.

2)WEBSITE UPDATE: TWP. NEEDS A WEB MASTER TO KEEP UP WITH THE UPDATES. RON THOMPSON WOULD BE WILLING TO DO IT FOR \$75.00 A MONTH. BOB MADE A MOTION TO TRY RON FOR A TRIAL PERIOD OF 90 DAYS, WHICH WOULD END NOVEMBER 11. STARLEEN SECONDED AND A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS POLLED-

BOB YES STARLEEN YES MARY YES ANDY YES

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UNFINISHED BUS. CON'T.

3) A SEWAGE PETITION WAS BROUGHT UP BY A RESIDENT. THE BOARD DECLINED ANY IDEAS AT THIS TIME.

4) PAYROLL WAS DISCUSSED FROM PARK MEMBERS. ALL THE TOWNSHIP POSITIONS DID NOT GET A PAY RAISE THIS YEAR AS THE ECONOMY IS HURTING SO BAD. THIS WAS DISCUSSED AT THE JUNE MEETING WHEN NEW BUDGET IS DISCUSSED AND VOTED ON.

5) THERE HAS BEEN MENTION OF THE PARK COMMISSION BEING THE ONLY DEPARTMENT IN THE TOWNSHIP GETTING EXTRA PAY FOR ATTENDING THE TOWNSHIP MEETING. SOME OF THE TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS WOULD LIKE TO SEE THIS STOP AND THE MONEY BE USED OTHER PLACES FOR THE PARK.

MOTION TO ADJOURN BY BOB, SECONDED BY STARLEEN

ADJOURN 9:30PM

MINUTES TAKEN BY DEPUTY ANN BLAKE

MINUTES TYPED BY CLERK JOANN WILKIE