

HOPE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

SEPTEMBER 8, 2009- 7:00PM

HOPE TOWNSHIP HALL

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

ANDY KOBISA, SUPERVISOR

JOANN WILKIE, CLERK

STARLEEN HEATH, TREAS.

BOB DAVIS, TRUSTEE

MARY LETTS, TRUSTEE

CALL TO ORDER:

THE SUPERVISOR LEAD THOSE PRESENT TO THE PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG. HE INFORMED THE AUDIENCE THAT HE WAS RECORDING THE MEETING.

THE SUPERVISOR ADDED 3 ITEMS TO THE AGENDA

1-JOHN BILLETTE, REPRESENTATIVE FROM CIVIL ENGINEERS

2-APPROVE CIVIL ENGINEERING CONSULTANTS FOR WATER

3-OPEN BIDS FOR PROPERTY CLEAN-UP AT 1699 BOMBAY RD.(WALL PARCEL)

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

BILL FAHEY, GAVE A BRIEF BACKGROUND OF HIS EXPERIENCE DEALING WITH LEGAL SITUATIONS CONCERNING WATER PROJECTS. HE ALSO WENT THROUGH STEPS OF PROCEEDING TO SEE IF THERE IS ENOUGH INTEREST AND WHERE FOR A WATER LINE IN HOPE TWP. MR. FAHEY STATED THAT THERE IS A POSSIBILITY OF HOPE TWP. GETTING A 45% GRANT FROM RURAL DEVELOPMENT TOWARDS THE WATER PROJECT.

JOHN BILLETTE FROM CIVIL ENGINEERS, STATED THE LARGER WATER MAIN SHOULD BE STARTED IN NEXT WEEK OR TWO. MR. BILLETTE WORKED FOR WADE-TRIM WHEN THEY PUT THE WATER LINE UP M-30. HE THEN STARTED CIVIL ENGINEERS CO. LOCATED IN AUBURN.

DENNIS COLLISON WAS REPRESENTING SPICERS ENGINEERING, INC. FROM SAGINAW. HE GAVE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF WHAT HIS COMPANY DOES FOR ENGINEERING PROJECTS , THEY HAVE BEEN IN THE BUSINESS 65 YEARS. THEY WOULD LIKE TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE WATER PROJECT ALSO.

CLERK'S MINUTES:

BOB MOVED TO ACCEPT THE CLERK'S MINUTES WITH THE FOLLOWING CORRECTIONS-1- KIRK DUNDAS HAD CALLED CLERK AND ELGIN CHILDS HAD EXPECTED THE CLERK TO CALL HIM. 2-CLIFF BLAKE HAD PICKED UP AN APPLICATION HAD NOT JOINED FIRE DEPT. AT THIS TIME. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY STARLEEN AND MOTION CARRIED.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

STARLEEN REPORTED THAT ONLY 375 PAYMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE SO FAR. THERE ARE OVER 1000 PARCELS IN HOPE TOWNSHIP. THE DUE DATE FOR SUMMER TAXES IS SEPT. 14 AND THE 30 OF SEPT. THE DELINQUENT TAXES WILL BE TURNED OVER TO THE COUNTY. THERE IS A BOX OUTSIDE OF TREAS. HOME TO PUT TAXES IN IF SHE IS NOT AVAILABLE. BOB MOVED TO ACCEPT THE TREAS. FINANCIAL REPORT AND MARY SECONDED IT. MOTION CARRIED.

OUTSTANDING BILLS:

A LIST OF GENERAL, SOLID WASTE AND FIRE DEPT. HAD BEEN DISPERSED EARLIER WITH THE MINUTES. MARY MOVED TO PAY THE OUTSTANDING BILLS AND STARLEEN SECONDED MOTION. A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS POLLED-

BOB YES MARY YES STARLEEN YES JOANN YES ANDY YES

DEPT. REPORTS:

FIRE DEPT.:

THERE WAS 14 RUNS IN AUGUST. THE FIRE DEPT. VOTED ON ACCEPTING TWO NEW MEMBERS ON THE FIRE DEPT. THEY ARE STEVEN BRALEY AND CLIFF BLAKE. STEVEN AND NICK TUCKER WILL BE STARTING THEIR FIREMAN TRAINING THIS FALL. CLIFF IS A PARAMEDIC INSTRUCTOR. FIRE CHIEF STATED HE NEEDS TO ORDER MORE FIRE GEAR. ONE COMPLETE SET (\$3300.00) AND ONE JACKET. ALSO NEEDS 2 NEW PAGERS WHICH ARE \$1100.00. THE F.C.C. MANDATES ALL FIRE DEPARTMENTS HAVE THE UPDATED EQUIPMENT BY 2013. HOPE WILL NEED 3 MOBILE UNITS, 5 PAGERS REPLACED, 10-15 PAGERS WILL HAVE TO BE RETROED. ALL THE WALKIE-TALKIES WILL HAVE TO BE REPLACED. THE MIDLAND COUNTY FIREMEN ASSOCIATION HOPEFULLY WILL BE ABLE TO GROUP ALL REQUESTS TOGETHER AND APPLY FOR A GRANT.

PARK COMMISSION:

THE PARK COMMISSION IS PLANNING A RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY FOR THE NEW TRACK COMPLETED AT THE PARK. THE MIDLAND DAILY NEWS IS BEING INVITED TO SHARE THE STORY IN THE PAPER. TENTATIVELY, THE DATE IS SET FOR THURS., SEPT. 24, 2009. TARA SIMMONS IS CONTACTING THE PAPER AND WILL CONFIRM TIME. NANCY KRESSLER HAS SEEN THE MEMORIAL PLAQUE FOR HER HUSBAND, MIKE (FORMER HOPE TWP. SUPERVISOR) AND REMARKED HOW MUCH SHE APPRECIATED IT. THE INVOICES FROM PYRAMID FOR FINISHING THE TRACK HAVE BEEN RECEIVED. THEY HAVE ADDED \$420 FOR MATERIAL AND \$475 FOR LABOR TO THE BILL. THIS BRINGS TOTAL UPTO \$29480. MINUS THE \$200.00 THE TOWNSHIP PAID MARK MUSSELMAN FOR WORKING UP THE GROUND AROUND THE TRACK FOR PYRAMID. MARY MADE THE MOTION TO PAY PYRAMID \$29280.00. STARLEEN SECONDED MOTION AND A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS POLLED-

BOB YES JOANN YES ANDY YES STAR YES MARY YES

STARLEEN MOVED TO PAY THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE PARK SPECIAL FUND (MINUS THE MEMORIAL PART) AND THE TOTAL PRICE TO PYRAMID FROM THE GENERAL FUND AS PART OF THE PLEDGE IN GOOD FAITH MOTION. MARY SECONDED THE MOTION AND A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS POLLED-

JOANN YES MARY YES BOB YES STAR YES ANDY YES

DISCUSSION WAS HELD CONCERNING THE PARK COMMISSION IS THE ONLY DEPARTMENT OF THE TOWNSHIP THAT GETS PAID FOR COMING TO THE BOARD MEETING. AT THIS MEETING, LORI, TEHRIEN, KAREN AND JIM H. WERE GETTING PAID TO BE HERE. JOANN MADE THE MOTION TO HAVE THE PARK COMM AT THEIR NEXT MEETING, DISCUSS NOT GETTING PAID FOR ATTENDING THESE MEETINGS. BOB SECONDED AND A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS CALLED-

MARY NO STARLEEN YES ANDY NO BOB NO JOANN YES

MOTION WAS DEFEATED AND A NEW MOTION WAS MADE BY BOB THAT THE PARK MEMBERS NOT GET PAID FOR ATTENDING THE BOARD MEETINGS. JOANN SECONDED THE MOTION AND A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS POLLED-

MARY YES STARLEEN YES ANDY YES JOANN YES BOB YES

MOTION CARRIED.

ANNUAL PICNIC:

MARY MOVED TO HAVE THE ANNUAL PICNIC CONTINUE EVERY YEAR. THE TOWNSHIP BOARD WILL BE HELPING MORE WITH PLANNING AND THE FINANCIAL PART. JOANN SECONDED MOTION AND IT CARRIED. SEVERAL PEOPLE REQUESTED CHANGING THE DATE, SO IT WILL BE LOOKED INTO FOR NEXT YEAR.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

THEY WILL BE MEETING NOV. 4, 2009 AT THE FIREHALL. DISCUSSION WILL BE HELD ON ANY INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM SURROUNDING TOWNSHIPS CONCERNING THE NEW CHANGES TO OUR ZONING ORDINANCES. DIANE SENT THEM OUT TO 8 SURROUNDING AREAS AND THE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION.

WATER DISTRICT:

DISCUSSION WAS HELD CONCERNING THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE NEW WORDING FOR THE WATER PETITION FROM LAST MONTH. NO MOTION OR SECOND WAS RECORDED, SO NEW MOTION IS NEEDED TO COMPLETE MOTION. MARY MOVED TO ACCEPT THE NEW WORDING FOR THE WATER PETITION. IT WAS SECONDED BY JOANN AND A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS POLLED-

STARLEEN YES ANDY YES JOANN YES MARY YES BOB YES

MOTION CARRIED.

BOB MADE THE MOTION TO APPOINT BILL FAHEY AS THE TWP. LAWYER CONCERNING WATER LEGALITIES. JOANN SECONDED AND MOTION CARRIED.

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ANDY DISCUSSED HAVING CIVIL ENGINEERS AS OUR SURVEYING COMPANY. IT WAS DECIDED TO TABLE THIS UNTIL NEXT MONTH AND CHECK INTO OTHER COMPANIES THAT ARE INTERESTED.

TOWNSHIP LAWYER:

BOB MOVED TO RETURN TO PETE POZNIC FOR THE TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY, EXCEPT FOR WATER ISSUES. JOANN SECONDED MOTION AND IT CARRIED.

CEMETERY/CHAPEL:

THE CLERK EXPLAINED THE BILL TO DAN ANDRICK FOR REPLACING THE DAMAGED FENCE. WILBUR HAVENS TOOK DAN IN HIS TRUCK TO PURCHASE THE FENCING AT MENARDS IN BAY CITY. WILBUR CHARGED THE FENCING ON HIS CHARGE CARD AND GAVE THE BILLS TO DAN TO TURN INTO THE CLERK. THE CLERK HAD TO TURN EVERYTHING INTO THE INSURANCE COMPANY. THE CLERK SHOWED THE BILLS AND HOW THEY WERE DESIGNATED TO BE PAID. DAN ANDRICK RECEIVED \$150.00 FOR REPLACING THE FENCE. WILBUR GOT THE REST FOR GAS AND MATERIALS ON HIS CHARGE CARD.

TOWNSHIP CODE AUTHORITY:

AS OF AUG. 31 THERE WERE 4 BUILDING PERMITS FOR HOPE TWP. THE BUILDING INSPECTOR HAS A NEW POSITION SO TCA IS LOOKING FOR A NEW BUILDING INSPECTOR. THE FINANCIAL REPORT WAS \$48619.45 AND ENDING WITH \$59306.16. THE NEXT MEETING IS SEPT. 28 AT THE COUNTY BUILDING.

ROAD ADVISARY COMMISSION:

RD. COMMISSION HAD A MEETING ON AUG. 27. ROADS WERE DISCUSSED FOR NEXT YEAR'S PROJECTS. THE ROADS THEY ARE GOING TO GET BIDS ON ARE-

HULL RD., BAKER RD. AND CURTIS ROAD. THE NEXT MEETING IS OCT. 29. QUESTIONS HAVE BEEN ASKED ABOUT RUMBLE STRIPS AT THE CORNER OF SHEARER AND MIDDLE ROADS. JIM WILL CHECK INTO IT. THE PAVING SHOULD BE COMPLETED THIS WEEK ON STARK AND MID-GLADWIN COUNTY LINE ROADS.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1) IF YOU NEED TO GET A HOLD OF THE CLERK , IT WAS SUGGESTED TO KEEP CALLING. THE SUPERVISOR REMARKED HE CALLS OFTEN IF HE NEEDS TO GET A CALL INTO HER. ALSO, SUGGESTED TO LEAVE A MESSAGE ON ANSWERING PHONE STATING IF ANSWER IS NEEDED IMMEDIATELY. STARLEEN STATED THE TOWNSHIP PHONE AT HER OFFICE IS NOW WORKING.
- 2) MARY MADE THE MOTION THAT ALL BIDS OVER \$200.00 BE SEALED AND OPENED AT NEXT MEETING FOR DECISIONS. IT WAS SECONDED BY STARLEEN AND MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS:

WALL PROPERTY, THE SUPERVISOR TRIED FOR THREE BIDS FOR REMOVING TRASH FROM WALL PROPERTY. TWO DECLINED AND ONE BID WAS RECEIVED FROM COGGIN'S TO CLEAN UP THE PROPERTY. THE BID WAS FOR \$2250.00 AND MARY MOVED TO ACCEPT BID AND BOB SECONDED MOTION. A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS POLLED-

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STARLEEN YES MARY YES BOB YES JOANN YES ANDY YES

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON TWO FAMILIES THAT HAD TURNED THEIR HOMESTEAD ACT FORMS IN BUT NOT GOTTEN THE 100% HOMESTEAD STATIS. BOB DAVIS WILL CHECK INTO WHERE THEY HAD TURNED THEM INTO. THE FORMS NEED TO GO TO RON THOMPSON THE TWP. ASSESSER.

BOB MOVED TO ADJOURN 10:12PM

JOANN WILKIE
HOPE TWP. CLERK