

Hope Township Board Meeting

January 12, 2010, 7:00P.M.

Hope Township Fire Hall

Hope Township Board Members:

Andy Kobisa, Supervisor.....Present

JoAnn Wilkie, Clerk.....Present

Starleen Heath, Treas.....Present

Mary Jo Letts, Trustee.....Present

Bob Davis, Trustee.....Present

Visitors list with clerk's copy:

Call To Order:

The Supervisor led the pledge to the flag to open the meeting at 7:00P.M.

Business From the Floor:

None

Clerk's Minutes:

The minutes were dispersed earlier from the Dec. 8, 2009 meeting. Bob moved to approve the minutes and Mary Jo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report as of Dec. 31, 2009:

The financial reports had been handed out earlier. It was moved by Bob and seconded by Mary Jo to accept the report. Motion carries.

Outstanding Bills for General, Solid Waste and Fire Funds:

The list of outstanding bills was dispersed with the clerk's minutes earlier. It was moved by Bob and seconded by Mary Jo the bills be paid. A roll call vote was polled-

Starleen yes Mary Jo yes Bob yes JoAnn yes Andy yes

Department Reports:

Fire Department:

Dec. 2009, there were 8 runs for the Fire Department. Five were medical and three were mutual aid. The mutual aid included two runs with Edenville and one with Mills. They are in process of having the door bay of the fire hall fixed. It is time to have the fire extinguishers checked. Fire chief will have the township hall and chapel extinguishers checked. The year of 2009 saw one hundred three fire runs. There were nineteen fire calls, eight grass fires, seventy two rescue runs, seven service calls, five hazard calls and two weather calls.

Park Commission:

Lori Childs was present to inform Board that there are now two vacancies on the Park Commission Board. Tara Simmons had resigned earlier and Tehrien Meyette has recently resigned. Both these ladies have done a great job for the park and will be missed. Lori will call a special meeting on February 2 to consider replacements for them. Tehrien was the Park's Treas., a new one needs to be appointed to keep track of expenses.

Planning Commission:

No meeting yet. They will be going over the new items corrected in the Master Plan at the next meeting.

Water Board:

The petitions are being taken door to door for signatures. Property owners not living in the Township have been sent the petitions in the mail. The clerk brought to the Board's attention that the staff at Water District #1 has received a 3% raise. It was discussed that with the economy so bad at this time, this is not showing our tax payers and water bill payers that we are concerned for them. Lincoln water bill payers' rates have just risen to help install water into the other Townships. Midland County Townships, Midland County workers, Mid-Michigan Hospital workers and the Midland County Commissioners have not received a raise showing their concern. Starleen moved that the Clerk send a letter stating our opinion to the Water Dist. #1, asking them to reconsider the raises and consider not applying them. Mary Jo seconded the motion and it carried. Clerk will send out letter. Board members will contact other Township Board members to help support this motion.

Cemetery-Chapel Commission report:

The driveway to the new cemetery has been kept plowed out by Don Dice and he is doing a good job. There is no meeting scheduled until spring.

Township Code Authority

The meetings have been changed to the fourth Thursday of the month. TCA is still in process of replacing Electrical and Building Inspectors.

Wixom Lake Improvement Board Report:

No meetings until spring.

Township Road Advisory Board:

No report yet on extra road work to be considered for 2010. There was some money left from the road work bid for this year so the Township Road Commission is considering some smaller projects to do.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION DECLINING ASSUMPTION OF LIABILITY FOR BIRCHWOOD SHORES

CONDOMINIUM SEWERAGE SYSTEM

The Resolution was moved by Starleen Heath and seconded by Mary Jo Letts. A roll-call vote was polled-

Andy yes Starleen yes JoAnn yes Mary Jo yes Bob yes

Clerk declared the Resolution to be adopted.

NEW BUSINESS:

Edenville Township has notified our Township that they are interested in going half with us to install a street light at M-30 and Meridian Road. They would bill us once a year if we are interested. Bob made the motion to go half with Edenville for street light and Starleen seconded motion. A roll-call vote was polled-

Bob yes Starleen yes Mary Jo yes JoAnn yes Andy yes

Board of Review Training:

Bob moved and Starleen seconded to send the Board of Review members to the training at Mt. Pleasant on Feb.8th. A roll call vote was polled-

Mary Jo yes Starleen yes Bob yes JoAnn yes Andy yes

Snowmobile Ordinance:

The clerk brought information concerning snowmobile ordinances for Township to consider. More information is needed before the Board can consider it. It was tabled until next month.

Adjourned @7:56P.M.

JoAnn Wilkie

Hope Township Clerk

