

Hope Township Board Meeting

Hope Township Hall

May 11, 2010, 7:00 P.M.

Board Members Present:

Andy Kobisa, Supervisor

JoAnn, Wilkie, Clerk

Starleen Eddy, Treasurer

Mary Jo Letts, Trustee

Bob Davis, Trustee

Visitors:

List with Clerk's

Call To Order:

The Supervisor led those present to the pledge to the flag.

**The Supervisor made the announcement that our Township was fortunate to have the Lawrence and Eleanor Matthews Family leave to the Hope Township Fire Dept. and the Hope Township Cemetery/Chapel, each \$108,696.00.**

This is to be used for equipment, equipment maintenance and capital assets. The Wilson Family, whom the Township bought the land that expanded the new cemetery and park areas, will be coming to the Hope area in July. They have been invited to the Township picnic and it is hoped that a thank you and dedication can be done at that time for Mr. and Mrs. Matthews. Mrs. Matthews is Eleanor Wilson, one of the 3 sisters whom the land was purchased though. One sister, Marjory Payne, and their brother, Max Wilson is planning on attending the memorial ceremony for their sisters the same day at the cemetery. The Fire Dept. and Chapel Commission will meet and start getting ideas to present to the Township Board.

Business From The Floor:

Elgin Childs was present and questioned the request from Republic, our trash collector, why the container's had to be put on one side of Hope Rd. Middle Rd. residents were requested the same. There was no mention of this in our new contract so the Supervisor will check with Republic.

CLERK'S MINUTES:

The minutes from the April 13, 2010 meeting had been distributed earlier. It was moved by Mary and seconded by Bob to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT:

The financial reports had been distributed earlier. It was moved by Mary and seconded by Bob to accept report. Motion carried. Starleen suggested a Resolution to collect \$25.00 for insufficient checks. It was so moved by Bob and seconded by Mary to have the \$25.00 fee. Resolution carried.

OUTSTANDING BILLS:

The list of outstanding bills was distributed earlier, it was moved by Bob and seconded by Starleen to pay the bills. A roll call vote was called-

Starleen yes    Mary yes    Bob yes    JoAnn yes    Andy yes

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

FIRE DEPT.:

There were 12 runs in April. 12 fire runs, 7 medical, 1 structural fire, a downed line and 3 mutual aids. There was a representative from Foam Pro to discuss the continuing problem with the pumper truck. He stated that part of the cost will be covered by the company. 2 firemen have finished the academy. The parking lot by the west end of the fire hall has been filled with cars lately; the firemen had no place to park for fire runs. It was noted that the cars were for the census workers and was not likely to happen again. Discussion was held concerning if more parking for the hall could be constructed at the south side of the hall. It will be looked into and discussed next month. The Fire Chief is going to buy t-shirts and jackets for the department out of petty cash fund. The Hazardous Material Ordinance had been handed out and needs to be read by next meeting to be adopted.

PARK COMMISSION:

The May 4 meeting started out with the Clerk swearing in Terry Chrvia on the Park Commission. A \$700.00 light bill was discussed; it was a catch up bill for over the winter months. It was noticed that an electric heater was plugged in and could have contributed to part of the high amount. Starla will contact Consumers to check what their opinion is. The light on the pavilion is fixed. It is noted that Jim Hockameyer has done an extremely amount of work at the park, with Don Dice and Larry Maxwell helping out. They are appreciated greatly for helping make the park look so nice. Don and Diane Dice have done a great job with cleaning up the winter damage to the park and maintaining the nice look at the park. The picnic will be July 24, 2010 from 12:00pm until 3:00pm. Jim Becks will be contacted to grade the driveway. Mosquito control will be contacted to spray the park before picnic.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

It was noted that Mike Braley has missed two meetings. He was out of town and had notified Diane that he could not make the meeting.

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE MASTER PLAN**

After discussion that including the four names of the schools in Hope Township, it was decided that the Master Plan would be completed at this time.

It was moved by Bob to adopt the Master Plan and seconded by Mary Jo. A roll call vote was polled-

Starleen yes    Bob yes    Mary yes    JoAnn yes    Andy yes

The clerk will give the Master Plan Resolution a number to go with the other Resolutions passed this year. The Planning Commission has gone over the SNOWMOBILE ORDINANCE and has given their recommendation that it passes their requirements. It now comes back to the Township Board for their next step. It is noted that with turbines and windmills becoming so popular, this board will have to look into recommendations for control over them.

WATER DISTRICT:

The Judge will give his decision on the lawsuit against Water Dist #1 on May 20, 2010. The Township is waiting for replies from grants before proceeding with the water program. The grant application that was sent to the state has been forwarded to the Federal government. This would let the Township know a better amount for the cost per household.

CHAPEL/CEMETERY COMMISSION:

Minnie Havens will turn 100 years old on December 15, 2010. Since she will be in Arizona at that time the Township would like to celebrate her birthday at the annual picnic. The Chapel Commission will meet and discuss some plans for the donated money. The public will be informed so they can have input of their ideas.

TOWNSHIP CODE AUTHORITY:

The inspectors are working out good. There was 3 building permits and 2 electrical permits for April. The next meeting is May 27, 2010.

WIXOM LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD REPORT:

Ed Briggs is Hope Township's representative. There will be more activity with the summer months here.

ROAD COMMISSION REPORT:

Jim has talked to Depak and Sam concerning the 4-way stop at Hope and Hull Roads requested by Dennis Nau. They are going to have Gene Smith look at the situation and recommend what he sees as a solution. The speed limit could be a factor also.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None to come before the Board.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) A budget workshop was set for May 18, at 6:00pm to work on the budget for 2010-2011.
- 2) It was moved by Bob and seconded by Starleen that Hope Township does not want the properties that will go up for delinquent property taxes. Motion carries.
- 3) Kenny Bradfield requested to put property on Shaffer I Rd. into PA116. It was moved by Bob and seconded by Mary to put the land into PA 116. Motion carries.
- 4) It was moved by Starleen and seconded by Bob to send the township officials and their spouses to the MCTOA dinner/meeting on June 3, 2010 at the Homer Twp. Public Safety Facility. A roll-call vote was called-

Mary yes Starleen yes JoAnn yes Bob yes Andy yes

Those planning on attending are- Andy & Marge, Starleen & Phil, Starla & Jody & Bob.

- 5) The Supervisor obtained 2 bids for power washing the town hall and the chapel-  
They were from-

	<u>Chapel</u>	<u>Town hall</u>
Love's Power wash	\$300.00	\$500.00
TNT Power	150.00	300.00

It was moved by Mary to have TNT Power do the hall and chapel. It was seconded by Bob and a roll call vote was called-

Bob yes      Starleen yes      Mary yes      JoAnn yes      Andy yes

Discussion was held on help from township board for the annual picnic. All members

Indicated they are willing to help. JoAnn will see about getting barrel train & inflatable castle for picnic. Clerk looking into some more ideas for the picnic.

Adjourn at 8:28.

JoAnn Wilkie

Hope Township Clerk