

HOPE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
HOPE TOWNSHIP HALL  
OCTOBER 12, 2010- 7:00p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS:

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 informed everyone that he was recording the meeting. He called the meeting to order by leading those present to the pledge to the flag at 7:00P.M.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

With no business from the floor, the Supervisor went to next item of business-clerk's minutes.

CLERK'S MINUTES:

The minutes from the Sept. 14, 2010 meeting had been dispersed earlier. Bob moved and Starleen seconded to approve the minutes. Motion carried. **The minutes from the Public Hearing held on Sept. 8, 2010 was moved by Starleen and seconded by Mary Jo to be approved with the correction of the lawyer's name of Fahey. The motion carried.**

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

Larry Cleaver, our representative from Burnham & Flower, came to give us a brief overlook of our policy. Larry went over pages-7 –what our insurances covers, page 9-additional coverage's, and that it does cover our enforcement officer. Page 10-summary, page 12- itemized, page 11-there is one hundred thousand to reconstruct old records. Page 13 & 14 covers property coverage for Township Hall, Fire Barn, Township Park (storage & restrooms), Township Park Pavilion A & B, Township Park pole barn & storage, and Hope Township Chapel. Page 15 & 16- inland marine/electronic equipment & media coverage-Page 17-Crime coverage (such as counterfeit money). The Public Official Bond & Excess Bond Coverage was included. Treasurer-\$25,000.00, Deputy Treasurer-\$15,000.00, Clerk-\$10,000.00, Deputy Clerk-\$10,000.00, Enforcement Officer-\$10,000.00 and Supervisor-\$5,000.00. The annual fee is divided between the Township and Fire Department- General \$ 3554.00 and Fire Dept. \$6599.00.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The summer taxes have been coming in very well. We received the Revenue Sharing from the state and it was \$14,388.00, which is up from what we have been receiving. A cemetery lot was sold to a resident for \$25.00. Bob moved and Mary seconded to accept the financial report. Motion carried.

OUTSTANDING BILLS:

A list of the General, Solid Waste and Fire Dept. outstanding bills had been distributed earlier with clerk's minutes. It was moved by Bob to pay bills and Starleen seconded the motion. A roll-call vote was called-

Mary yes      Bob yes      Starleen yes      JoAnn yes      Andy yes

Bills will be paid.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

FIRE DEPT.:

Sept., the department had 7 runs-3 were medical, 1 fire call, 2 misc.-(1 downed cable & 1 downed tree). The Fire Chief would like to order new equipment-He would like to use \$4000.00 from Matthews Fund for-6 or 7 medical bags w/supplies for each fire fighter to have with them, a oxygen/pulse reader for medical responders, 9 helmet lights, From the regular budget he would like \$1000.00 for a auto rescue cutter/punch. 10 or 12 shirts to identify that they are on the Hope Twp. Fire Dept., jackets, and gloves. The Department has received the matching grant to cover the purchase of a radio. John has called Tomlinson Doors to repair the doors on fire hall. The appreciation dinner will be held on Oct. 30 at Fire Hall, 6:00PM. Please let the Fire Chief know if you are coming. Mary made a motion to purchase the above items and Bob seconded motion.

Starleen yes      Mary yes      Bob yes      JoAnn yes      Andy yes

PARK:

The meeting was held on Oct. 5, 2010 at Township Park. Larry has found the signs for the dog regulation and the \$200.00 reward for information leading to arrest for the damage to the park. Supervisor has to do ordering which has been done. The Tot Lot and handicap accessible equipment/senior exercise equipment is being looked into by Starla Jordan. She will get more information at MTA convention. Don Dice reported the gas leaf blower does not work. Jim Hockemeyer will look into prices for a new one. A request from the Park Commission to give the caretaker a \$400.00 bonus for his and Diane's exceptional work was heard. Diane helps Don with most of the work for no pay. Bob moved to give Don and Diane Dice a bonus of \$400.00, it was seconded by JoAnn and a roll call vote was polled-

Starleen yes      Mary yes      Bob yes      JoAnn yes      Andy yes

PLANNING COMMISSION:

Nov. 3 is the next meeting date. Marge Kobisa has let them know, she cannot attend that night. The Clerk had an article concerning dangerous dogs and things that can be put in the ordinance to cover them. The Planning Comm. can find out more before their next meeting. A question was raised concerning fences out to the water's edge. The Supervisor replied that the State's guidelines are followed where there is no subdivision requirement. The Supervisor's advises that he feels it should be back from water at least four foot to be able to help anyone having trouble in the water.

WATER DISTRICT:

The lawsuit between Lee Township and Water District #1's judgment is being appealed by Lee Township. The Judge ruled that Water Dist. #1 cannot keep the people from hooking up. Hope's water situation is waiting to hear back from Rural Development. The Engineers are working on the plans for the water district special assessment and systems. Gene Smith resigned from the Water District #1 as one of Hope's representatives. The Supervisor noted how long Gene has been representing Hope and we appreciated all he has done. Gene will continue to be on Hope's water Commission. Dave Rothmann was present and expressed interest to be on the Water Dist. #1. JoAnn Wilkie moved to have Dave on the Water District #1 Mary Jo seconded it. Motion carried. The Water Dist #1 meets every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed. of the month. Information is also on the website.

CHAPEL/CEMETERY:

Wilbur Havens was present to report for Floyd Andrick. Wilbur informed the Board that the shingles would have to be replaced on the chapel but could wait until spring. Discussion was held concerning a steel roof being installed. Wilbur will get prices and compare in the spring. It was decided to wait for spring to hold pot luck in celebration of all the work done at old cemetery and the new cemetery.

TOWNSHIP CODE AUTHORITY:

Bob reported the authority is not done with the wording for the inspection of rentals units. There was \$8082.00 in the checking account of the TCA. The next meeting will be held on Oct. 28 at 5:00P.M. It is held in the County Building on second floor.

WIXOM LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD REPORT:

Bob Kelly checked on the Oct. meeting but it had been already held. The next meeting is Nov. 10 at the Billings Township Hall. Bob made a motion to appoint Bob Kelly as Hope's representative, it was seconded by Mary. Motion carried.

ROAD ADVISARY COMMISSION:

Don Dice reported for Jim Hockemeyer. Baker Road has been completed. The tile has been installed on Hull Road. The brine cost has come in at \$4800.00 for the year. The Supervisor had the maintenance agreement between the residents of Lakeshore Dr. and the Midland Cty Road Commission. The Township is responsible for holding the contract. Gene Smith who lives on Lakeshore Dr. and is a County Road Commissioner notifies the Road Comm. of work needed and paying the cost. The agreement is in effect from 01/01/2011 until 12/31/2014.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

It was moved by Starleen to adopt the agreement with Edenville Township, to let some of their resident's hookup to the water line along Meridian Rd. south of Saiko Rd. Edenville will have to bill and collect for the water as it is out of Hope's jurisdiction. Edenville then sends money to Hope's treasurer. The wording in the agreement is such that Hope may run the water lines to the Edenville residents if it will pay for that part of the water line cost. Mary seconded the motion and it carried.

STREET LIGHTS:

There are four street lights that are blinking on and off. The Supervisor will get a hold of Consumers and get them repaired.

MARY JANE HENRY:

Mary Jane had questions concerning the PA188 and its fairness for the water district. The Supervisor commented he had spent over 4 hrs. in a two day period, answering her questions. Mary Jane repeated the same questions and the Supervisor noted it was time to move on with the meeting.

PENSION TURNOVER:

The pension plan we are in now has closed some of our accounts that were under Two Hundred and Fifty dollars. Natalie from Burnham and Flowers will be here next month to go over their plan available to us. It was the consensus of the Board that if some have to move all the accounts from Hope Twp. will move.

MI. TOWNSHIPS CONVENTION:

The convention will be held at Grand Rapids again this year, from Jan. 25-28, 2011. It was moved by Bob and seconded by Mary to pay for the expenses for the board members and spouse or other to attend the convention. Motion carried. Those planning on attending are:

Starla Jordan & Starleen Eddy  
Andy & Marge Kobisa  
Bob & Karen Davis  
JoAnn Wilkie (Florence) & Ann Blake  
Mary Letts & Jeanne White

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 P.M.

JoAnn Wilkie, Hope Twp. Clerk

