

HOPE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
HOPE TOWNSHIP HALL
SEPTEMBER 14, 2010—7:00PM

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Andy Kobisa, Supervisor
JoAnn Wilkie, Clerk
Starleen Eddy, Treasurer
Bob Davis, Trustee
Mary Jo Letts, Trustee

VISITORS:

List with Clerk's

CALL TO ORDER:

The Supervisor called the meeting to order by leading those present to the pledge to the flag. Bob Kelly requested permission to video tape the meeting. The Supervisor announced that Bob would be videotaping the meeting.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

With no other business from the floor, the supervisor made a motion to move

HOPE TOWNSHIP WATER SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 1
RESOLUTION #2

FROM UNFINISHED BUSINESS TO BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR-

Bob Davis supported the motion and it carried.

It was moved by Andy and supported by Bob to adopt the Resolution #2 to have the engineers prepare a Water District and contact the contractors for prices to present at the 2nd public hearing.

A roll call vote was polled-

AYES: MARY LETTS, ROBERT DAVIS, JOANN WILKIE AND ANDY KOBISA

NAYS: STARLEEN EDDY

RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

Mike Wendt: How is the interest calculated?

The first year would be approx. \$352.00 for interest and \$220.00 for principal. Every year the payment would come down. This could be paid off over 40 years or sooner if people choose to.

Lee Henderson: What is the average cost for water?

The average cost for users right now is-\$42.00 for 10,000 gallons of water from the Midland water line. The numbers will be set and presented at the second public hearing. The actual water district will be set and bids from contractors will be shared. The actual cost will be known at the second public hearing. If you have a second parcel, it would have to be joined before the 2nd public hearing. Any petitions that are turned in after the first public hearing will be so noted and filed but, they do not count as that was the purpose of the first public hearing. Lee Henderson wanted to go on file as opposed to the water project.

Carol Christy: How can we stop this water project?

Over 50% of the total acreage of Hope Township property owners have signed petitions requesting the Township Board to proceed to initiate and carry out water system improvements. With a projected price of \$8800.00 per assessable parcel, if that price were to come in over that amount the Board would take another look at proceeding.

Marge Kobisa: Comment

PA 188 states that if over 50% of the total acreage property owners sign petitions and they are presented to the Board, they then must proceed to develop a water district to get prices for said project. To disregard this would be breaking the state Public Acts 188 Law.

Wendy Faber: How was the petitions counted?

The petitions were mailed to every tax property owner. They were mailed to the last known tax address. The signatures counted representing the acres owned. The Water Board also went door to door to make sure no one was missed. In some instances they had to go back several times to see them when they were home. PA 188, states there must be 50% or over to proceed.

Bob Kelly: Was the acreage in PA 116 counted as for the water?

The PA 116 property owners that are in the water district were allowed to sign the petitions if they wanted. It was reviewed and the acreage was pulled out of the total. With the PA 116 acres it was 65% and without it is over 50%.

Susan Bass: Supports the water project

They have lived in Hope for 8 years and have very low quality water. They are in support of seeking water for Hope Township.

Dave Kosch: Was there a weighted side:

PA 188 states that if the property is in PA 116, it does not get assessed for special assessments, unless, the property owner requests the water or it is sold and comes out of the PA 116, then it can be assessed.

Tony Lagolia: Fully supports the water project

Ted Smith: If Dow is causing pollution, why can't they pay for cleanup?

The brine was in the ground before Dow put in the wells. They used the brine that was here, it would be impossible to prove them liable.

Lee Henderson: Comment

Has a 35 foot water well with good water

Marge Kobisa: Comment

They had a well 198 feet deep and it was terrible, now they have one 400 feet deep and it is terrible.

COMMENT: The Heath Dept. requires that wells have to be at least 32 feet deep.

Bill Carey (Edenville Twp) Statement

Edenville's water project came in 1/2 million under the quoted price.

Wendy Faber: Is Edenville depending on Hope to pay for 1/2 the cost for the tower?

Bill Carey: No, they need the tower for better water pressure for some of their customers. The cost for the tower is already figured in Edenville's cost. Hope will be allowed to use it to get better water pressure for their customers.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR ENDED:

Clerk's Minutes:

The minutes from the August 10, 2010 meeting had been disbursed earlier. Bob moved to approve the minutes and Mary seconded the motion. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The financial report had been distributed earlier to the 31st of August. Bob moved and Mary seconded to accept the financial report. Motion carried.

OUTSTANDING BILLS:

The list of outstanding bills for the General, Fire and Solid Waste had been distributed earlier. Starleen moved to pay the bills and Mary seconded motion-a roll call vote was polled-

Bob yes Mary yes JoAnn yes Starleen yes Andy yes

A discussion was held concerning check #12472 made out to Midland County. The amount of \$8452.21 was kept back from the 2006 M-30 water project, it was put in the special M-30 water fund and to be used only for repair or maintenance. It has been decided by our auditor and the County that the money should be paid back to the county. It will be put in a special fund to be used only for M-30 repairs or maintenance. Bob made a motion to give the money back to the county and Starleen supported it. A roll-call vote was polled-

Bob yes JoAnn yes Mary yes Starleen yes Andy yes

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Fire Department:

There were 10 runs in August, 8 medical, 1 structural and 1 downed wire. They have one fireman going through training now. The Fire Dept. could use at least 3 more volunteers.

Park Commission:

Sept. 7, 2010's meeting was held at the park. They received a \$25.00 donation for being able to use the park from Dorothy Ogden. It was decided to repair the old walk trimmer instead of investing in new one. The cement connection will be completed after the park closes for the season. There have been complaints of dogs without leashes and people almost getting bitten. Larry Maxwell is looking into signs stating dogs must be on a leash. The track mileage signs that were installed were too complicated so they have been reset. The park decided to offer a \$200.00 reward for information leading to the arrest of the people causing vandalism in the park. Discussion was held concerning a new tot lot and a playground for people with disabilities. The Labor Day Walk held on Sept. 6, 2010 was a huge success. There were approx. 60 people there. We had great coverage from the Midland Daily News. It is planned to be an annual event. Discussion was held on people out of the township booking the pavilions. The Supervisor asked the park commission to work on a policy and bring it back to the board. The policy now is that if the pavilions weren't booked they could use them for a donation.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

The next meeting is Nov. 2010.

WATER DISTRICT:

The lawsuit between Water District #1 and Lee Township was ruled by the Judge in favor of Water Dist. #1, but Lee Township is appealing the ruling. The Judge also ruled we cannot hold people up from obtaining water. They will be connected.

Hope has had it's first public hearing and now has signed Resolution #2, which will let the engineers design a water district and then put the work out for bids. The second public hearing will be set to show final water parcels and the cost.

CHAPEL/CEMETERY:

Floyd Andrick reported that the extra chairs we were using (soft padded) were from the chapel. The chapel was built in 1996 and there was \$1400.00 left in the building fund. Floyd went to Meijer's and talked to the manager and was able to purchase 100 chairs for that amount.

The sound system has been installed in the chapel and it works great. The work in the cemetery by Brett Witte and his Co. is nearing completion. Brett figures, weather permitting, they should be completed by the 3rd weekend of October. We are planning on holding a pot luck for the completion of the work. Brett has offered to donate two cement benches on a cement slab for the Old Cemetery. Floyd is looking into a memorial for the veterans and firemen of Hope Township. John Reisig, the Fire Chief, has offered to help financially towards the Firemen's Memorial.

Floyd requested \$7500.00 to complete the work on the cemetery. Mary moved to pay \$7500.00 more for the work and Bob seconded the motion. A roll call vote was polled-

Mary yes Starleen yes JoAnn yes Andy yes Bob yes

TOWNSHIP CODE AUTHORITY:

The next meeting is the 23rd of Sept. at the County Building. The language in the Rental Agreement Inspection is still being looked at. Wendy Faber would like to look at it and have some input.

WIXOM LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD REPORT:

The meeting is Sept. 15, at the Billings Township Hall. Supervisor will post it on Twp's website. Ed Briggs, our current rep. would like to be replaced as soon as possible.

ROAD ADVISORY COMMISSION:

Grace Ct., Richmond Dr. and Five Mile Road have been sealed coated. Questions concerning Bombay Road were directed to get petitions for work to be done and take to Hope's Road Advisory Commission meeting. The next meeting will be set and put on Twp's website.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Labor Day Walk was a success and the Township Board will work with Park for next year's annual walk. Any input is welcomed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) The cost for FOIA's requests needs to be looked at. It was moved by Bob and supported by Mary to charge \$.50 a sheet for ready available material. The field, research material would be \$2.00 a sheet. Motion carried.
- 2) Our pension plan fees have changed and we need to update our policy on paying the pension plan to keep from losing some of them. A fee of \$20.00 a year would be charged for accounts from \$250.00 to \$2500.00. Accounts that have \$50.00 or under will be closed out and returned to policy holders. It was moved by Starleen and seconded by Bob to pay the pension in for up to Dec. 31, 2010. A roll call vote was polled-

Starleen yes Mary yes Bob yes JoAnn yes Andy yes

Adjourned 8:45PM

JoAnn Wilkie
Hope Township Clerk