

HOPE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

April 9, 2019, 7:00 p.m.

Hope Township Hall

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

VISITORS:

List with clerk's minutes

CALL TO ORDER:

The Supervisor called the meeting to order by leading the pledge to the flag. Bob Davis was welcomed back to the meeting after a medical leave.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

Dave Rothman was present and gave an update to the Wixom Lake situation. Mr. Boyce has requested the State to let him and a partner, who is willing to invest money into the Dam at Edenville to have control to make electricity again. They would not be able to fix all the problems at the dam but would pay off as they could. They put this appeal in March 30, 2019 and an answer should be available in 30 days. May 3, 2019 there is a date before the Midland Circuit Court to decide about the water level to be raised back to normal level. Mr. Rothman will keep the Board updated.

CLERK'S MINUTES:

Starleen moved to approve the minutes with the word, DNA being changed to DNR. Mary supported the motion and it carried.

TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT:

Starleen gave the balances for the General, Fire Dept. and Solid Waste as of March 31, 2019. The report was received and filed.

OUTSTANDING BILLS:

It was moved by Mary and seconded by Bob to pay the outstanding bills: A roll call vote was called-  
Starleen yes Bob yes Mary yes JoAnn yes Andy yes

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

FIRE DEPT.:

There were 10 total runs for March. They included 7 medical, 2 motor vehicle accidents and 1 cancelled in route. The new fire truck is almost ready for service. The sliding equipment tray has to be attached to the new vehicle.

PARK COMMISSION:

The park commission had a work day on Saturday to ready the park for opening on April 15, 2019. Two vehicles had driven across the lawn. The damage was minimal and taken care of. The electrical has been updated and ready to go. This is the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary for the park and so a special dedication will be celebrated. The annual picnic will be held July 20 and anyone that has pictures that could be used are asked to contact someone on the park commission.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

The meeting was held April 3, 2019 at the township hall. Rodney Nanny, Darrin Griffith and Supervisor, Andy Kobisa was also present. There have been several inquiries about solar wind power in our township. We have some zoning laws in place but need to clarify them. There will be a public hearing on May 1 at the township hall at 7:00 p.m.

CHAPEL/CEMETERY COMMISSION:

We have had two vehicles get stuck in the middle driveway, they both had to be towed out. Brett put up the snow fence to keep people from driving through the soft roadway. Floyd is getting a bid to upgrade the driveway. We are also working on designing the Veteran’s Memorial. The commission will be meeting the end of this month for further plans.

TOWNSHIP CODE AUTHORITY:

Andy covered the meeting for Bob Davis, who was off for medical reasons. There were 3 building permits, 1 plumbing permit and 2 mechanical permits. There is discussion being held concerning the permit costs being split between the inspectors. At the present time it is 40 per cent to TCA and 60 per cent to inspectors and it could be changed to 80 percent to inspectors and 20 per cent to TCA. This would increase inspectors pay without having to raise the permit fee.

WIXOM LAKE AUTHORITY:

May 8, 2019 will be another meeting concerning the treating of the weeds in Wixom Lake. There can not be any treating of the weeds in the lake until the water level is restored. Bob will keep us updated on the situation.

ROAD ADVISARY COMMISSION:

The road work for 2019 has been turned into the County Road Commission. Andy is going to check on what if any work can be done on some of our gravel roads.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) A large tree was cut down and the stump had to be removed for a burial. We would like a suggested price to pay the sexton. It was suggested \$250-\$300.00. Someone suggested getting some prices from tree services businesses and go from there. The fire chief will look into it.

RESOLUTION TO ALLOW TREASURER TO DEPOSIT MONEY INTO SPECIAL PROJECT ACCOUNT

- 2) We need to approve a resolution to allow the treasurer to set up accounts for special interest projects and pay the bills from there. Andy moved and Starleen supported the motion. A roll call vote was called-

Mary yes      Bob yes      Starleen yes      JoAnn yes      Andy yes

ADJOURNED AT 8:10 P.M. MOVED BY Mary and seconded by Bob

Hope Township Clerk  
JoAnn Wilkie