

Hope Township Budget Hearing
Hope Township Board Meeting
Hope Township Hall
June 8, 2021- 7:00PM

Board Members:

Rita Goul, Supervisor
Carol Coyle, Clerk
Starleen Eddy, Treasurer
Mary Jo Letts, Trustee
Bob Davis, Trustee

Visitors:

List with Clerk's copy

BUDGET HEARING CALL TO ORDER:

In person BUDGET HEARING was started by Supervisor- Rita Goul. Those present were led by the Supervisor in the pledge to the flag and the meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm .

DISCUSSION: Supervisor, Rita Goul presented the budget to the Board and those present. No discussion from the floor.

CLOSED FOR BOARD DISCUSSION at 7:08 pm.

RE-OPENED AT 7:09 after no discussion.

VOTE ON THE BUDGET: It was moved by Starleen and seconded by Mary to accept the budget as presented. Roll call vote:

Carol Yes Starleen Yes Bob Yes Mary Yes Rita Yes

Motion was carried and the Budget 2021-2022 was accepted and will be filed.

VOTE ON THE SALARY RESOLUTION AS PRESENTED: It was moved by Mary and seconded by Carol to accept the Salary Resolution as presented. Roll call vote:

Carol Yes Starleen Yes Bob Yes Mary Yes Rita Yes

Motion was carried and the Salary Resolution for 2021-2022 was accepted and will be filed.

Motion to adjourn the Budget Hearing was made by Starleen and seconded by Carol. Roll call vote.

Carol Yes Starleen Yes Bob Yes Mary Yes Rita Yes

BUDGET HEARING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:14 PM

TOWNSHIP MEETING CALL TO ORDER:

Township meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm by Supervisor, Rita Goul. Those present were led by the Supervisor in the pledge to the flag.

Visitors:

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BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR: Discussion of the Recycle/Trash not being picked up according to the schedule. It was suggested to consider looking into another service. Currently under a 5 year contract with Republic.

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CLERK'S MINUTES:

The minutes from the May 2021 meeting had been distributed earlier.

It was moved by Starleen and supported by Mary to approve the minutes. A roll call vote was called-
Carol Yes Starleen Yes Bob Yes Mary Yes Rita Yes

TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT:

The financial report was given up May 31, 2021 with the announcement of the Revenue Sharing Check being received. In addition, the summer tax letters will be mailed soon. No check has been received for the delinquent Winter taxes at this time. The report was presented, and it will be filed. It was moved by Mary and supported by Bob to accept and file. A roll call vote was called-

Carol Yes Starleen Yes Bob Yes Mary Yes Rita Yes

OUTSTANDING BILLS:

The bills from the General and Fire Dept. Funds and Solid Waste were distributed earlier. It was noted that the Outstanding Bills did not include the 12 payments to the IRS for the delinquent 941's for tax years 2018,2019,2020. These payments totaled \$ 24,293.37. Also, clarification on the payment to the IT support company to aid in setting up new passwords for the Clerk and Treasurer. It was moved by Rita and supported by Starleen to pay the bills. A roll call vote was called-

Carol Yes -Starleen Yes - Bob Yes - Mary Jo Yes- Rita Yes

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Brian Solomon was presented and stated the number of grass fires to date was lower than last year to which he was thankful. The total number of calls was 18.

14 Medical

2 Grass Fires

1 Fire Investigation

1 Mutual Aid

PARK: Park Picnic has been put on hold for this year and will look to do again next year. There has been a great deal of vandalism at the Park and it has continued with the destruction of the lawn. It was brought up by David Yahr that they have been looking into getting a security set-up for the Park. Veterans' Alarm had been contacted with tentative pricing presented. Supervisor Goul stated the need to look for Grant monies or other solutions as there is currently no money in the budget for a security system. The Park committee was able to replace the mulch around the play ground equipment. The committee had looked in to the possibility of putting in a Disc Golf Course and no additional information is available at this time. Trunk or Treat will take place at the Park on Saturday, October 30th. Reminder

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that donations for the treats will be accepted. No funds from the Township will be available for purchasing of treats/food.

PLANNING-

Bob Davis was present to give the Planning report. Meeting was held on June 2, 2021- those minutes will be posted. Container use was discussed- currently there is no ordinance prohibiting the use of Containers in Hope Township. Planning also presented the need to evaluate building size ordinance from 2014. More to follow. Next meeting will be October 6, 2021.

CHAPEL/CEMETERY-

Floyd Andrick was present to report on the cemetery. Current caretaker has recvd many compliments on how nice the Cemetery is looking. Floyd pointed out the “extras” that are being done to help clean and maintain the Cemetery.

TOWNSHIP CODE AUTHORITY-

Meeting was held May 27, 2021
5 Building permits
4 Electrical permits
3 Mechanical permits
2 Plumbing permits
4 Water permits.
Next meeting June 24, 2021

WIXOM LAKE AUTHORITY-

Robert Kelley was present and nothing new to report.

ROAD ADVISORY COMMISSION-

Portions of Hull Rd and Curtiss roads have been chip sealed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS-

- The Policy and Procedure manual will be worked on.
- Bank Authorization had been granted to Carol Coyle. Signed off by Board.
- Markers for the Veteran Graves have arrived. The Matthews Fund was used to provide these markers.
- 941 updates/IRS Supervisor Goul made a presentation of cost of the 941's to be processed. Explained what a 941 and why these need to be filed quarterly. Auditor fees were \$2500.00. Fines/fees to the IRS will be coming and projected to be in the thousands of dollars. She has budgeted for \$25,000.00 to help cover the cost. In addition, Supervisor Goul pointed out that the W-2's were not sent to the SSA. This will also lead into fines/fees the Township will incur. After reaching out to the Attorney, it

was suggested to be able to use the Surety Bonds to offset the cost of the fines/fees. Supervisor Goul asked for the Boards support to pursue the Bond Claim. In addition, the Credit Card policy from 2015 was shared and in 2019 and 2020 almost \$39,000.00 was used on the card. Receipts are being asked for at this time. It was motioned by Starleen and seconded by Mary to pursue a Bond Claim. A roll call vote was called.

Carol Yes -Starleen Yes - Bob Yes - Mary Jo Yes- Rita Yes. Motion carried and will be filed.

NEW BUSINESS-

- **Zoning Boards of Appeals:** Jay Brown removed and added Greg Brady as alternated. Motion made by Rita and seconded by Carol. Roll call vote.

Carol Yes -Starleen Yes - Bob Yes - Mary Jo Yes- Rita Yes. Motion carried and will be filed.

- Road Committee: Jay Brown as alternate. Motion made by Rita and seconded by Carol. Roll call vote.

Carol Yes -Starleen Yes - Bob Yes - Mary Jo Yes- Rita Yes. Motion carried and will be filed.

- Auditor Training for Treasurer and Clerk: Supervisor Goul asked the board to approve training from the Auditor for the Treasurer and Clerk. Motion made by Rita and seconded by Bob. Roll call vote.

Carol Yes -Starleen Yes - Bob Yes - Mary Jo Yes- Rita Yes. Motion carried and will be filed.

- The Clerk requested any receipts/expenses/disbursements to be turned in by the date on the sheet provided (See Attached). This will assist in payroll/accounting deadline.
- Handouts provided for proposed new pricing for Cemetery Plots/burial fees. Will be discussed at next board meeting.
- A copy of the current Township Hall Rental agreement was presented and asked to remain the same. Motion made by Mary and seconded by Bob. Roll call vote.
- The introduction of Chuck Hudler as volunteer to help with accounting process.

Carol Yes -Starleen Yes - Bob Yes - Mary Jo Yes- Rita Yes. Motion carried

Motion made by Mary and seconded by Bob to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote.

Carol Yes -Starleen Yes - Bob Yes - Mary Jo Yes- Rita Yes. Motion carried

Meeting Adjourned at 8:47pm

Respectfully submitted

Carol Coyle, Clerk

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