

Hope Township Board Meeting
Hope Township Hall
June 14th, 2022
7:00 pm

Board Members:

Rita Goul, Supervisor
Carol Coyle, Clerk
Starleen Eddy, Treasurer
Mary Jo Letts, Trustee
Daniel Mieske, Trustee

Visitors:

List with Clerk's copy

TOWNSHIP MEETING CALL TO ORDER:

Township meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance by Supervisor, Rita Goul.

Roll call of the Board Members: *Dan Mieske Present, Mary Jo Letts Present, Starleen Eddy Present, Carol Coyle Present, Rita Goul Present.*

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR: Question from resident about paying off the M-30 water that was decided on at the May 2022 meeting. Clarification from Supervisor Goul as to how and why the decision was made. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Schuette were present and requested a few minutes to speak about their son that is running for State Representative.

Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda by Mary and supported by Starleen. All in Favor five -----
Opposed none Motion Carried

SUPERVISORS COMMENTS:

1. Parking lot has a drainage issue. The County Road Commissioner stated, according to the county map, there was a drain in that area at one time.
2. Paving of the Parking Lot. Three bids presented to pave the parking lot using ARPA funds. Due to potential price increases July 1, Supervisor asked for approval to have both of these projects completed with ARPA funds.

Motion to approve up to \$5300.00 to fix the drainage issue by Starleen and supported by Rita.

Roll call vote: *Dan YES, Mary YES, Starleen YES, Carol YES and Rita YES.* Motion carried

Motion to approve Yeager Asphalt to do parking lot at a cost of \$18,816.00 using ARPA funds by Dan and seconded by Carol.

Roll call vote: *Dan YES, Mary YES, Starleen YES, Carol YES and Rita YES.* Motion carried

3. Discussion about security issues and lighting at the New Hope Cemetery. Two bids to install lighting were presented. Potential installation of security cameras to take place later. Motion to use up to \$895.00 for lighting by Carol and seconded by Starleen. Supervisor to check on availability of company to get the lights installed. ARPA funds to be used.

Roll call vote: *Dan YES, Mary YES, Starleen YES, Carol YES and Rita YES.* Motion carried

4. The sink hole in the front yard has been encircled with orange fencing. (Thank you Dennis Goul) The Road Commissioner came out and determined this is a County issue and will be fixed by the County at no expense to the Township.

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5. The Generac installation has been completed.
6. Looking for a Code Enforcer. Dan Mieske will be the temporary one for now
7. The 2022-2023 budget was approved at the budget hearing held earlier today.

CLERK'S MINUTES:

The minutes were distributed to all board member on Monday, June 13th. There were some corrections for misspelling/grammar needed. Motion to accept the minutes with the corrections by Starleen and supported by Mary.

In Favor 5 Opposed 0 Motion to accept Clerk's minutes with corrections carried.

An update on the PA 116 was given. All 4 applications have been sent on to Lansing and residents were updated. Election update included discussion on ~~vote~~ voter-ID cards being sent out. Also, Absentee Voter Request forms will be going in the mail this week. Discussion on how to secure AV Ballots coming into the township.

TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT:

Treasurer's financial report was presented with the ending bank balances as of May 31, 2022. Copies of the bank reconciliation are on file in the Clerk's office. Motion to **accept and file the Treasure's report** by Rita and Supported by Carol. Roll call vote Dan--yes, Mary --yes, Carol--yes, Starleen -- yes, Rita --yes. Motion carried.

An update on how the ARPA funds have been used to date was provided by Starleen. The grant for the Fire Department was turned down by the State and Starleen read the response. Not enough money to cover all of the requests.

OUTSTANDING BILLS:

The bills from the General Fund, Park Fund, Fire Fund and Solid Waste fund were distributed earlier. In addition, the complete Board packet was provided to the Township Board on Monday, June 13, 2022 (copy in the Clerk's office). Included was an expense/budget report totals as of May 31, 2022. (Copy in the Clerk's office). It was noted one voided check and credit card charges reported. Motion to accept and pay the outstanding bills (including the credit card) by Mary and supported by Rita.

Roll call vote-Dan--yes, Mary-- yes, Carol--yes, Starleen -- yes, Rita-- yes. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

FIRE DEPARTMENT : Brian Solomon reported things are quiet for now at the Fire Department. He also thanked Starleen for writing the Fire Grant. In the next 2 years, the Fire Department will have to replace 8 sets of gear as mandated by law. The cost is around \$4000.00/unit for a total cost of \$32,000.00. Currently the Fire Department has 18 volunteer members.

PARK: David Yahr was present to report for the park. Disc golf update is waiting on the tree removal that should take place sometime. Picnic will be July 16th with several speakers and live music. Mosquito control will be contacted to provide service ahead of time. Clean up day with 11 Sophomores from Meridian came and was "very successful". A \$5000.00 check was presented to the Park at the Loons game for Playground equipment. Shout out to Doug and Darlene were top 2 salespeople. Doug went door-to-door and Darlene did it from Arizona. Thank you

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to all that supported the ticket sales. The 5-year plan has corrections to be made and will be tabled for approval later.

PLANNING: Nicole Kelley was present and announce a Special Hearing to be held June 21st at 7:00pm in the Township Hall to get approval on some changes to the ordinances of the Township. Notification has been placed on the website and in the newspaper. If everything goes through, the changes will be presented to the Board for approval in July. Clerk requested a copy of the changes to be given to her by Thursday July 7th to get in the Board packet prior to the meeting. Master Plan is in the works.

CHAPEL/CEMETERY: Floyd Andrick was present and apologized for the last-minute change of the flag placement if anyone showed up to help with the flags. He and Dan Andrick completed the task on Thursday due to the weather forecast. The posts and driveway markers have been painted. Floyd would like to paint the steps next to the chapel in the next few weeks. There will be a Civil War re-enactment at the Jerome Township Cemetery in Sanford on Saturday, June 18th. The price of the tickets is \$8.00. Another one will take place at the Old Hope Cemetery on September 24th.

TOWNSHIP CODE AUTHORITY: Dan Mieske gave the following report from the TCA meeting. There were 3 Mechanical, 1 water and 1 plumbing. Next meeting is July 10th.

WIXOM LAKE ASSOCIATION- Bob Kelley gave an update from the WLA about tree removal and how it will be done. Permits have been requested from EGLE and waiting to hear from them. If spraying, should be in September. If brush hogging, then it will be in December/January.

ROAD ADVISORY COMMISSION: Dan reported Hull Road drain issue has been investigated and he will follow up with the drain commission to see what can be done. Missing road signs will be replaced this summer. Asked if anyone knows of other signs that need to be replaced.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Roof/window update-Starleen reported on two companies coming to look at the window issues. A resident suggested a third company that Starleen will be contacting.

NEW BUSINESS- NONE

Motion to adjourn at 824 pm by Mary and seconded Rita. In Favor 5 Opposed 0

Respectfully Submitted

Carol Coyle