

Hope Township Board Meeting
Hope Township Hall
July 12th, 2022
7:00 pm

Board Members present

Rita Goul, Supervisor
Carol Coyle, Clerk
Starleen Eddy, Treasurer
Mary Jo Letts, Trustee
Excused Absent, 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 Absent- Mary Jo Letts Present, Starleen Eddy Present, Carol Coyle Present, Rita Goul Present.*

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR: Jamie Chargo from FTTH did a presentation on the company and answered questions from the floor. Motion to support FTTH efforts to pursue a grant to bring fiberoptic internet to the area.

Motion by Starleen and seconded by Mary. All in favor 4 Opposed 0. Motion carried.

Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda with three additions by Starleen and supported by Mary. All in Favor 4 Opposed 0 Motion Carried

SUPERVISORS COMMENTS:

1. Update on status of the parking lot was given. Drain was located by Dan Andrick so no additional funds needed to be used to replace the drain.
2. New signs posted in the parking lot—Thank you to Dennis Goul for installing them
3. Requesting funds to put in a sidewalk from the new parking area to front step on North side of the building. Rita will take the request to the ARPA committee and bring back to the Board next month.

CLERK'S MINUTES:

The minutes were distributed to all board member on Monday, July 12th. One correction noted. Motion to approve the June 14th minutes with the correction by Rita and seconded by Starleen.

In Favor 4 Opposed 0 Motion to accept Clerk's minutes with correction--carried.

The minutes from the Budget Hearing on June 14th was presented. Motion to accept the minutes by Rita and seconded by Starleen with one addition. In Favor 4 Opposed 0 Motion to accept Budget Hearing minutes with correction--carried.

The minutes from the Special Board meeting on June 23rd were presented. Motion by Rita and seconded by Starleen to approve as presented. In Favor 4 Opposed 0 Motion carried.

TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT:

Treasurer's financial report was presented with the ending bank balances as of June 30, 2022. Rcvd \$76,057.54 settlement from the County for delinquent taxes. Rcvd \$357.00 from the Loans for the Park. Rcvd \$71,564.60 as the second ARPA disbursement. Next ARPA meeting scheduled for July 20th at 11:00. Starleen has a list of the projects presented to ARPA committee for consideration.

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Motion to **accept and file the Treasure's report** by Mary and Supported by Rita. Roll call vote, Mary --yes, Carol--yes, Starleen -- yes, Rita --yes. Motion carried.

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, July 11, 2022, by Carol (copy in the Clerk's office). Included was an expense/budget report totals as of June 30th, 2022. (Copy in the Clerk's office). Noted were the voided checks. Motion made by Starleen and seconded Mary.

Roll call vote-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 will be out of town for a few weeks and wants things to continue to be quiet.

PARK: David Yahr read a letter from a resident on how nice things are looking at the Park. The letter included a \$250.00 donation. Reminder the Park picnic will be this Saturday at noon. Will include a live band and food for the Public. New benches will be revealed at that time. Cathie Kisser updated the Board on the new swings for the Park. Motion by Rita and seconded Starleen to use ARPA funds to purchase the swings at a cost of \$1892.37. Starla gave an update on the playground equipment. Got a quote from Jim's Amish Structures to get the playground equipment. Happy to report the Grant from the Loons was changed to allow for this purchase. Total amount of project will be \$9460.00. The Grant will cover \$5000.00 and the balance from the ARPA funds. This will be the complete cost. Motion by Rita and seconded by Starleen to approve this purchase.

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

David presented the Master Plan for the park. Motion to approve the Master Plan by Mary and seconded by Rita.

In Favor 4 Opposed 0 Motion carried.

David then presented reasons why there should be an increase in the Park Caretaker wages. Discussion from the floor and Board. This will be looked into at the next budget year.

PLANNING: Nicole Kelley was present and ~~had~~ the Board has recvd copies of the new ordinance proposal that was accepted by the Planning Commission at the special hearing held July 21st. Motion to accept the Resolution as presented (copy in Clerk's office) by Rita and seconded Carol.

In Favor 4 Opposed 0 Motion carried. Next meeting is in August. Rita requested to have the building of a new fire hall added to the Master Plan of the Township. Nicole will get this information to Spicer Engineering to assist with the request.

CHAPEL/CEMETERY: Starleen wanted to thank Dan Andrick for the cleaning and mowing of the gravesite for her mother's funeral. Floyd Andrick was present and requested twelve yards of dirt to be delivered to the New Hope Cemetery. He had spoken with Tyler from Novak Trucking. Carol had gotten three bids for the dirt and Novak was the same as Coggins. Bradfield was slightly higher and all three were able to deliver on Wednesday. Motion to have Novak Trucking bring in twelve yards of dirt for \$300.00 by Rita and seconded by Starleen. Roll call vote-Mary-- yes, Carol--yes, Starleen -- yes, Rita-- yes. Motion carried.

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TOWNSHIP CODE AUTHORITY: No ~~on~~ **one** present to give a report.

WIXOM LAKE ASSOCIATION- Bob Kelley reported there will be a meeting in the next couple of weeks and will report back after that time.

ROAD ADVISORY COMMISSION: David Yahr stated there are some tree issues at Stark just north of Saiko. Rita to contact the Midland County Road Commission.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Roof/window update-Starleen reported on three companies coming to look at the window issues and will follow up with ARPA at the July 20th meeting.

NEW BUSINESS- Carol reminded everyone to turn in invoices/receipts in a timely manner. Also, include work completed and name with address to whom the check should be written.

Update the complaint form on-line access. Motion to make changes Rita and seconded by Starleen

In Favor 4 Opposed 0 Motion carried.

Proposal to pre-buy propane for the Hall, Firehall and Chapel reviewed and motion to go with Blue Flame by Mary and seconded by Rita. Roll call vote-Mary-- yes, Carol--yes, Starleen -- yes, Rita-- yes. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn at 822 pm by Mary and seconded Rita. In Favor 4 Opposed 0

Respectfully Submitted

Carol Coyle