

Hope Township Board Meeting
Hope Township Fire Hall
November 8th, 2022, 7:00 p.m.

Board Members Present

Rita Goul, Supervisor
Carol Coyle, Clerk (from 7:15 pm – 7:30 pm)
Starleen Eddy, Treasurer
Mary 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 led by Supervisor Rita Goul.

Roll call of the Board Members: Dan Mieske Present, Mary Letts Present, Starleen Eddy Present, Carol Coyle Present from 7:15 pm – 7:30 pm, Excused, Rita Goul Present. Quorum - Yes

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR: None

Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda with no additions motion made by Mary and supported by Dan. All in Favor 4 Opposed 0 Motion carried.

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

1. **Toys for Tots** – There is a drop box in the Township Hall for new, unwrapped toys for the Toys for Tots drive. Toy pick up will be in December, and all toys that are collected are secured in Supervisor Goul's office, during hall rentals. All toys collected, will stay in Midland County. David Yahr mentioned the American Legion is collecting Toys for Kids as well as, the toys are for Midland County schools, if anyone is interested.
2. **Christmas Dinner for MCTOA** will be December 8th, 2022, if any board member is interested, let Supervisor Goul know by November 30th, 2022.
3. **Snowplowing Bids** Supervisor Goul, could only get two businesses to respond. Supervisor Goul provided both bids, one from Savage in the amount of \$700/plowing and the other from Howdens in the amount of \$385/plowing, with snow (2 inches or more). Motion was made by Dan and supported by Mary to have Howden's do the work. Roll Call Vote: Dan YES Mary YES Starleen YES Rita YES. Motion carried.
4. **Re-appointment of Rita and Dave Rothman to the Water District #1** Supervisor Goul and Dave Rothman both have agreed to serve another two years on the Water District #1 board. Motion made by Starleen and seconded by Mary. Motion carried.
5. **Zoning Board of Appeals ruling approval** there was a meeting October 27th, 2022, Casey and Stacy Herman requested a 25-foot set back instead of the 50-foot on Saiko; the request was approved by the Zoning Board of Appeals and was submitted to the board for approval. Motion to approve by Dan, seconded by Mary. Motion carried.

CLERK'S MINUTES:

1. Approval of minutes from October 11th, 2022. Motion to approve the minutes as written with one change. (the word "received" was asked to be spelled out). Motion made by Dan and supported by Mary. Motion carried.
2. Approval of minutes from Special Board meeting on October 20, 2022. Motion made by Starleen and supported by Rita. Motion carried.
3. Letter from Auditor: The audit is complete, and the auditor will be coming in January to update the board. Motion made by Starleen and seconded by Mary. Motion carried.
4. Bids for Cameras: Carol submitted three bids for cameras at the hall and cemetery. A resolution was presented asking that Starla Jordan and Starleen Eddy be allowed to apply for the PAR grant to help with funding the project. Motion made by Mary and supported by Dan, to allow Starla and Starleen to write the PAR Grant. Roll call vote: Dan YES Mary YES Starleen YES Rita YES. Motion carried.
5. Bids for flooring at Chapel: Carol submitted three bids to have the chapel floor replaced using ARPA monies (ARPA preapproved the project, pending bids). Carol recommended we use Parson's. Motion made by Rita and supported by Starleen. Roll call vote: Dan YES Mary YES Starleen YES Rita YES. Motion carried.
6. Copy of Insurance for Township: Included in the board packet for informational purposes.
7. Meeting workshop for the Board: If any board members are interested in attending the workshop, register online. No preapproval needed; the expense was approved in the budget under education.

TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT: Treasurer's financial report was presented with the ending bank balances as of October 31st, 2022.

Reported revenue was received mostly from cemetery related expenses.

Motion by Rita and seconded by Mary to accept and file the Treasurers report as presented.

Roll call vote: Dan YES Mary Yes Starleen Yes Rita YES. Motion carried.

There was 1 point and pay for October.

The Treasurer updated the board on the new printer they had purchased, an Epson Ecotank, that will print more pages than an ink jet, and the ink is a lot less costly (\$41.00 for color and \$21.00 for black), saving the township money.

The Treasurer updated the board on the winter tax statements; they may be later than usual due to the millage on the ballot, but all statements should be to residents by December 1st, 2022.

ARPA update: There is not a lot going on with ARPA, other than the parking spaces at the park, this project has been completed. There was a question from the audience on the ARPA report and how much money we received from ARPA, \$143,130.83 from the state and \$148,130.83, if you include the \$5,000.00 grant money from the PAR grant, there is currently \$54,448.23 left in unallocated funds, and this does not include the invoice for the work that was done at the park. The Treasurer provided a list to view of all expenses and allocations as of October 31st, 2022. A meeting will be set up this month to discuss additional projects.

OUTSTANDING BILLS: The bills from the General Fund, Park Fund, Fire Fund and Solid Waste were distributed earlier. Motion to approve payment of the bills by Mary and supported by Dan.

Roll call vote: Dan YES Mary YES Starleen YES Rita Yes. Motion Carried.

Budget to expense report: The board members had been given the Expense/Budget report.

Payroll Summary and Liability Report: Were included in the board packets for their review

Bank Reconciliations on all accounts had been completed. The outstanding checks were discussed, the Treasurer had checked into a couple in the pooled account and found that all but 5 had been cleared. Ann Shoffner will be looking into a park check that has been outstanding since June, to see if it has been received.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

FIRE: Brian Solomon reported 13 runs in October. Brian wanted to know who the insurance agent was and if there had been any changes to their policy. Brian reported Trunk N Treat was awesome this year. The clerk should be receiving two bills for testing of equipment, if approval is needed, please let him know. A question was asked how often the air packs get used, Brian responded they had been used about a dozen times.

PARK: David Yahr reported the water had been shut off at the park, and it would be winterized on Wednesday. He also reported the gate would be left open this year, and a notice has been put on Facebook reminding residents that the park is closed, and to use at their own risk. He said they are still working on getting the snow fence up. The disc golf baskets shipped yesterday, and there would be no further reports until March, when the park reopened. David said Carol is trying to decommission the park, and he was wondering if we had received the results from the end of the year report due to the state. He had requested them twice. The board has no knowledge of such a report.

Supervisor Goul reminded David, that all bills for the park need to be submitted to Carol prior to year-end.

There was a question on how the logging was going. David thinks it will be done this week, and he will be doing a final walk through. Another question was asked if they were leaving the brush, David said “yes” the project is not complete. There was a comment on how open the woods looked, and David said the openness will allow for easy access to do landscaping. He also said the logging company would be taking care of any ruts that were made by the company.

PLANNING: Wendy Faber reported the next meeting will be January 4th, 2023, and they will be working on the ordinances to make them easier for residents. They have scheduled 5 meetings this coming year, and the public is welcome and encouraged to attend. Rita reminded Wendy to have their meeting dates to her by December.

CHAPEL/CEMETERY: Nothing to report. On November 12th, 2022, the “History of Hope” will be presented at the Midland Center of the Arts and the cost is \$7.00. If anyone is interested, the phone number is (989) 631- 8250.

TOWNSHIP CODE AUTHORITY: Dan was present and stated there were 5 Mechanical permits, 1 Electrical and 2 Water permits for October. The next meeting will be November 17th at 5:00.

WIXOM LAKE ASSOCIATION: Bob Kelly reported that the spraying was done on the test plots, and they would be going over the results at the next meeting. The next meeting will be November 16th at 6. Bob will be unable to attend, he will be out of town. There was a discussion about changing the name to Wixom Lake Improvement.

ROAD ADVISORY COMMISSION: Dan reported Hicks Road is complete, and he is not happy with the results, the road seems muddier after the project. He has left two messages for Art Buck and is waiting a return call.

Bob Kelly asked if residents see people out destroying the dirt roads, if you can get a make, model, and license plate number, he will contact the police to help save the roads.

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

Motion to adjourn by Rita and supported by Starleen. All in favor 4 Opposed 0. Adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Starleen R Eddy