

JANUARY 22, 2014

The monthly work meeting of the Hope Township Committee convened at 4:00 P.M. at the Hope Township Municipal Building with the following members present: Deputy Mayor George Beatty and Committeeman John Koonz. Mayor Timothy McDonough advised of his absence prior to the meeting. Also present was the Municipal Clerk, Mary Pat Quinn.

Under the provisions of the "Open Public Meetings Act", adequate notice of the meeting had been provided by publishing notice in The Express Times and by posting notices in the Hope Post Office and on the Township bulletin boards all on January 18, 2014.

Budget Presentation – Blirstown Ambulance Corp

Joe DiGrazi, President, and Paul McNamara, Treasurer, of the Blirstown Ambulance Corp were present to discuss their 2014 budget with the governing body. McNamara reported that there are 33 active members of which 22 are EMTs. The Corp will take delivery on a new rig, which will replace the 1995 truck; they will use the 1995 for other purposes. There is no increase in their budget, and they asked that the Township contribute \$13,845.00 this year. Koonz replied that they can count on that request, and if possible, Hope would try to contribute more.

McNamara advised that the Corp has been licensed by Northwest Emergency Medical Services effective 2013. If they have two EMTs on the vehicle, they can submit a claim through the patient's insurance company (using a third party billing agency). There is no charge to the resident of a member municipality beyond what their insurance company pays.

McNamara submitted the 2012 Form 990 and Financial Statements of the Corp for their fiscal year ended July 31, 2013.

Koonz and Beatty thanked the Corp for its service to the residents of Hope Township. McNamara and DiGrazi thanked the Township Committee for its support; they spoke very highly of the Corp's working relationship with the Hope Volunteer Fire Department.

McNamara and DiGrazi left the meeting at this time.

2014 Budget Preparation

The governing body reviewed the status of the Moravian Distillery Project. With regard to the budget preparation, it was decided that those discussions should take place when all three governing body members are present.

Approval of Bills

The bills as of January 22, 2014 were approved on a motion made by Koonz, seconded by Beatty. The total bills were \$348,236.94 (less a voucher payable to Engel Towing in the amount of \$175.00). That bill was tabled since Koonz would abstain from voting. Committee polled: Beatty-yes; Koonz-yes; McDonough-absent.

Miscellaneous

Beatty advised that there is a potentially dangerous situation on Lake Just-It Road. The homeowner at #161 has placed 6 X 6's along the shoulder line in front of the property and a vertical 6X6 at the end of the driveway. The wood is bolted in to the pavement and located within the Township right-of-way. The public works department is unable to properly clear the shoulder of the road in the area after a snow fall. The Clerk was directed to have the Township Attorney send a letter to the homeowner asking that the wood be removed immediately.

Eliminate Position of Recreation Commission Secretary

A motion was made by Beatty, seconded by Koonz to eliminate the position of Recreation Commission Secretary effective February 1, 2014. The Commission has been on a hiatus for several months, and there is no activity to be handled by the secretary. Committee polled: Beatty-yes; Koonz-yes; McDonough-absent. Beatty will call the current secretary, Robin Keggan, to advise her of the decision. Quinn was directed to follow up with a letter.

Public

There were no questions or comments from the public.

Respectfully submitted:

Mary Pat Quinn
Municipal Clerk