

MARCH 4, 2014

A special meeting of the Hope Township Committee convened at 4:30 P.M. with the following members present: Mayor Timothy McDonough, Deputy Mayor George Beatty, and Committeeman John Koonz. Also present were Municipal Clerk Mary Pat Quinn and Chief Financial Officer Kathleen Reinalda.

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 March 1, 2014.

Koonz advised that the owner of the well that supplies the Hope Community Center has decided to drill a new well. Hope's share of the cost will be \$7,000.00. This cost will come out of Public Buildings and Grounds, Other Expenses.

The Clerk was directed to get quotations for painting the interior of the Municipal Building as well as getting quotes for carpet for the meeting room, courtroom and the offices.

There was a discussion about the Christmas Market and other public events. The governing body asked Reinalda to find out if the expenses for all the events could be funded by the Christmas Market Trust Fund Account. She will discuss that with Anthony Ardito, the Municipal Auditor.

Also discussed was the need for oil and stone. Since this process is not eligible for funding through a capital appropriation, the governing body asked Reinalda to find out if it would be feasible to do a trust account. This method is also permitted by the State for rock salt.

The Clerk advised that she received further inquiries from the Chief Financial Officer of Blirstown Township concerning the municipal court, specifically the size of the courtroom and court offices and confirmation on the rent charge. The size of the court wing is 2,300 sq. ft. (includes the courtroom, administrative offices, prosecutor's conference area, a portion of the utility room and use of the restrooms). The rent, which is proportionately shared by the four member municipalities, covers the use of the facilities together with maintenance, heat, air conditioning, electric, garbage removal, lawn maintenance, and removal of snow and ice. This information will be forwarded to Blirstown accordingly.

The governing body will meet with the Municipal Auditor to finalize the budget on Thursday, March 13, 2014 at 4:30 P.M.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 P.M. on a motion made by Beatty, seconded by Koonz. The motion was carried.

Respectfully submitted:

Mary Pat Quinn
Municipal Clerk

