



## **HOPE TOWNSHIP BUDGET WORKSHOP**

**February 7, 2019**

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm by Supervisor Feldpausch in the Hope Township Hall, 5463 S. M-43 Highway, Hastings, Michigan.

**Members Present:** Mark Feldpausch, Arlene Tonkin, Deborah Jackson, Matt Peake, David Messelink.

**Members Absent:** NONE

**Others Present:** NONE

**Public Comment:** NONE

**Approval of Agenda: Added to agenda:** Items under New business: d. Cemetery Sexton bid. Motion to approve agenda as amended by Peake. Second by Jackson. All in favor. Motion carried.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Shred It Day. Motion by Feldpausch, second by Tonkin to approve holding a free Shred It day for Hope township residents & taxpayers on May 4, 2019 and contract with Shred IT to provide their truck to shred documents for 3 hours for a cost of \$840. All in favor. Motion carried.
- B. Enforcement Officer. Motion by Jackson, second by Tonkin for Supervisor to offer Brad Williams the Code Enforcement Officer position. Roll call: All in favor. Motion carried.
- C. Aquatic weed treatment for Township Park. Motion by Messelink, second by Peake to authorize the Supervisor to sign the one year contract with PLM for aquatic weed treatment at the Township Park. Roll call: All in favor. Motion carried.
- D. Cemetery bid. Motion by Tonkin, second by Jackson to contract with Premier Lawn & Snow for Cedar Creek Cemetery maintenance, burials &



foundations at both cemeteries pending approval of finalized contract. Roll call: All in favor. Motion carried.

E. Budget Workshop Discussion

Discussion was made regarding board salaries. It was noted that board salaries have been at the same level since 2005.

Motion by Jackson, second by Tonkin to set Election Inspector hourly wage at \$13 per hour effective 4/1/19. Roll call: All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Jackson, second by Tonkin to set Election Chairperson wage at \$16 per hour effective 4/1/19. Roll call: All in favor. Motion carried.

Discussion was made regarding using a four year road repair plan with the Road Commission with similar payments each year verses approving different projects each year and having expenses vary greatly.


Motion by Feldpausch, second by Tonkin to accept the Road Commission's four year plan for road repairs with the following payments: \$150,000 for 2019, \$125,000 for 2020, \$150,000 for 2021 and \$125,000 for 2022. Roll call: All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Jackson, second by Peake to send budget to public hearing on March 18, 2019 and publish in newspaper. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried.

**Additional Public Comment (limited to 3 minutes):** none.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm. Motion to close by Feldpausch. Second by Tonkin. All in favor. Motion carried.

  
Deborah Jackson  
Hope Township Clerk

  
Mark S. Feldpausch  
Hope Township Supervisor

Date March 18, 2019

Status (circle one)

Tentative Minutes

Approved Minutes