

**HOPE TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**via Zoom**  
**February 8, 2021**

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Doug Peck via Zoom at the Hope Township Hall, 5463 S. M-43 Hwy, Hastings, MI 49058.

**Members Present:** Doug Peck via Hope Township Hall, Arlene Tonkin via Hope Township, Deborah Jackson via Hope Township, Junior Homister via Hope Township, Matt Peake via Hope Township.

**Members Absent:** None

**Others Present:** Dave Jackson, Ted Devries, Lisa Shockley-Curtis.

**Public Comment:** None

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve the agenda by Homister, second by Tonkin.  
Roll call vote: Yes: Jackson, Peck, Tonkin, Homister, Peake; No: None  
All in favor. Motion carried.

**Delton Fire Report:** None

**County Commission Report:** Dave Jackson gave report.

**Consent Agenda:** *All matters listed under item 6, Consent Agenda, are considered routine by the board and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is required, it will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately.*

- a. Approval of January 11, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes
- b. Reports received: Revenue/Expenditure report; Treasurer report;
- c. Approval of Bills and signatures of Board Members: Deborah Jackson

Motion to approve consent agenda by Tonkin, second by Jackson.

Roll call vote: Yes: Peake, Homister, Peck, Tonkin, Jackson; No: None

All in favor. Motion carried.

**Reports/Board Comments:**

**Supervisor:** Nothing to report.

**Treasurer:** Tonkin read report. Report on file.

**Clerk:** Jackson reported there will not be a May election. Library has re-opened with restrictions and there will be a library board meeting tomorrow.

**Trustee(s):** Homister reported the Planning Commission did not have a meeting. Peake reported he is the Vice Chair for the SWBCSWA board.

### Unfinished Business

None

### New Business

**A. Resolution 2021-1 Allow protest in writing to Board of Review as follows:**

Authorization to Allow Local Residents to Protest in Writing to Board of Review

WHEREAS, the Township Board of Hope Township, Barry County, Michigan, desires to ease the burden on taxpayers, the assessor, and the board of review by allowing all taxpayers the opportunity to file a protest before the board of review by letter; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board of Hope Township, Barry County, Michigan, is authorized by THE GENERAL PROPERTY TAX ACT 206 of 1893, MCL 211.30(8) to adopt a resolution authorizing a resident taxpayer to file his or her protest before the board of review by letter without a personal appearance by the taxpayer or his or her agent.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township of Hope, Barry County that all resident taxpayers, or their agents, are authorized to protest to the board of review by letter. Said letters must be delivered to the physical or electronic address provided in the public notice or publication. For the March meeting of the board of review, letters must be received prior to the deadline on the publication. For the July and December meetings of the board of review, letters must be received by 5:00pm on the Friday prior to the meeting stated on the public notice; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Hope Township shall include a statement notifying taxpayers of this option in each assessment notice under section 24c and on each notice or publication of the meeting of the board of review.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Board Member Tonkin and supported by Board Member Homister.

Upon roll call vote, the following voted:

Yeas: Peake, Jackson, Doug, Homister, Tonkin

Nays: None                      Peck

Abstain: None

Absent and Excused: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried, and Resolution 2021-1 duly adopted February 8, 2021.

**B. Resolution 2021-2 Salary Resolutions as follows:**

Resolution by Jackson, seconded by Tonkin to set the salary of **Supervisor** at **\$16,000.00** to be effective April 1, 2021. Roll call vote. Yes: Homister, Peake, Jackson, Tonkin, Peck. No: None  
Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution by Peck, seconded by Peake to set the salary of **Clerk** at **\$24,560.00** to be effective April 1, 2021. Roll call vote. Yes: Tonkin, Homister, Peake, Peck, Jackson. No: None  
Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution by Homister, seconded by Peake to set the salary of **Treasurer** at **\$28,000.00** to be effective April 1, 2021. Roll call vote. Yes: Tonkin, Peck, Peake, Jackson, Homister. No: None  
Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution by Tonkin, seconded by Peck to set the salary of each **Trustee** at **\$5,500.00** to be effective April 1, 2021. Roll call vote. Yes: Jackson, Peake, Homister, Tonkin, Peck. No: None  
Motion carried unanimously.

Resolutions were declared adopted.

**C. Outlook 365 migration.**

The cost to migrate from MEI to Outlook 365 is \$900.00 for the email exchange; \$750.00 annually; and \$48.00 per year for each additional email account. Motion to migrate to Outlook 365 by Jackson, second by Tonkin.

Roll call vote: Yes: Peake, Homister, Peck, Jackson, Tonkin; No: None  
All in favor. Motion carried.

**D. Budget Discussion.** Board discussed adjustments to the budget. Jackson will have a formal budget presentation for the March Budget & Public Hearing.

**E. Approve publication & sending Budget to public hearing March 15, 2021.**

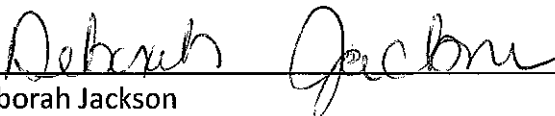
Motion to approve the publication & sending of the budget to the public hearing by Jackson, second by Homister.

Roll call vote: Yes: Peake, Peck, Tonkin, Jackson, Homister; No: None.  
All in favor. Motion carried.

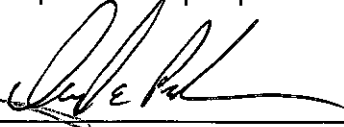
**Additional Public Comment:** Comments were made.

Meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m. Motion to close by Peake, second by Tonkin.

Roll call vote: Yes: Homister, Jackson, Peck, Peake, Tonkin; No: None  
All in favor. Motion carried.

  
Deborah Jackson  
Hope Township Clerk

Doug Peck  
Hope Township Supervisor

Date: March 15, 2021   
Status (circle one)    Tentative Minutes    Approved Minutes