

HOPE TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING

June 14, 2021

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

Members Present: Doug Peck, Deborah Jackson, Arlene Tonkin, Matt Peake, Junior Homister

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Perry Shepard, Lisa Shockley-Curtis

Public Comment: None

Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda by Homister, second by Peake. All in favor. Motion carried.

Delton Fire Report: Perry Shepard read report.

County Commission Report: None

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 May 10, 2021, meeting minutes
- b. Reports Received: Revenue & Expenditure report; Treasurer report; SWBCSA minutes; Library minutes; Zoning compliance permits
- c. Approval of Bills and signatures of Board Members: Deborah Jackson

Motion to approve the consent agenda by Peake, second by Homister.

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

All in favor. Motion carried.

Reports/Board Comments:

Supervisor: Lenny Case contract update. Chloride has been applied to dirt roads and two trees have been cut down at the Hope Township Park.

Treasurer: Tonkin read report. Report on file.

Clerk: The township has received a FOIA request that is estimated to cost \$3185.00. A fifty percent down payment is needed before proceeding with the request.

Trustee(s): Peake reported there is a scheduled SWBCSA meeting for 6/15/21. Homister reported there is a scheduled Planning Commission meeting on Thursday, June 17th.

Unfinished Business

- a. **Veteran's Memorial.**
- b. **Cedar Creek Cemetery vacant land farming.** Motion to authorize Peck to sign a contract with Lenny Case for a 5 year lease to maintain 8 acres of unused property at Cedar Creek Cemetery by Homister, second by Peake. All in favor. Motion carried.

New Business

- a. **Resolution 2021-12 Foreclosed Properties** as follows:
WHEREAS, the County of Barry has foreclosed on and will be offering for sale the following properties in Hope Township: 07-015-050-00 and 07-031-016-50; and
WHEREAS, Hope Township has the right to buy these parcels before the tax sale to be held on or about August 18, 2021, and
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township is not interested in acquiring the above properties.
AND ADDITIONALLY, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that if the State of Michigan or Barry County does not acquire the above properties, and intends to revert them to Hope Township, Hope Township DOES NOT desire to accept the above properties.
Board member Tonkin moved adoption of this resolution, supported by Member Jackson. Roll call vote:
Yeas: Peake, Jackson, Peck, Homister, Tonkin
Nays: None
Absent: None
Resolution declared adopted.
- b. **Amend budget for Cloverdale Drain Payment \$338,563.00.** Increase expense line for Drains 101-101-954.000 by \$339,000 (\$340,000 total). Increase prior year carryover revenue line 101-000-698.000 by \$339,000 (new total \$539,000). Motion to approve the amended budget by Jackson, second by Homister.
Roll call vote: Yes: Peake, Jackson, Peck, Homister, Tonkin; No: None
All in favor. Motion carried.
- c. **Resume hall rental on July 1, 2021.** Motion to resume hall rental by Jackson, second by Tonkin pending MDHHS orders allow for 100% occupancy. All in favor. Motion carried.
- d. **Resolution 2021-13 Mute Swans on Big Cedar Lake** as follows:
Regarding Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Mute Swan Management and Control Program Policy and Procedures for mute swan nest and egg destruction and/or mute swan removal.
WHEREAS, the Township Board of Hope has received complaints of overabundant mute swans inhabiting the grounds of Big Cedar Lake within the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board has determined that the DNR Wildlife Division Mute Swan Management and Control Program Policy and Procedures for mute swan nest and egg destruction and/or mute swan removal are effective activities for the control of site-specific problems for our residents; and

WHEREAS the residents clearly understand that any birds removed during this program may be killed; and

WHEREAS, the residents, lake associations, businesses, subdivisions, condo associations, etc., must apply for a DNR permit for these activities, and must ensure that all lakefront residents, tenants, employees of this site, have been informed that this program is taking place at their lake/site, and understand if their site is located within more than one government unit, they are responsible to receive resolutions from each township/city/village, and are responsible for adhering to the requirements under their permit;

NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Township Board of Hope hereby formally requests the assistance of the Michigan DNR on behalf of the requests made in Hope Township by Big Cedar Lake (or any/all subdivisions, condo associations, apartments, businesses, lake associations, etc.) as long as they abide by the DNR permit requirement, in the implementation of the DNR Wildlife Division Mute Swan Management and Control Program Policy and Procedures for mute swan nest and egg destruction and/or mute swan removal, for a 5-year period from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2026 and additionally, to advise the Department that there shall be no cost to the Township of Hope for these programs.

Board member Jackson moved adoption of this resolution, supported by member Peake. Roll call vote:

Yeas: Tonkin, Jackson, Peake, Peck, Homister

Nays: None

Absent: None

Resolution declared adopted.

- e. **New Contracts.** Peck reported the creation of two separate contracts: 1) Brush Ridge cemetery, park grounds maintenance, Township maintenance & grounds and 2) Custodial duties of the township hall. He expects to receive quotes by next month's meeting. Motion to contract the services by Homister, second by Peck.

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

All in favor. Motion carried.

Additional Public Comment: Comment was made.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 6:59 p.m. by Tonkin, second by Homister. All in favor. Motion carried.


Deborah Jackson


Doug Peck

Hope Township Clerk

Hope Township Supervisor

Date: July 12, 2021

Status (circle one) Tentative Minutes Approved Minutes