

HOPE TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING

August 9, 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: Dave Jackson, Joyce Snow, Ronna Lewis, Dave DeHaan, Perry Shepard, Brandon Shepard, Jim McKelvey, Lisa Shockley-Curtis

Public Comment: None

Approval of Agenda: Tonkin requested the Audit Report be placed on the agenda and Equipment Bids be added under Unfinished Business (b.) Homister requested Cedar Creek Cemetery weed project be added under New Business (c.). Motion to approve the amended agenda by Tonkin, second by Homister. All in favor. Motion carried.

Audit Report: Dave DeHaan from Walker, Fluke & Sheldon reviewed the audit report with the board and reported it a "clean" audit with an "unqualified" opinion.

Delton Fire Report: Perry Shepard read report.

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 July 12, 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: Tonkin, Homister, Jackson, Peake, Peck; No: None

All in favor. Motion carried.

Reports/Board Comments:

Supervisor: Nothing to report.

Treasurer: Tonkin read report. Report on file.

Clerk: The Special Election held on August 3rd had a total of 149 voters. The library is looking for items to display in the Bud Leonard history room.

Trustee(s): Homister reported the Planning Commission will have a meeting next week.

Unfinished Business

- a. **Veteran's Memorial.** Homister shared photographs with the board of possible rocks that could be used for the memorial.
- b. **Equipment Bids.** Motion to accept a bid from Jason Shattuck in the amount of \$4500.00 for the trailer by Homister, second by Jackson. All in favor. Motion carried. The board agreed to have the lawn tractors re-advertised.

New Business

- a. **Set Dates for Long Lake SA: 9/22/21 & 10/20/21** as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-LL-1
SPECIAL ASSESSMENT RESOLUTION

DECLARATION OF INTENT TO MAKE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS
TENTATIVE DESIGNATION OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT
AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

WHEREAS Public Act 188 of 1954, as amended ("Act 188") provides that the Township Board may proceed and exercise the powers granted by Act 188 upon the Township Board's initiative to establish a special assessment district to provide for improvements including an aquatic plant control project; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board has determined that it is in the best interests of Hope Township and the property owners on and in the vicinity of Long Lake, including abutting property owners and back lot owners, that an aquatic plant control project be continued on Long Lake; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board has determined to secure plans and cost estimates for the continuation of an aquatic plant control project for Long Lake; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board has determined the appropriateness and authority of carrying over any remaining unexpended funds in the existing Long Lake Aquatic Plant Control Special Assessment District to the newly established special assessment district; and

WHEREAS Act 188 provides the means to finance the proposed aquatic plant control project improvements,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the Township Board, acting on its own motion does hereby tentatively declare its

intent to continue an aquatic plant control program on Long Lake in Hope Township, Barry County, Michigan

2. That the Township Board has obtained preliminary plans for the aquatic plant control program on Long Lake from Aquatic Nuisance Control INC, which plans describe the proposed program and contain an estimate of costs, a copy of which is attached to this Resolution as Exhibit A.
3. That said plans shall be filed with the Township Clerk.
4. That the Township Board does hereby tentatively designate the special assessment known as the LONG LAKE AQUATIC PLANT CONTROL SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 2021-1, consisting of certain parcels of land, the description of which are set forth herein and attached hereto as Exhibit B and against which all or a portion of said improvements shall be assessed.
5. That the Township Board shall hold a public hearing on any objections to the project, the cost estimates, the approval of the carryover of any unexpended (surplus) funds from the existing special assessment district to the LONG LAKE AQUATIC PLANT CONTROL SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 2021-1 and the proposed special assessment district on Wednesday, September 22, 2021, at 6:30 pm at a meeting of the Township Board at the Hope Township Hall; and
6. That the Township Clerk be instructed to give the proper notice of such hearing by mailing and publication in accordance with the law and statute provided; and
7. That all Resolutions of parts of Resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this Resolution be and the same are hereby rescinded.

Upon roll call vote, the following voted "Aye:" Peake, Homister, Tonkin, Jackson, Peck

The following voted "Nay:" None

Absent: None

The Supervisor declared the motion carried and the Resolution duly adopted.

b. L-4029 Millage request amounts. Motion to approve and sign the 2021 Tax Rate Request by Peck, second by Peake.

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

All in favor. Motion carried.

c. Cedar Creek Cemetery weed project. Homister reported the garden area needs attention. The board agreed to contact the ground keepers from Cedar Creek and Brush Ridge Cemeteries for a quote to clean the area.

Additional Public Comment: Comments were made.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 6:57 p.m. by Peake, second by Homister, All in favor. Motion carried.

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Hope Township Clerk Hope Township Supervisor

Date: Sept 13, 2021

Status (circle one) Tentative Minutes Approved Minutes