

**HOPE TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**September 13, 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, Arlene Tonkin, Matt Peake, Deborah Jackson

**Members Absent:** Junior Homister

**Others Present:** Jim Brown, Rodney Palmer, Ronna Lewis, Joyce Snow, Perry Shepard, Brandon Shepard, Lisa Shockley-Curtis.

**Public Comment:** None

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

**Delton Fire Report:** Perry Shepard gave 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 August 9, 2021, Regular Meeting Minutes
- b. Reports received: Revenue/Expenditure Report; Treasurer Report; SWBCSA minutes; Library minutes; Zoning Compliance Permits; Revenue & Expenditure Report
- c. Approval of Bills and signatures of Board Members: Deborah Jackson

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

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

All in favor. Motion carried.

**Reports/Board Comments:**

**Supervisor:** Nothing to report.

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

**Clerk:** Jackson reminded the board that next Wednesday, September 22, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. is the Special Assessment Public Hearing for the Long Lake Aquatic Plant Control meeting.

**Trustee(s):** Peake reported the SWBCSWA board held a special meeting about the new drain district. More information to follow.

**Unfinished Business**

- A. Veteran's Memorial.** Peck reported he received an estimate from Consumers Energy in the amount of \$9000.00 to move a power pole.
- B. Cedar Creek Cemetery weeding project.** Peck reported the township is seeking volunteers for the project.

**New Business**

**A. Mercy Ambulance-Rodney Palmer.** Palmer read presentation and explained the cost of the proposal. Jim Brown, chairperson from the City of Hastings and BIRCH Fire Association also read a presentation and answered questions from the board. The potential new name for this service will be EMRA. Brown recommended the board members attend the September 29, 2021, meeting at the Hastings Charter Township Hall at 6:30 p.m. to learn more about the alliance.

Motion to move forward in joining the EMRA Alliance by Jackson, second by Peake.

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


All in favor. Motion carried.

- B. Bids for mower.** No bids were submitted. Board agreed to re-advertise the bid at a minimum of \$3000.00
- C. Green Gables Grant.** Jackson asked Janie Bergeron, Executive Director of Green Gables Haven, for a budget to review. Board agreed to discuss at the next township budget hearing.
- D. Road Commission letter of support.** Motion to sign and send letter of support for ARPA funds to the Barry County Board of Commissioners by Tonkin, second by Peck. All in favor. Motion carried.

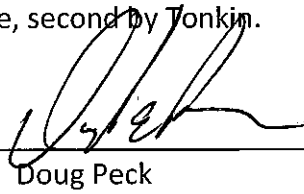
**Additional Public Comment:** Comments were made.

Meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m. Motion to close by Peake, second by Tonkin.

All in favor. Motion carried.

  
Deborah Jackson

Hope Township Clerk

  
Doug Peck

Hope Township Supervisor

Date: Oct 11, 2021

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Tentative Minutes

Approved Minutes