

HOPE TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING
January 10, 2022

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, Junior Homister

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Perry Shepard, Ronna Lewis, Lisa Shockley-Curtis.

Public Comment: None

Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda by Homister, second by Tonkin. 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 December 13, 2021, Meeting Minutes
- b. Reports received: Revenue/Expenditure Report; Treasurer Report; Library minutes; Zoning Compliance Permits; Revenue & Expenditure Report
- c. Approval of Bills and signatures of Board Members: Deborah Jackson

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

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

All in favor. Motion carried.

Reports/Board Comments:

Supervisor: Peck reported on the number of letters mailed and tickets issued in the year 2021 by the Hope Township Zoning Enforcement Officer. The Delton Fire Department has ordered the AED Defibrillator for the township hall. Peck reported on the preliminary blueprints for the possible addition to the township hall he received. The Township's Attorney is preparing the proposal language for the Lakewood Special Assessment District.

Treasurer: Tonkin read report. Report on file.

Clerk: Nothing to report.

Trustee(s): Nothing to report. January's Planning Commission meeting has been cancelled.

Unfinished Business

- A. **Veteran's Memorial.** No update.
- B. **Cedar Creek Cemetery weeding project.** No update.

New Business

A. Williams & Works proposal.

Williams & Works has requested a fee adjustment for the 2022 service year. The proposed monthly retainer will increase by \$25.00 per week. The new billing will be \$1800.00 for a four-week month and \$2250.00 for a five-week month.

Motion to accept the 2022 Zoning Administrator Services Fee Adjustment proposal and approve the Township Supervisor to sign the agreement by Tonkin, second by Jackson.

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

All in favor. Motion carried.

B. Cemetery plots buy back. Motion to refund \$50.00 to Dave King for two plots at the Cedar Creek Cemetery by Jackson, second by Homister.

All in favor. Motion carried.

C. ARPA funds discussion.

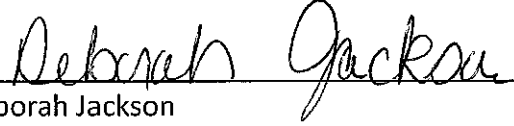
The board reviewed options on how to use the ARPA funds. One option is to use the funds for the addition to the township hall that will serve as the Absentee Voter precinct room on election days. Water projects and broadband infrastructure are other options discussed.

The board will further review the U.S. Department of the Treasury Expenditure Categories before a decision is made. The State of Michigan will have to approve the board's plan before any projects can begin. More discussion and review will be held at next month's meeting.

Additional Public Comment: Comment was made.

Meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m. Motion to close by Tonkin, second by Jackson.

All in favor. Motion carried.



Deborah Jackson

Hope Township Clerk

Doug Peck

Hope Township Supervisor

Date: Feb 14, 2022

Status (circle one) Tentative Minutes Approved Minutes