

**HOPE TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**February 14, 2022**

Meeting called to order by Clerk Deborah Jackson at the Hope Township Hall, 5463 S. M-43 Hwy, Hastings, MI 49058.

Motion by Tonkin, second by Homister to appoint Clerk Jackson as moderator for the meeting in Supervisor Peck's absence. All in favor. Motion carried.

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

**Members Absent:** Doug Peck

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

**Public Comment:** None

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve the agenda by Tonkin, second by Homister. 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 January 10, 2022, Meeting Minutes
- b. Reports received: Revenue/Expenditure Report; Treasurer Report; Library minutes; Sewer 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, Peake, Tonkin, Jackson; No: None Absent: Peck  
All in favor. Motion carried.

**Reports/Board Comments:**

**Supervisor:** None

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

**Clerk:** Jackson reported on library business and the upcoming election.

**Trustee(s):** Homister reported the Planning Commission will meet on Thursday, February 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Unfinished Business**

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

**New Business**

- A. **Resolution 2022-1 Salary Resolutions** as follows:

**HOPE TOWNSHIP  
SALARY RESOLUTIONS  
RESOLUTION NO. 2022-1**

Board Members present: Deborah Jackson, Arlene Tonkin, Eldon Homister, Matt Peake

Board Members absent: Doug Peck

Resolution by Tonkin, seconded by Homister to set the salary of **Supervisor** at **\$16,480.00** to be effective April 1, 2022. Roll call vote. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution by Tonkin, seconded by Peake to set the salary of **Clerk** at **\$25,300.00** to be effective April 1, 2022. Roll call vote. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution by Jackson, seconded by Peake to set the salary of **Treasurer** at **\$28,840.00** to be effective April 1, 2022. Roll call vote. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution by Jackson, seconded by Tonkin to set the salary of each **Trustee** at **\$5,665.00** to be effective April 1, 2022. Roll call vote. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolutions were declared adopted.

- B. **Resolution 2022-2 Charter Township Resolution** as follows:

**HOPE TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION 2022-2  
OPPOSITION TO INCORPORATION AS A CHARTER TOWNSHIP**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Hope, Barry County, Michigan has received official certification from the Michigan Secretary of State that the Township of Hope has a population of 2,000 or more, and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Board has the right to exercise one of three options concerning status as a charter township under the provisions of Act 359, Public Acts of 1947, as amended:

1. Adopt by majority vote a resolution opposed to incorporation as a charter township.

2. Adopt by majority vote a resolution of intent to approve incorporation as a charter township.
3. Adopt by majority vote a resolution to place before the electorate at the next regular or special township election the question of incorporation as a charter township.
- 4.

**NOW THEREFORE, THE HOPE TOWNSHIP BOARD HEREBY resolves that it is opposed to incorporation as a charter township.**

Board member Jackson moved adoption of this resolution 2022-2, supported by Tonkin.  
Roll call vote: Yeas: Eldon Homister, Matt Peake, Deborah Jackson, Arlene Tonkin  
Nays: None  
Absent: Doug Peck

Resolution declared Adopted.

**C. Resolution 2022-3 Lakewood Estates SAD as follows:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-3**

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

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Township of Hope, Barry County, Michigan, held in the Township Hall, 5463 S. M-43 Highway, Hastings, Michigan, on February 14, 2022, at 6:30 p.m., local time.

PRESENT: Arlene Tonkin, Deborah Jackson, Matt Peake, Eldon Homister

ABSENT: Doug Peck

The following resolution was offered by Member Tonkin and supported by Member Homister:

WHEREAS, Section 3 of Act 188, Public Acts of Michigan, 1954, as amended (the "Act"), provides that the Township Board may proceed and exercise the power granted by the Act relative to public improvements where record owners of land constituting more than 50% of the total frontage on private roads in a proposed special assessment district have petitioned to request a special assessment; and

WHEREAS, the Township has received petitions from property owners to make certain public improvements in the Township as described in Exhibit A (the "Public Improvements") and specially assessing a portion of the cost thereof to their properties and the Township Clerk has verified that the petitions have been signed by the record owners of land constituting more than 50% of the total frontage on the Improvements; and

WHEREAS, there exists a need for the Public Improvements and the Act provides the means to finance the Public Improvements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that:

1. The Township Board intends to proceed based on the Petitions to make the Public Improvements pursuant to the Act, which the Clerk has examined and determined to be sufficient for the purposes of the Act.

2. The Township Board has authorized the preparation of plans showing the Public Improvements, their location, and an estimate of the costs thereof in the amount of \$211,650.00.

3. The preliminary plans and the estimate of costs have been filed with the Township Clerk.

4. The Township Board hereby tentatively designates a special assessment district known as the Oakwood and Elmwood Drive Street Paving Special Assessment District, consisting of certain parcels of property described as set forth in the Notice of Public Hearing attached hereto as Exhibit A, which descriptions are incorporated herein by reference, and against which parcels all or a portion of the cost of the Public Improvements shall be assessed.

5. The Township Board shall hold a public hearing on March 29, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. at the Hope Township Hall located at 5463 S. M-43 Highway, Hastings, Michigan, to hear and consider objections to the petitions, the proposed Public Improvements, the special assessment district tentatively designated herein, and all other matters relating to the proposed Public Improvements.

6. The Township Clerk shall cause to be published a Notice of the Public Hearing in the *Hastings Banner*, a newspaper of general circulation within the Township, at least two (2) times prior to the public hearing, with the first publication at least ten (10) days prior to the public hearing. Proofs of publication of such notice shall be filed with the Township Board.

7. The Township Clerk, at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the public hearing, shall send a Notice of the Public Hearing by first class mail addressed to each record owner, or party in interest, of each parcel of property to be assessed, at the address shown for such owner or party in interest upon the last township tax assessment records, as supplemented by any subsequent changes in the names or addresses of the owners or parties listed therein, except in the case of railroad companies, which shall be mailed a Notice of the Public Hearing by registered mail within five (5) days after the first publication of the notice described in Paragraph 6 above.

8. The form of the Notice of the Public Hearing to be mailed and published, as required herein, shall be substantially as set forth in Exhibit A hereto with such changes are recommended by the Township's bond attorney and approved by the Township Supervisor.

9. The Township Board authorizes the engagement of Dickinson Wright PLLC, to prepare all resolutions and documents necessary to issue bonds to finance the costs of the Public Improvements.

10. All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith shall be and the same are hereby rescinded.

YEAS: Matt Peake, Eldon Homister, Arlene Tonkin, Deborah Jackson

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Doug Peck

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

**D. Fire Department Appropriations.**

Motion by Jackson, seconded by Peake to approve the Fire Department Appropriations in the amount of \$125,350.00.

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

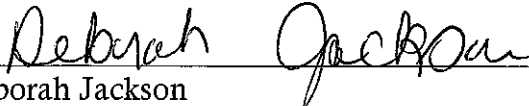
**E. Budget Discussion.** The board reviewed and discussed the preliminary budget.


**F. Approve Publication & Sending Budget to Public Hearing March 21, 2022.**

Motion by Tonkin, seconded by Homister to publish and send budget to public hearing on March 21, 2022. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Additional Public Comment:** None

Meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m. Motion to close by Jackson, second by Homister.  
All in favor. Motion carried.

  
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Deborah Jackson  
Hope Township Clerk

  
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Doug Peck  
Hope Township Supervisor

Date: March 21, 2022

Status (circle one)    Tentative Minutes    Approved Minutes