

**HOPE TOWNSHIP BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR BOARD MEETING
March 21, 2022**

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

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

Members Absent: None

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

Public Comment: None

Approval of Agenda: Tonkin made a request to add Zoning Ordinance Amendment under New Business (T.) Motion to approve the amended agenda by Tonkin, second by Jackson. All in favor. Motion carried.

Budget Public Hearing:

Supervisor Peck opened the Budget Public Hearing at 6:31 p.m.

- A. Public comment about the budget: None
- B. Supervisor Peck closed the Budget Public Hearing at 6:32
- C. Motion by Tonkin, second by Homister to approve the proposed 2022-2023 budget.
Roll call vote.: Yes: Jackson, Peake, Peck, Homister, Tonkin; No: None
All in favor. Motion carried.
- D. Supervisor Peck **opened the Regular Board Meeting at 6:33 p.m.**

Delton Fire Report: Perry Shepard gave 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 February 14, 2022, Minutes
- b. Reports received: Building permits; Revenue/Expenditure report; Treasurer report; Sewer minutes; Library minutes
- c. Approval of Bills and signatures of Board Members: Deborah Jackson

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

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

All in favor. Motion carried.

Reports/Board Comments:

Supervisor: Peck reported on the Barry County Parks & Recreation Commission grant offer and the March Board of Review had a total of four in person requests and a total of 14 actions.

Treasurer: Tonkin read report. Report on file.

Clerk: Jackson reported on the Election on May 3, 2022, and on the first public hearing for Lakeview Estates scheduled for March 29, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.

Trustee(s): Homister reported on last week's Planning Commission meeting.

Unfinished Business

- A. **Veterans Memorial.** No update.
- B. **Cedar Creek Cemetery weeding project.** No update.

New Business

- A. **Resolution 2022-4 Depositories for Hope Township public monies.**
Board member Tonkin moved adoption of this resolution, supported by member Homister.
Roll call vote: Yes: Peake, Peck, Tonkin, Jackson, Peck; No: None
All in favor. Motion carried.
- B. **Resolution 2022-5 Designate Primary Bank Depository.**
Board member Tonkin moved adoption of this resolution, supported by member Jackson.
Roll call vote: Yes: Peake, Homister, Peck, Tonkin, Jackson; No: None
All in favor. Motion carried.
- C. **Resolution 2022-6 Treasurer's Tax Motions.**
Board member Tonkin moved adoption of this resolution, supported by member Homister.
Roll call vote: Yes: Peake, Peck, Homister, Tonkin, Jackson; No: None
All in favor. Motion carried.
- D. **Resolution 2022-7 Township Board Meeting schedule 2022-23 fiscal year.**
Board member Jackson moved adoption of this resolution, supported by member Peck.
Roll call vote: Yes: Peake, Homister, Tonkin, Peck, Jackson; No: None
All in favor. Motion carried.
- E. **Resolution 2022-8 General Appropriations Act.**
Board member Jackson moved adoption of this resolution, supported by member Tonkin.
Roll call vote: Yes: Peck, Peake, Homister, Jackson, Tonkin; No: None

All in favor. Motion carried.

F. Library Grant 2022-23.

Motion to approve the 2022-23 library grant for \$45,780.00 by Tonkin, second by Homister.

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

All in favor. Motion carried

G. Payment of bills through fiscal year end March 31, 2022.

Motion to approve the payments by Jackson, second by Peck.

All in favor. Motion carried.

H. Cemetery contract Garrett Lennon for April 1, 2022 – March 31, 2023.

Motion to approve the contract with the new monthly contract rate \$1685 and other rates unchanged by Homister, second by Jackson.

All in favor. Motion carried.

I. Contract Steve Case for Hall, Park, Brush Ridge Cemetery.

Motion to approve the two-year contract with the new monthly rates of \$340 for hall cleaning and \$3107 for Hall, Park, Brush Ridge Cemetery Groundskeeping/Maintenance by Homister, second by Peake.

All in favor. Motion carried.

J. Board Appointments: Zoning Board of Appeals (Mark Hubbell, Jill Steele, Chris Lapins-alternate) term ending 3/31/2025)

Motion to appoint ZBA members by Peake, second by Homister.

All in favor. Motion carried.

K. Board Appointment: Planning Commission (1 member term ending 3/31/2025)

Motion to appoint Roger Pashby as member by Peck, second by Homister.

All in favor. Motion carried.

L. Board Appointment: Library Board (Betty Tobias term ending 3/31/2026)

Motion to appoint Betty Tobias as member by Jackson, second by Peck.

All in favor. Motion carried.

M. Board Appointment: Sewer Board (Matt Peake term ending 3/31/2026)

Motion to appoint Matt Peake as member by Tonkin, second by Homister.

All in favor. Motion carried.

N. Audit engagement letter.

Motion to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to sign the Walker, Fluke, and Sheldon audit engagement letter by Jackson, second by Tonkin.

All in favor. Motion carried.

O. Cemetery plot buyback.

Motion to refund \$100.00 to Richard & Lois Baylor for Cedar Creek 3rd addition lot 412, 4 spaces by Jackson, second by Homister.

All in favor. Motion carried.

P. Board of Review pay.

\$50.00 per half day. \$120.00 full day (6 hours)

Motion to approve BOR pay effective April 1, 2022 by Tonkin, second by Homister.

All in favor. Motion carried.

Q. Deputy Clerk pay.

Motion to approve hourly wage for Lisa Shockley-Curtis of \$20 per hour effective April 1, 2022 by Jackson, second by Peake.
All in favor. Motion carried.

R. Ordinance Enforcement Officer pay.

Motion to approve hourly wage of \$20 per hour effective April 1, 2022 by Tonkin, second by Peake.
All in favor. Motion carried.

S. Assessors pay

Motion to approve the Assessors annual salary of \$28,120 effective April 1, 2022 by Tonkin, second by Jackson.
All in favor. Motion carried.

T. Zoning Ordinance Amendment.

Amendment of Section 10.25 Temporary Residential Uses and Recreational Vehicles for Seasonal Use. Board discussed application fee.


Motion to adopt the zoning ordinance amendment and the \$50.00 permit application fee by Homister, second by Jackson.

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

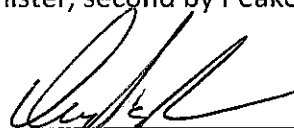
All in favor. Motion carried.

Additional Public Comment: None

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m. Motion to close by Homister, second by Peake.
All in favor. Motion carried.



Deborah Jackson
Hope Township Clerk



Doug Peck
Hope Township Supervisor

Date: April 11, 2022
Status (circle one) Tentative Minutes Approved Minutes