

HOPE TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING December 13, 2022

Meeting called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Supervisor Doug Peck at the Hope Township Hall, 5463 S. M-43 Hwy, Hastings, MI 49058.

Members Present: Arlene Tonkin, Deborah Jackson, Doug Peck, Junior Homister, Chris Lapins

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Catherine Kaufman- Township Attorney and Nathan Mehmed-Township Zoning Administrator via Zoom, Mark Ryan, Lisa Shockley-Curtis.

Public Comment: Comment was made.

Approval of Agenda: Peck made a request to move New Business 9. (A.) Closed Session Attorney written opinion to 3A. Motion to approve the amended agenda by Jackson, seconded by Homister. All in favor. Motion carried.

Closed Session Attorney written opinion.

Jackson made a motion that the Township Board meet in a closed session under Section 8(1)h) of the Open Meetings Act, pursuant to section 13(1)(g) of the Freedom of Information Act, regarding a written legal opinion.

Motion seconded by Lapins.

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

All in favor. Motion carried.

Closed Session meeting opened at 2:09 p.m.

Motion to close the closed session at 2:57 p.m. by Tonkin, seconded by Jackson.

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

All in favor. Motion carried

The regular meeting reconvened at 2: 57 p.m.

The board discussed the Guernsey Lake Mobile Home Park expansion and attorney Kaufman's written opinion.

Motion by Homister, second by Lapins that the Township Board's position is unchanged on the denial of the rezoning application, and authorized Attorney Kaufman to inform the Mobile Park attorneys of that decision, and the board would be open to further discussion after the empty lots in the park are filled.

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

All in favor. Motion carried.

Delton Fire Report: No report.

County Commission Report: No 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 needed, it will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately.*

- a. Approval of November 14, 2022, regular 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 consent agenda by Tonkin, second by Homister.

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

All in favor. Motion carried.

Reports/Board Comments:

Supervisor: No report.

Treasurer: Tonkin read report. Report on file.

Clerk: No report.

Trustee(s): Lapins reported on his status with the Hine & Wilkins Road funding. Homister inquired about the land purchase/history with the fire department in Barry Township.

Unfinished Business

A. Veterans Memorial. No update.

New Business

~~**A. Closed Session Attorney written opinion.**~~

B. BOR Appointments. Motion to re-appoint regular members Tiffany O'Keefe and Ken Chandler; Fred Flower and Cindy Scott as alternates; and appoint David Homister as a regular member by Tonkin, second by Jackson. All in favor. Motion carried.

C. Guernsey Lake Sewer refunds. Motion to authorize the treasurer to issue checks in the amount of \$1,966.00 for each REU to the current owners of the properties in the special assessment district and remit the remaining \$120.52 to the township to cover issuing expenses.

Motion to approve the refunds by Homister, second by Lapins.

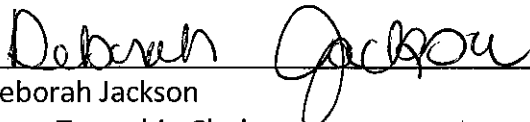
Roll call vote: Yes: Tonkin, Homister, Peck, Lapins, Jackson; No: None

All in favor. Motion carried.

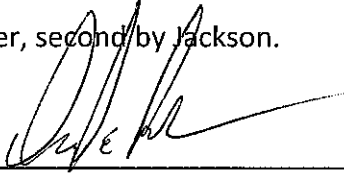
D. Williams & Works Master Plan update proposal. Motion to accept update proposal by Tonkin, second by Homister. Motion carried. All in favor.

E. Barry County Road Commission yearly meeting. The board scheduled the meeting for January 9, 2023, at 1:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 3:31 p.m. Motion to close by Homister, second by Jackson.
All in favor. Motion carried.



Deborah Jackson
Hope Township Clerk



Doug Peck
Hope Township Supervisor

Date: Jan 9, 2023
Status (circle one) Tentative Minutes Approved Minutes