

HOPE TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING January 9, 2023

Meeting called to order at 6:30 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: Cheryl Bowers, Barry Bowers, Perry Shepard, Brandon Shepard, Dave Jackson, Ronna Lewis, Lisa Shockley-Curtis.

Public Comment: None

Approval of Agenda: Homister made a request to add Hope Township Park cement replacement under New Business (D.). Motion to approve the amended agenda by Tonkin, seconded by Homister. All in favor. Motion carried.

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 needed, it will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately.*

- a. Approval of December 13, 2022, regular meeting minutes & December 13, 2022, closed session minutes
- b. Reports received: Revenue/Expenditure report; Treasurer report; Library minutes; Zoning compliance permits.
- c. Approval of Bills and signatures of Board Members: Deborah Jackson

Motion to approve consent agenda by Jackson, second by Lapins.

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

All in favor. Motion carried.

Reports/Board Comments:

Supervisor: Commented on the annual Barry County Road Commission meeting the board attended. The Road Commission will begin cutting trees in Hope Township. No updates on the township hall addition.

Treasurer: Tonkin read report. Report on file.

Clerk: Library Board meeting tomorrow.

Trustee(s): Homister reported the December 2022 Planning Commission meeting was postponed.

Unfinished Business

A. Veterans Memorial. No update.

New Business

A. Hall Lights. Motion to approve Consumers Energy's quote to replace the hall lights in the amount of \$1,486.75 by Tonkin, second by Homister. All in favor. Motion carried.

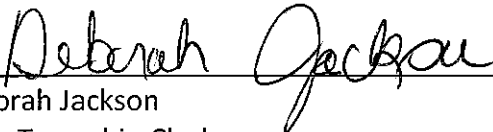
B. Cost of living increases. Board discussed salary increases for 23-24 fiscal year. The board discussed increases for elected and salaried employees of 4%, which is less than half of the federal increase of 8.7%. The salary resolutions will be voted on at the February 13, 2023 board meeting.

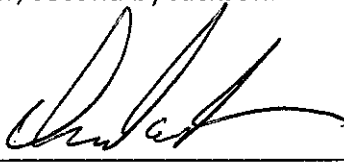
C. Ordinance Enforcement Officer resignation. Motion to accept the resignation, with regret, by Jackson, second by Homister. All in favor. Motion carried.
The Township Board will advertise the job opening.

D. Hope Township Park Cement Replacement. Homister reported the cement at the park needs to be replaced. He will inquire on a quote for the cement replacement and a possible Pickle Ball court for the park.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Comments were made.

Meeting adjourned at 7:13 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: Feb 13, 2023
Status (circle one) Tentative Minutes Approved Minutes