

HOPE TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING
February 13, 2023

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, Chris Lapins, Deborah Jackson, Junior Homister, Doug Peck

Members Absent: None

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

Public Comment: Comment was made.

Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda by Tonkin, second by Jackson. 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 required, it will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately.*

- a. Approval of January 9, 2023, regular meeting minutes
- b. Reports received: Revenue/Expenditure Report; Treasurer Report; Library minutes; Zoning Compliance Permits; PCI yearly report.
- c. Approval of Bills and signatures of Board Members: Deborah Jackson

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

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

All in favor. Motion carried.

Reports/Board Comments:

Supervisor: Nothing to report.

Treasurer: Tonkin read report. Report on file.

Clerk: Nothing to report.

Trustee(s): Lapins reported on the potential Hine & Wilkins Road pavement project. After attending the annual Road Commission meeting, he concluded the project is not viable and too expensive.

Unfinished Business

A. Veteran’s Memorial. No update.

New Business

A. Hall rental increase.

Motion to approve the hall rental increase to \$100.00 beginning January 1, 2024 by Homister, second by Lapins. All in favor. Motion carried.

B. 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.

C. BS & A Cemetery software purchase.

Motion to accept the \$5015.00 proposal for Cemetery software system from BS & A by Jackson, second by Homister.

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

All in favor. Motion carried.

D. ROBIN Grant.

HOPE TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION 2023-2

Authorization to support and apply for the Michigan ROBIN grant.

WHEREAS, the Township Board of Hope Township, Barry County, Michigan, desires the continuing effort to provide broadband connectivity to its rural residents; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board of Hope Township, Barry County, Michigan, has received funds through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA); and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Township of Hope, Barry County, will contribute a matching grant fee up to \$300,000.00 for Michigan Realizing Opportunity with Infrastructure Networks (Robin) grant.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Board Member Lapins and supported by Board Member Jackson.

Upon roll call vote, the following voted:

Yeas: Homister, Tonkin, Peck, Lapins, Jackson

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent and Excused: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried, and Resolution 2023-2 duly adopted this February 13, 2023.

Motion to send letters of support for the Robin Grant to Barry County Services Co., and Comcast by Jackson, second by Homister. All in favor. Motion carried.

~~**E. Fire Department appropriations 2023-2024: \$472,900 (\$121,900 operating + \$166,750 mfr & labor + \$290,000 new truck).**~~

~~Motion to approve the appropriations by Jackson, second by Tonkin.~~

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

~~All in favor. Motion carried.~~

E. Fire Department appropriations 2023-2024: \$228,000.00 (\$61,000.00 operating+ \$167,000.00 new truck).

Motion to approve amended appropriations by Jackson, second by Tonkin.

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

All in favor. Motion carried.

F. Wage increases.

Lisa Shockley-Curtis \$22/hr. (from \$20) to be effective April 1, 2023.

Motion to approve wage increase by Jackson, second by Tonkin. All in favor.

Motion carried.

Election inspector \$17/hr. (from \$16) to be effective April 1, 2023.

Motion to approve wage increase by Jackson, second by Tonkin. All in favor.

Motion carried.

Ordinance enforcement officer – Don Dekema \$22/hr. (from \$20) and mileage from home base to be effective April 1, 2023.

Motion to approve wage increase and mileage by Lapins, second by Homister. All in favor. Motion carried.

Zoning Board of Appeals per meeting: member \$85 (from \$75) Chair/Secretary \$95 (from \$85) to be effective April 1, 2023.

Motion to approve wage increase by Tonkin, second by Homister. All in favor.

Motion carried.

Planning Commission per meeting: member \$85 (from \$75) Chair/Secretary \$95 (from \$85) to be effective April 1, 2023.

Motion to approve wage increase by Tonkin, second by Lapins. All in favor.

Motion carried.

Assessor Salary 4% increase: \$29,245 per year (from \$28,120) to be effective April 1, 2023.

Motion to approve salary increase by Homister, second by Tonkin. All in favor.

Motion carried.

G. Resolution 2023-1.

**HOPE TOWNSHIP
SALARY RESOLUTIONS
RESOLUTION NO. 2023-1**

Board Members present: Deborah Jackson, Arlene Tonkin, Eldon Homister, Doug Peck, Chris Lapins

Resolution by Tonkin, seconded by Jackson to set the salary of **Supervisor** at **\$17,140.00.00** to be effective April 1, 2023.

Roll call vote: Yes: Homister, Tonkin, Peck, Jackson, Lapins; No: None
Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution by Tonkin, seconded by Lapins to set the salary of **Clerk** at **\$26,350.00.00** to be effective April 1, 2023.

Roll call vote: Yes: Homister, Peck, Tonkin, Lapins, Jackson; No: None
Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution by Jackson, seconded by Homister to set the salary of **Treasurer** at **\$30,000.00** to be effective April 1, 2023.

Roll call vote: Yes: Lapins, Peck, Tonkin, Homister, Jackson; No: None
Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution by Peck, seconded by Jackson to set the salary of each **Trustee** at **\$5,900.00** to be effective April 1, 2023.

Roll call vote: Yes: Lapins, Jackson, Peck, Tonkin, Homister; No: None
Motion carried unanimously.

Resolutions were declared adopted.

H. Budget Review/discussion. The board reviewed and discussed the preliminary budget.

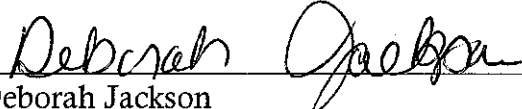
I. Approve publishing & sending budget to public hearing on March 20, 2023.

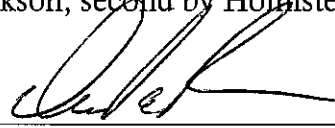
Motion by Jackson, seconded by Homister to publish and send budget to public hearing on March 20, 2023.

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

Additional Public Comment: Comments were made.

Meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m. Motion to close by Jackson, second by Homister.
All in favor. Motion carried.


Deborah Jackson
Hope Township Clerk


Doug Peck
Hope Township Supervisor

Date: March 20, 2023

Status (circle one) Tentative Minutes Approved Minutes