

**HOPE TOWNSHIP BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
March 20, 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, Deborah Jackson, Chris Lapins, Doug Peck, Junior Homister

**Members Absent:** None

**Others Present:** Ronna Lewis, Garrett Lennon, Perry Shepard, Steve Case, Don Dekema, Mark Ryan, Lisa Shockley-Curtis.

**Public Comment:** Comment was made.

**Approval of Agenda:** Peck made a request to add Ordinance Enforcement Officer to the agenda. Peck also made a request to add Township Hall Addition under Unfinished Business (B.). Motion to approve the amended agenda by Tonkin, second by Homister. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Budget Public Hearing:**

Supervisor Peck opened the Budget Public Hearing at 6:35 p.m.

- A. Public comment about the budget: None
- B. Supervisor Peck closed the Budget Public Hearing at 6:36 p.m.
- C. Jackson requested an increase of \$11,400 in Elections Dept and Tonkin made a request to change the Library Grant to \$49,800. Motion by Homister, second by Tonkin to approve the amended proposed 2023-2024 budget.  
Roll call vote.: Yes: Jackson, Lapins, Peck, Homister, Tonkin; No: None  
All in favor. Motion carried.
- D. Supervisor Peck **opened the Regular Board Meeting at 6:44 p.m.**

**Delton Fire Report:** Perry Shepard gave report.

**County Commission Report:**

**Ordinance Enforcement Officer:** Don Dekema gave report. Reese Road update.

**Cemetery Report:** Garret Lennon reported on an increase in foundation price and weekend and holiday hours for the contract renewal. Cemetery clean-up will be April 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Groundskeeper Report:** Steve Case 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 13, 2023, 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 Jackson, second by Lapins.

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

All in favor. Motion carried.

### **Reports/Board Comments:**

**Supervisor:** Peck reported the AED cabinet will be installed.

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

**Clerk:** Nothing to report.

**Trustee(s):** Homister reported on the Planning Commission meeting.

### **Unfinished Business**

**A. Veterans Memorial.** Homister made a request to remove the Veteran's Memorial from the monthly agenda until further notice.

**B. Township Hall Addition.** Resolution 2023-7 as follows:

**Authorization to hire Jon Mitchell Builders LLC to construct a 504 sft Twp Hall addition.**

WHEREAS, the Township Board of Hope Township, Barry County, Michigan, needs an absentee voter ballot counting room; and

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

WHEREAS, the Township Board of Hope Township, Barry County, Michigan, sent out a bid request on July 6, 2022, and receive no bids; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board of Hope Township, Barry County, Michigan, received and estimate from Jon Mitchell Builders LLC on March 2, 2023, for \$166,800.00 to construct per engineered plans the new addition; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township of Hope, Barry County, Michigan, accepts the bid from Jon Mitchell Builders LLC to construct the new addition as per engineered plans.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Board Member Tonkin and supported by Board Member Homister.

Upon roll call vote, the following voted:

Yeas: Lapins, Jackson, Peck, Tonkin, Homister

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent and Excused: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried, and Resolution 2023-7 duly adopted this March 20, 2023.

### New Business

**A. Resolution 2023-4 Depositories for Hope Township public monies.**

Board member Tonkin moved adoption of this resolution, supported by member Jackson.

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

**B. Resolution 2023-6 Designate Primary Bank Depository.**

Board member Tonkin moved adoption of this resolution, supported by member Lapins.

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

**C. Resolution 2023-5 Treasurer's Tax Motions.**

Board member Tonkin moved adoption of this resolution, supported by member Homister.

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

**D. Resolution 2023-3 Township Board Meeting schedule 2023-24 fiscal year.**

Board member Homister moved adoption of this resolution, supported by member Jackson.

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

**E. Resolution 2023-2 General Appropriations Act.**

Board member Jackson moved adoption of this resolution, supported by member Lapins.

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

**F. Library Grant 2023-24.**

Motion to approve the library grant for \$49,800.00 by Tonkin, second by Homister.

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

**G. Payment of bills through fiscal year end March 31, 2023.**

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

All in favor. Motion carried.

**H. Cemetery contract Garrett Lennon for April 1, 2023 – March 31, 2024.**

Lennon asked the board to amend the contract to reflect the increase in foundation price from 35 cents to 38 cents per square inch. Lennon also asked the board to include Saturday with the Sunday/Holiday charge.

Motion to approve the amended contract by Jackson, second by Homister.  
All in favor. Motion carried.

**I. Board Appointments: Zoning Board of Appeals (Jennifer Saviano-member, Chris Lapins-alternate) term ending 3/31/2026.**

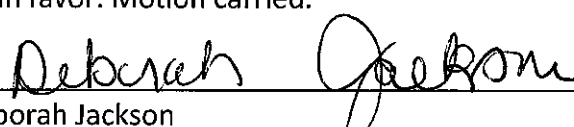
Motion to re-appoint ZBA members by Jackson, second by Homister.  
All in favor. Motion carried.

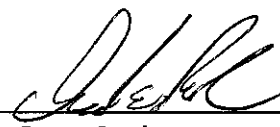
**J. Board Appointment: Planning Commission (3 members term ending 3/31/2026-Eldon Homister, Jim McKelvey, Craig Jenkins).**

Motion to re-appoint members by Tonkin, second by Jackson.  
All in favor. Motion carried.

**Additional Public Comment:** Comment was made.

Meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m. Motion to close by Lapins, 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: April 10, 2023  
Status (circle one)  Tentative Minutes  Approved Minutes