

**HOPE TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**May 8, 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:** Chad Curtis, Perry Shepard, Brandon Shepard, Dave Jackson, Ronna Lewis, Lisa Shockley-Curtis.

**Public Comment:** None

**Approval of Agenda:** Jackson made a request to add Hope Twp Park estimate under New Business (C) and Long Lake Cloverdale Association Fireworks under New Business (D). Motion to approve the amended agenda by Homister, seconded by Tonkin. All in favor. Motion carried.

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

**County Commissioner Report:** Dave Jackson gave report.

**Rachel Franz – BC Recycling Coordinator:** Franz presented the Materials Management County Engagement (MMCE) Grant to the board. Barry County Recycles Day at the Expo Center will be held on June 3 & September 23, 2023.

**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 of an item is required, it will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately.*

- a. Approval of April 10, 2023, regular meeting minutes & budget public hearing minutes
- b. Reports received: Revenue/Expenditure report; Treasurer report; Library minutes; SWBCSA minutes; Zoning compliance permits.
- c. Approval of Bills and signatures of Board Members: Deborah Jackson

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

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

**Reports/Board Comments:**

**Supervisor:** Peck reported the contractor will start on the new addition June 1, 2023. Peck also gave an update on Reese Road.

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

**Clerk:** Jackson made a statement on behalf of Rachelle Smit, Michigan State Representative. Smit opposes legislation allowing the state to take control from local governments over sand and gravel mines.

**Trustee(s):** Nothing to report.

**Unfinished Business:** None

**New Business**

**A. Ordinance 94 – Nonconforming lots as follows:**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE HOPE TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE (ORDINANCE 15, AS AMENDED); AND TO AMEND SECTION 8.4 PERTAINING TO NONCONFORMING LOTS OF RECORD.

HOPE TOWNSHIP, BARRY COUNTY, MICHIGAN, ORDAINS:

**Section 1. Amendment of Section 8.4.** Section 8.4 of the Hope Township Zoning Ordinance is amended to read as follows:

**SECTION 8.4 NONCONFORMING LOTS OF RECORD**

Lots that are non-conforming at the time of passage of this Ordinance, or subsequent amendment thereto, due to lot area or width, may be used for the purposes for which it is zoned, subject to the following standards:

- a. The nonconforming lot shall have been legally established by recorded deed, land contract, or other legal document prior to the effective date of this Ordinance.
- b. Any building shall meet at least fifty percent (50%) of the setback requirements for the district in which it is located.
- c. A building to be located on the lot shall be no closer to any lakeshore than a straight line connecting the nearest building (other than a boathouse) on each side of the lot. If there is no such building within 300' of one of the side lot lines of the lot, then the point for beginning the line on that side of the lot shall be that point of the side lot line that intersects with the minimum required setback for conforming lots in that zoning classification.
- d. Portable water supply and proper, safe sewage disposal facilities can be provided in accordance with the requirements of the Health Department.

**Section 2. Severability and Caption.** This Ordinance and the various parts, sections, subsection, sentences, phrases and clauses thereof are hereby declared severable. If any

part, section , subsection, sentence, phrase or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected thereby. The captions included at the beginning of each Section are for convenience only and shall not be considered a part of this Ordinance.

**Section 3. Repeal.** Any existing ordinance or resolution that is inconsistent or conflicts with this Ordinance is hereby repealed to the extent of any such conflict or inconsistency.

**Section 4. Effective Date.** This Ordinance is ordered to take effect eight (8) days following publication of adoption in *The Hastings Banner*, a newspaper having general circulation in the Township, under the provisions of 2006 Public Act 110, except as may be extended under the provisions of such Act.

Motion to approve the amended Ordinance by Tonkin, second by Jackson.

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

**B. L-4029 Tax Rate Request.**

Motion to approve the 2023 Allocated Operating millage rate at 0.7867; Cemetery/Fire millage at 0.9624; and Roads at 0.9624 by Jackson, second by Tonkin.

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

**C. Hope Township Park estimate.**

Motion to approve the \$35,245.00 estimate from Landmark Trucking to replace all concrete and replace sod with crushed limestone by Lapins, second by Homister.

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

Motion to increase the Park Department capital outlay 101-751-970.00 in the amount of \$35,245.00 by Tonkin, second by Jackson.

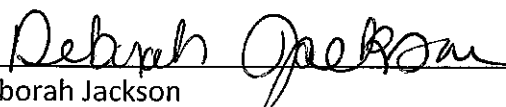
Roll call vote: Yes: Homister, Jackson, Lapins, Peck, Tonkin; No: None; Absent: None  
All in favor. Motion carried.

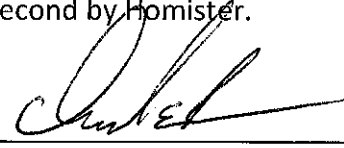
**D. Long Lake Cloverdale Association fireworks display permit.**

Motion to approve the permit for Fireworks display on July 8, 2023 by Jackson, second by Lapins. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Additional Public Comment:** Comments were made.

Meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m. Motion to close by Tonkin, second by Homister.  
All in favor. Motion carried.

  
Deborah Jackson  
Hope Township Clerk

  
Doug Peck  
Hope Township Supervisor

Date: 6/12/23

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