

**HOPE TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**July 10, 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, Doug Peck, Junior Homister, Chris Lapins

**Members Absent:** None

**Other Present:** Bob Norton, Perry Shepard, Brandon Shepard, Rachelle Smit, Ronna Lewis, Lisa Shockley-Curtis.

**Public Comment:** None

**Approval of Agenda:** Jackson made a request to add Rachelle Smit, State Representative to the agenda. Jackson also made a request to add Transfer Funds under New Business (F). Motion to approve the amended agenda by Jackson, second by Tonkin. All in favor. Motion carried.

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

**County Commissioner Report:** None

**Rachelle Smit, State Representative:** Smit reported on the committees she is serving on at the Michigan State Representatives. Smit discussed recent legislation that has been passed.

**Dave DeHaan (Walker, Fluke & Sheldon) Audit report:** None

**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 June 12, 2023, regular meeting 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 Jackson, second by Lapins.

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

All in favor. Motion carried.

**Reports/Board Comments:**

**Supervisor:** Peck gave an update on the township's new addition.

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

**Clerk:** Election commission meeting following board meeting.

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

**Unfinished Business:** None

**New Business**

**A. Resolution 2023-10 Foreclosed properties** as follows:

HOPE TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION 2023-10

A Resolution concerning purchase of foreclosed properties.

WHEREAS, the County of Barry has foreclosed on and will be offering for sale the following properties in Hope Township: 07-004-413-00, 020-318-00, 020-457-00, 027-448-00, 035-111-00, 080-014-80 and 090-025-00.

WHEREAS, Hope Township has the right to buy these parcels before the tax sale to be held on or about August 1, 2023, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE Township is not interested in acquiring the above properties.

AND ADDITIONALLY, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that if the State of Michigan or Barry County does not acquire the above properties, and intends to revert them to Hope Township, Hope Township DOES NOT desire to accept the above properties.

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

Roll call vote: Yeas: Lapins, Jackson, Peck, Tonkin, Homister

Nays: None

Absent: None

Resolution declared adopted.

**B. Resolution 2023-11 Primary Bank Depository** as follows:

HOPE TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION 2023-11

RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE PRIMARY BANK DEPOSITORY

The Hope Township Board of Trustees hereby designates Highpoint Community Bank as its primary bank depository for FY 2023-2024, Huntington Bank as depository for Construction Fund and Guernsey Lake Sewer Fund, and Union Bank for Current Tax Fund, until or unless the Township Treasurer makes a different recommendation to the Board. The Township Board of Trustees further gives the Treasurer the latitude to invest all excess funds in any instrument permitted by Michigan State Law in accordance with

Township Resolution 2023-6, Treasurer to keep Township Board informed of such investments through Quarterly Investments Report in accordance with Public Act 213 of 2007, which amended PA 20 of 1943.

Board Member Tonkin moved adoption of this resolution supported by Homister.

Roll Call vote: Yeas: Lapins, Homister, Peck, Jackson, Tonkin

Nays: None

Absent: None

Resolution declared adopted.

**C. Ordinance No. 95 Zoning Amendment.**

Board Member Jackson moved to adopt Ordinance 95, supported by Member Lapins.

Roll Call vote: Yes: Jackson, Lapins, Homister, Tonkin, Peck

No: None

Declared adopted on: July 10, 2023

**D. Guernsey Lake Fireworks rescheduled permit 8/19/23.**

Motion to approve the Guernsey Lake Fireworks permit by Jackson, second by Peck. All in favor. Motion carried.

**E. Mercy Ambulance.**

Mercy Ambulance is asking the township for money to purchase new equipment. The board agreed more information is needed and will move the vote to next month's meeting.

**F. Transfer Funds from ARPA to the Road Fund.**

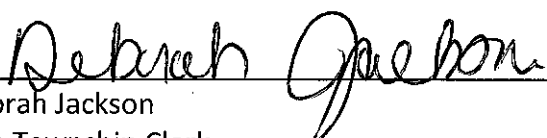
Motion by Tonkin to transfer \$44,000.00 from the ARPA fund 285-265-970.000 to the Road Fund 204-000-699.200, second by Jackson.

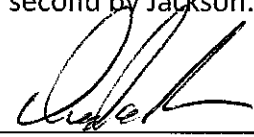
Roll call vote: Yes: Lapins, Peck, Homister, Tonkin, Jackson; No: None; Absent: None

**Additional Public Comment:** None

Meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m. Motion to close by Tonkin, second by Jackson.

All in favor. Motion carried.

  
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Deborah Jackson  
Hope Township Clerk

  
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Doug Peck  
Hope Township Supervisor

Date: 8/14/23  
Status (circle one)    Tentative Minutes    Approved Minutes