

HOPE TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING
September 11, 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, Doug Peck, Junior Homister, Chris Lapins, Deborah Jackson

Members Absent: None

Other Present: Dave Jackson, Dave DeHaan, Brandon Shepard, Perry Shepard, Ronna Lewis, Lisa Shockley-Curtis.

Public Comment: None

Approval of Agenda: Jackson made a request to add Clerical Worker under New Business (C.) Motion to approve the amended agenda by Homister, second by Jackson. All in favor. Motion carried.

Delton Fire Report: Perry Shepard gave report.

County Commissioner Report: Dave Jackson gave report.

Dave DeHaan – Audit Report: Dave DeHaan from Walker, Fluke & Sheldon gave a brief overview of the annual audit. Hope Township had no issues and a clean opinion.

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 August 14, 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 Tonkin, second by Homister.

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

All in favor. Motion carried.

Reports/Board Comments:

Supervisor: Peck reported the contractor for the new addition is expected to be finished by the end of the month.

Treasurer: Tonkin read report. Report on file.

Clerk: Jackson reported on the new early voting law. Hope Township will consolidate with Rutland Township and Hastings Charter Township for the 2024 Presidential Primary for 9 days of early voting. Rutland Township will host the 9 days of early voting at their polling location. Voting on Election day and absentee counting will take place at Hope Township Hall as normal.

Trustee(s): Homister reported there will be a Planning Commission meeting in September.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business

A. Buy grave spaces back.

Motion to buy back grave space 2 Lot 357 Cedar Creek Cemetery from Andrew Bohr in the amount of \$35.00 by Jackson, second by Homister.

All in favor. Motion carried.

B. Special Assessment delinquencies as follows:

Motion by Tonkin, second by Homister to certify, in accordance with PA 188, for the 2023 tax roll, the 2022 delinquencies for the following funds:

325-Cloverdale-Long Lake Sewer (\$360.00)

330-Guernsey Lake Sewer (\$364.00)

335-Lakefront Dr (no delinquencies)

336-Dogwood Dr (no delinquencies)

337-Guernsey Lake Weed Control (\$78.52)

338-Wall Lake Weed Control (\$32.00)

339-HWA Weed Control (\$422.56)

340-Long Lake Weed Control (\$32.24)

341-Oakwood/Elmwood (\$83.00)

425-SWBCS O&M (\$13,891.56) *

426-SWBCS Equipment (\$64.61) *

427-SWBCS Contract (\$32,024.92)*

*Subject to revision 11-1-23

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

All in favor. Motion carried.

C. Clerical Worker. Motion to hire a part-time clerical worker at \$20.00 per hour by

Homister, second by Lapins.

All in favor. Motion carried.

Additional Public Comment: None

Meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m. Motion to close by Tonkin, second by Homister.
All in favor. Motion carried.

Deborah Jackson
Deborah Jackson
Hope Township Clerk

Doug Peck
Doug Peck
Hope Township Supervisor

Date: Oct 9, 2023
Status (circle one) Tentative Minutes Approved Minutes