

**HOPE TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**February 12, 2024**

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, Deborah Jackson, Chris Lapins

**Members Absent:** None

**Other Present:** Perry Shepard, Ronna Lewis, Chad Curtis, Dave Jackson, Lisa Shockley-Curtis.

**Public Comment:** Comment was made.

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve the agenda by Tonkin, second by Homister. All in favor. Motion carried.

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

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

- a. Approval of January 8, 2024, 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 Homister, second by Tonkin.

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

All in favor. Motion carried.

**Reports/Board Comments:**

**Supervisor:** Nothing to report.

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

**Clerk:** Jackson reported on the upcoming election. Hope Township is collaborating with Rutland Township and Hastings Charter for early voting at the Rutland Township Hall between 9 am to 5

pm for nine consecutive days before election day on February 27. Election day voting will be at the Hope Township Hall for Hope township residents.

**Trustee(s):** Homister reported the Planning Commission meeting will be on Thursday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Unfinished Business:** None

### **New Business**

**A. Resolution 2024 -1: Salary Resolutions.** Resolution as follows:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-1**

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

Resolution by Jackson, seconded by Tonkin to set the salary of **Supervisor** at \$17,400.00 to be effective April 1, 2024.

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

Resolution by Tonkin, seconded by Homister to set the salary of **Clerk** at \$30,450.00 to be effective April 1, 2024.

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

Resolution by Jackson, seconded by Homister to set the salary of **Treasurer** at \$30,450.00 to be effective April 1, 2024.

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

Resolution by Peck, seconded by Tonkin to set the salary of each **Trustee** at \$5,900.00 to be effective April 1, 2024.

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

Resolutions were declared adopted.

**B. Election Inspector & Election Chair wages.**

Motion to increase election inspector hourly wage to \$18.00 and chairpersons hourly wage to \$23.00 by Jackson, seconded by Homister.

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

**C. Deputy Clerk, Deputy Treasurer, Code Officer hourly wages.**

Motion to increase Deputy Clerk hourly wage to \$23.00, Deputy Treasurer to \$21.00, and Code Officer to \$23.00 by Jackson, seconded by Homister.

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

**D. Assessor salary.**

Motion to approve assessor salary at \$29,685.00 by Tonkin, seconded by Jackson.  
Roll call vote: Yes: Homister, Tonkin, Jackson, Peck, Lapins; No: None; Absent: None  
All in favor. Motion carried.

**E. Cardboard recycling at LJ's.**

Motion to approve a yearly payment of \$500.00 to LJs to provide our cardboard recycling receptacle for the township by Jackson, seconded by Lapins.  
Roll call vote: Yes: Homister, Tonkin, Jackson, Peck, Lapins; No: None; Absent: None  
All in favor. Motion carried.

**F. Audit engagement letter – Walker, Fluke, & Sheldon.**

Motion to approve the audit engagement letter and to authorize the Clerk and Treasurer to sign by Jackson, seconded by Tonkin.  
All in favor. Motion carried.

**G. Fire Department Appropriations 2024-2025 approval: \$189,150.00.**

Motion to approve the estimated appropriations for \$189,150.00, which includes estimated MFR & Fire wages, by Homister, seconded by Jackson.  
Roll call vote: Yes: Peck, Homister, Lapins, Jackson, Tonkin; No: None; Absent: None  
All in favor. Motion carried.

**H. Budget Review/Discussion.**


The board discussed the budget review with adjustments to road fund, fire, and cemetery carryovers and final ARPA payment to contractor.

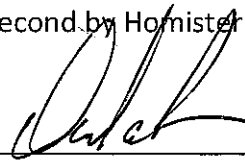
**I. Approve publishing and sending budget to public hearing on March 18, 2024.**

Motion to approve publishing and sending budget to public hearing by Jackson, seconded by Homister.  
All in favor. Motion carried.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:18 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: 3/18/2024

Status (circle one)

Tentative Minutes

Approved Minutes