

HOPE TOWNSHIP BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR BOARD MEETING
March 18, 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, Deborah Jackson, Doug Peck, Junior Homister

Members Absent: Chris Lapins

Others Present: Perry Shepard, Don Dekema, Garrett Lennon, Steve Case, Ronna Lewis, 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.

Budget Public Hearing:

Supervisor Peck opened the Budget Public Hearing at 6:33 p.m.

- A. Public comment pertaining to the budget: Tonkin reported there is a \$1,914.00 increase needed for 101-791-801.000 Delton Library as detailed on page 5, line 206, making the new total \$54,286.00.
- B. Supervisor Peck closed the Budget Public Hearing at 6:35 p.m.
Motion by Jackson, second by Peck, to approve the proposed 2024-2025 budget.
Roll call vote.: Yes: Jackson, Peck, Homister, Tonkin; No: None; Absent: Lapins
All in favor. Motion carried.
- C. Supervisor Peck **opened the Regular Board Meeting at 6:36 p.m.**

Delton Fire Report: Perry Shepard gave report.

County Commission Report: None

Cemetery Report: Garret Lennon reported there were twelve full burials, seventeen cremations, and twenty-six foundations this past year. Cemetery clean-up will begin April 1st.

Groundskeeper Report: Steve Case reported on cost increases and request for a 5% increase for fiscal year 2024-2025 for Groundskeeper contract for Hall, Park and Cemetery. Motion by Peck, second by Homister to approve the one year contract for Steve Case starting April 1, 2024.

Zoning Officer Report: Don Dekema updated the board on pending cases.

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 12, 2024, 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 Tonkin.

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

All in favor. Motion carried.

Reports/Board Comments:

Supervisor: Nothing to report.

Treasurer: Tonkin read report. Report on file.

Clerk: Jackson reported on election business. The early voting went smoothly and is expecting more early voters in the upcoming elections and there were no problems with the county canvassers.

Trustee(s): Nothing to report.

Unfinished Business

No unfinished business.

New Business

A. Resolution 2024-2 Depositories for Hope Township public monies

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

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

All in favor. Motion carried.

B. Resolution 2024-3 Designate Primary Bank Depository

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

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

All in favor. Motion carried.

C. Resolution 2024-4 Treasurer's Tax Motions

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

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

All in favor. Motion carried.

D. Resolution 2024-5 Township Board Meeting schedule 2024-25 fiscal year

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

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

All in favor. Motion carried.

E. Resolution 2024-6 General Appropriations Act

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

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

All in favor. Motion carried.

F. Library Grant 2024-25

Motion to approve the library grant for \$54,286.00 by Tonkin, second by Homister.

Roll call vote: Yes: Jackson, Peck, Homister, Tonkin; No: Lapins

All in favor. Motion carried.

G. Payment of bills through fiscal year end March 31, 2024

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

All in favor. Motion carried.

H. Cemetery contract Garrett Lennon for April 1, 2024 – March 31, 2025.

Motion to approve the contract by Jackson, second by Tonkin.

All in favor. Motion carried.

I. Board Appointments: Zoning Board of Appeals (Members: Bob Tyner and Bob Norton, terms ending 3/31/2027).

Motion to re-appoint members Bob Tyner and Bob Norton by Jackson, second by Tonkin.

All in favor. Motion carried.

J. Planning Commission (Chairperson: Bob Norton, term ending 3/31/2026)

Motion to re-appoint Bob Norton to Planning Commission by Peck, second by Jackson.

All in favor. Motion carried.

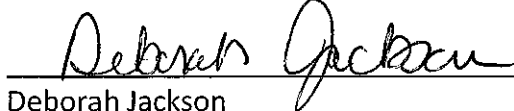
K. Resolution presented regarding Second Amendment Rights.

A resolution about the Second Amendment Rights was discussed by the board. All members confirmed their commitment to upholding the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Michigan, including the Second Amendment, as part of their oath of office.

Additional Public Comment: Comment was made.

Meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m. Motion to close by Jackson, second by Peck.

All in favor. Motion carried.



Deborah Jackson
Hope Township Clerk



Doug Peck
Hope Township Supervisor

Date: _____

4/8/2024

Status (circle one)

Tentative Minutes

Approved Minutes