

HOPE TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING
April 8, 2024

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Doug Peck at the Hope Township Hall, 5463 S. M-43 Hwy, Hastings, MI 49058.

Members Present: Doug Peck, Deborah Jackson, Junior Homister, Chris Lapins

Members Absent: Arlene Tonkin

Others Present: Perry Shepard, Dave Jackson, Ronna Lewis, Lisa Shockley-Curtis.

Public Comment: Comment was made.

Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda by Jackson, seconded by Lapins. All in favor. Motion carried.

Delton Fire Report: Perry Shepard gave report.

County Commission 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 March 18, 2024, Public Hearing & Regular Board 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 Homister.

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

All in favor. Motion carried.

Reports/Board Comments:

Supervisor: Barry Township proposed the purchase of a John Deere lawn mower from the Delton Fire Dept, valued at \$10,000.00, which Hope Township would receive \$5,000 from the purchase.

Motion by Homister to approve a buyout from Barry Township for \$5,000,00, subject to potential approval from the fire department, seconded by Lapins. All in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer: None

Clerk: Nothing to report.

Trustee(s): Homister reported the Planning Commission meeting has been rescheduled for Thursday, April 25.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business:

A. Resolution 2024-8 Renewal of Road Improvement Millage as follows:

RESOLUTION 2024-8 TO ADOPT MILLAGE BALLOT LANGUAGE

WHEREAS, the duly qualified electors of Hope Township did at the 1996 August Primary Election in Hope Township authorize the levy and collection for the period of three years from 1997 to 1999 inclusive of one (1) mill for the purpose of road repair, maintenance, and operating expenses; and

WHEREAS, the duly qualified electors of Hope Township did at the 2000 August Primary Election in Hope Township authorize the renewal of the levy and collection for the period of four years from 2000 through 2003, inclusive, of one (1) mill for the purpose of road repair, maintenance, and operating expenses; and

WHEREAS, the duly qualified electors of Hope Township did at the 2004 August Primary Election in Hope Township authorize the renewal of the levy and collection for the period of four years from 2004 through 2007, inclusive, of one (1) mill for the purpose of road repair, maintenance, and operating expenses; and

WHEREAS, the duly qualified electors of Hope Township did at the 2008 August Primary Election in Hope Township authorize the renewal of the levy and collection for the period of four years from 2008 through 2011, inclusive, of one (1) mill for the purpose of road repair, maintenance, and operating expenses; and

WHEREAS, the duly qualified electors of Hope Township did at the 2012 August Primary Election in Hope Township authorize the renewal of the levy and collection for the period of four years from 2012 through 2015, inclusive, of one (1) mill for the purpose of road repair, maintenance, and operating expenses; and

WHEREAS, the duly qualified electors of Hope Township did at the 2016 August Primary Election in Hope Township authorize the renewal of the levy and collection for the period of four years from 2016 through 2019, inclusive, of one (1) mill for the purpose of road repair, maintenance, and operating expenses; and

WHEREAS, the duly qualified electors of Hope Township did at the 2020 August Primary Election in Hope Township authorize the renewal of the levy and collection for the period of four years from 2020 through 2023, inclusive, of one (1) mill for the purpose of road repair, maintenance, and operating expenses; and

WHEREAS, the authorization for this one (1) mill levy expired in 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Hope Township Board authorize and direct the Township Clerk to make the necessary actions to place the following ballot question before the Hope Township electors at the August 6, 2024, Primary Election in Hope Township:

PROPOSAL FOR RENEWAL OF THE ROAD IMPROVEMENT MILLAGE

“Shall the previously expired voted increase in the tax limitations imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution in Hope Township of 1 mill (\$1.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value), reduced to 0.944 mills by the required millage rollbacks, be renewed at and increased up to the original voted 1 mill (\$1.00 of \$1,000 taxable value) and levied for 4 years, 2024 through 2027 inclusive, for the purpose of road repair, maintenance and operations expenses, raising an estimated \$180,961 in the first year the millage is levied?”

Motion made by Jackson, seconded by Homister.

Upon roll call vote the following voted “Aye”: Lapins, Homister, Peck, Jackson

Upon roll call vote the following voted “No”: None

Absent: Tonkin

The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

B. Resolution 2024-9 Renewal of Fire Protection and Cemetery Millage as follows:

RESOLUTION 2024-9 TO ADOPT MILLAGE BALLOT LANGUAGE

WHEREAS, the duly qualified electors of Hope Township did at the 1996 August Primary Election in Hope Township authorize the levy and collection for the period of three years from 1997 through 1999, inclusive, of one (1) mill for the purpose of fire protection and cemetery maintenance; and

WHEREAS, the duly qualified electors of Hope Township did at the 2000 August Primary Election in Hope Township authorize the renewal of the levy and collection for the period of four years from 2000 through 2003, inclusive, of one (1) mill for the purpose of fire protection and cemetery maintenance; and

WHEREAS, the duly qualified electors of Hope Township did at the 2004 August Primary Election in Hope Township authorize the renewal of the levy and collection for the period of four years from 2004 through 2007, inclusive, of one (1) mill for the purpose of fire protection and cemetery maintenance; and

WHEREAS, the duly qualified electors of Hope Township did at the 2008 August Primary Election in Hope Township authorize the renewal of levy and collection for the period of four years from 2008 through 2011, inclusive, of one (1) mill for the purpose of fire protection and cemetery maintenance; and

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WHEREAS, the duly qualified electors of Hope Township did at the 2020 August Primary Election in Hope Township authorize the renewal of levy and collection for the period of four years from 2020 through 2023, inclusive, of one (1) mill for the purpose of fire protection and cemetery maintenance; and

WHEREAS, the authorization for this one (1) mill levy expired in 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Hope Township Board authorize and direct the Township Clerk to make the necessary actions to place the following ballot question before the Hope Township electors at the August 6, 2024, Primary Election in Hope Township:

FIRE PROTECTION AND CEMETERY MILLAGE RENEWAL

“Shall the previously expired voted increase in the tax limitations imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution in Hope Township of 1 mill - .75 mill for Fire Protection and .25 mill for Cemetery (\$1.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value), reduced to 0.944 mills by the required millage rollbacks, be renewed at and increased up to the original voted 1 mill (\$1.00 of \$1,000 taxable value) and levied for 4 years, 2024 through 2027 inclusive, for the purpose of fire protection and cemetery maintenance, thereby raising an estimated \$180,961 in the first year the millage is levied?

Motion by Jackson, seconded by Lapins.

Upon roll call vote the following voted “Aye”: Homister, Lapins, Jackson, Peck

Upon roll call vote the following voted “No”: None

Absent: Tonkin

The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

C. Purchase of voter stations.

Motion to purchase two voter stations at the cost of \$969.00 each by Homister, seconded by Lapins.

All in favor. Motion carried.

D. Resolution 2024-7 Fire cost and recovery as follows:

RESOLUTION 2024-7 TO ESTABLISH COST AND RECOVERY FEES PER MAN HOUR UNIT

WHEREAS, at a regular meeting of Hope Township Board, held on April 8, 2024, the following resolution was presented for adoption;

WHEREAS, Hope Township Board hereby approves the “Emergency Response Service” as referred in amended Ordinance #14, (amendment #61) which establishes emergency services which are chargeable under said ordinance;

WHEREAS, Hope Township board hereby approves a rate of \$30.00 per man hour, and a rate of \$750.00 per emergency unit per hour.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

The foregoing resolution was offered by Board Member Lapins second offered by Board Member Homister.

Upon roll call vote the following voted "Aye": Jackson, Peck, Lapins, Homister

Upon roll call vote the following voted "No": None

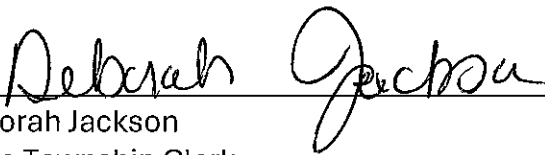
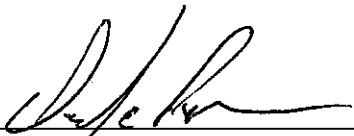
Absent: Tonkin

The Supervisor hereby declared this resolution 2024-7 ADOPTED.

Additional Public Comment: Comment was made.

Meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m. Motion to close by Homister, seconded by Lapins.

All in favor. Motion carried.

 _____ Deborah Jackson Hope Township Clerk	 _____ Doug Peck Hope Township Supervisor
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Date: May 13, 2024
Status (circle one) Tentative Minutes Approved Minutes