

HOPE TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING
July 8, 2024

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm 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, Arlene Tonkin

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Perry Shepard, Ronna Lewis, John Acker, Joe & Mary Beth Zalokar, Bruce Young, Ron Daniels.

Public Comment: Comments were made.

Approval of Agenda: Lapins added under New Business item c. Discussion of application to DNR for Pike Marsh on Long Lake and Homister added under New Business item d. Cedar Creek Cemetery. Motion to approve the amended agenda by Homister, seconded by Lapins. All in favor. Motion carried.

Delton Fire Report: Perry Shepard gave report.

County Commission 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 10, 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 Tonkin, seconded by Homister.

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

Reports/Board Comments:

Supervisor: Reported that the approach to the Township Park needs repaving and got one estimate for \$18,500. Will add to unfinished business for next meeting.

Treasurer: Passed out quarterly investment report.

Clerk: Jackson provided an update on the election.

Trustee(s): No reports from the trustees.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business:

A. Guernsey Lake Weed Control Special Assessment Renewal Resolution 24-1.
SPECIAL ASSESSMENT RESOLUTION

DECLARATION OF INTENT TO MAKE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.
TENTATIVE DESIGNATION OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT
AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

WHEREAS, Public Act 188 of 2954, as amended (“Act 188”) provides that the Township Board may proceed and exercise the powers granted by Act 188 upon the Township Board’s initiative to establish a special assessment district to provide for improvements including an aquatic plant control project; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board has determined that it is in the best interests of Hope Township and of the property owners on and in the vicinity of Guernsey Lake, including abutting property owners and back lot owners, that an aquatic plant control project be continued on Guernsey Lake; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board has determined to secure plans and cost estimates for the continuation of an aquatic plant control project for Guernsey Lake; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board has determined the appropriateness and authority of carrying over any remaining unexpended funds in the existing Hope Township Guernsey Lake Aquatic Plant Control Project Special Assessment District to the newly established special assessment district; and

WHEREAS, Act 188 provides the means to finance the proposed aquatic plant control project improvements,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the Township board, acting on its own motion, does hereby tentatively declare its intent to continue an aquatic plant control program on Guernsey Lake in Hope Township, Barry County, Michigan

2. That the Township Board has obtained preliminary plans for the aquatic plant control program on Guernsey Lake from PLM Lake & Land Management Corp, which plans describe the proposed program and contain an estimate of costs, a copy of which is attached to this Resolution as Exhibit A.
3. That said plans shall be filed with the Township Clerk.
4. That the Township Board does hereby tentatively designate the special assessment district known as the HOPE TOWNSHIP GUERNSEY LAKE AQUATIC PLANT CONTROL PROJECT SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 24-1, consisting of certain parcels of land, the descriptions of which are set forth herein and attached hereto as Exhibit B and against which all or a portion of the cost of said improvements shall be assessed.
5. That the Township Board shall hold a public hearing on any objections to the project, the cost estimates, the approval of the carryover of any unexpended (surplus) funds from the existing special assessment district to the HOPE TOWNSHIP GUERNSEY LAKE AQUATIC PLANT CONTROL PROJECT SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 24-1 and the proposed special assessment district with a tentative date of Tuesday, September 24, 2024, at 6:30 pm at a meeting of the Township Board at the Hope Township Hall; and
6. That the Township Clerk be instructed to give the proper notice of such hearing by mailing and publication in accordance with the law and statute provided; and
7. That all Resolutions and parts of Resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this Resolution be and the same are hereby rescinded.

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

The following voted "Nay:": none.

Absent: none.

The Supervisor declared the motion carried and the Resolution duly adopted.

B. Zoning Amendment Ordinance No. 97 Farm Supply Store definition.

Motion by Jackson, seconded by Lapins, to Adopt Ordinance 97.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Ordinance declared adopted.

C. Discussion of application to DNR for Pike Marsh on Long Lake

Motion by Lapins, second by Homister for the Supervisor to research and possibly submit an application to the DNR for the Township to take ownership of the Pike Marsh on Long Lake. All in favor. Motion carried.

D. Cedar Creek Cemetery

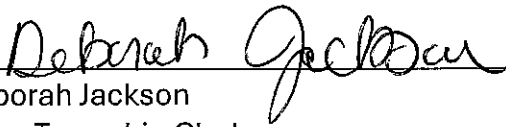
Board member Homister reported on the disrepair of the former Eagle Scout project at Cedar Creek Cemetery and would recommend removing the stones and overgrown vegetation and filling with dirt.


Motion by Peck, second by Homister to coordinate with the Cemetery Sexton to start the project. All in favor. Motion carried.

Additional Public Comment: None

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 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

Date: Sept 9, 2024
Status (circle one) Tentative Minutes Approved Minutes