

HOPE TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING

July 14, 2025

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, Chris Lapins

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Perry Shepard, David Jackson, Rachelle Smit, Jim Lockwood, Dana Yarger, Tom Kula, Lisa Shockley-Curtis.

Public Comment: Comment was made.

Approval of Agenda: Peck requested to add State Representative Report to the agenda. Motion to approve the amended agenda by Lapins, seconded by Jackson. All in favor. Motion carried.

State Representative Report: Rachelle Smit provided an update on activities in the Michigan House of Representatives.

Delton Fire Report: Perry Shepard provided a report.

County Commission Report: Dave Jackson provided a 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 matters. If discussion of an item is required, it will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately.*

- a. Approval of June 9, 2025, 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, seconded by Lapins.

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

Reports/Board Comments:

Supervisor: none.

Treasurer: Tonkin distributed the Investment Quarterly Report and provided a monthly report. Reports on file.

Clerk: Jackson reported that the Election Commission will meet after the board meeting. Preparations for the August election are underway.

Trustee(s): Homister reported that the Planning Commission is continuing its work on the Master Plan.

Unfinished Business

A. Mercy Ambulance. No report.

B. Playground Equipment. Peck distributed quotes for playground equipment. The board will review the information and make a decision at next month's meeting.

New Business:

A. Lifecare EMS. Representatives from the ambulance service provided an overview of their services. The board will continue communication once a detailed cost proposal is provided.

B. Resolution 2025-WL 1 as follows:

The Supervisor next reported that the Township Board has received a request to continue the aquatic plant control program on Wall Lake in Hope Township and to reestablish a special assessment district under the authority of Michigan Public Act 188 of 1954, as amended, to finance the program.

Motion was made by Jackson, seconded by Lapins, and unanimously carried that the Township Board, acting on its own motion, direct that plans be prepared for the proposed aquatic plant control project and that estimates of the cost of the same be prepared. These plans and estimates, which had been prepared in anticipation of the Board's action, were then presented to the Board for consideration. These plans and estimates have been placed on file with the Township Clerk. The total estimated treatment cost for the proposed aquatic plant control project was \$162,000 for the treatment period 2026 through 2030.

Motion was then made by Jackson, seconded by Lapins, and unanimously carried ordering the plans and estimates to be filed with the Township Clerk for public examination.

Motion was then made by Jackson, seconded by Peck, to have the Township Board adopt the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-1 WL 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 1954, 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 Wall Lake, including abutting property owners and back lot owners, that an aquatic plant control project be continued on Wall Lake; and

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

WHEREAS, the Township Board has determined the appropriateness and authority of carrying over any remaining unexpended funds in the existing Wall Lake Aquatic Plant Control 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 FOLLOW:

1. That the Township Board, acting on its own motion, does hereby tentatively declare its intent to continue an aquatic plant control program on Wall Lake in Hope Township, Barry Country, Michigan.
2. That the Township Board has obtained preliminary plans for the aquatic plant control program on Wall 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 the Resolution as Exhibit A.
3. That said plans shall be filed with the Township Clerk.
4. That the Township Board does hereby tentatively designates the special assessment district known as the WALL LAKE AQUATIC PLANT CONTROL SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 2025-1, 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 WALL LAKE AQUATIC PLANT CONTROL SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 2025-1 and the proposed special assessment district on September 23, 2025, 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 the Resolution be and the same are hereby rescinded.

Roll call vote:

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

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

C. Resolution 2025-HWA 1 as follows:

The Supervisor next reported that the Township Board has received a request to continue the aquatic plant control program on Cloverdale Lake, Wilkinson Lake and Jones (Mud) Lake in Hope Township and to reestablish a special assessment district under the authority of Michigan Public Act 188 of 1954, as amended, to finance the program.

Motion was made by Jackson, seconded by Homister, and unanimously carried that the Township Board, acting on its own motion, direct that plans be prepared for the proposed aquatic plant control project and that estimates of the cost of the same be prepared. These plans and estimates, which had been prepared in anticipation of the Board's action, were then presented to the Board for consideration. These plans and estimates have been placed on file with the Township Clerk. The total estimated treatment cost for the proposed aquatic plant control project was \$300,000 for the treatment period 2026 through 2030.

Motion was then made by Jackson, seconded by Lapins, and unanimously carried ordering the plans and estimates to be filed with the Township Clerk for public examination.

Motion was then made by Jackson, seconded by Peck, to have the Township Board adopt the following Resolution:

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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 Cloverdale Lake, Wilkinson Lake, and Jones (Mud) Lake, including abutting property owners and back lot owners, that an aquatic plant control project be established on Cloverdale Lake, Wilkinson Lake, and Jones (Mud) Lake; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board has determined to secure plans and cost estimates for the continuation of an aquatic plant control project for Cloverdale Lake, Wilkinson Lake, and Jones (Mud) Lake; and

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED AS FOLLOW:

1. That the Township Board, acting on its own motion, does hereby tentatively declare its intent to reestablish the aquatic plant control program on Cloverdale Lake, Wilkinson Lake, and Jones (Mud) Lake in Hope Township, Barry Country, Michigan.
2. That the Township Board has obtained preliminary plans for the aquatic plant control program on Cloverdale Lake, Wilkinson Lake, Jones (Mud) 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 the Resolution as Exhibit A.
3. That said plans shall be filed with the Township Clerk.
4. That the Township Board does hereby tentatively designates the special assessment district known as the CLOVERDALE, WILKINSON, AND JONES (MUD) LAKES AQUATIC PLANT CONTROL SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 2025-1, 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, and the proposed special assessment district on

September 23, 2025, 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 the Resolution be and the same are hereby rescinded.

Roll call vote:

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

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

D. Ordinance No. 99 Consumers Energy Gas and Electric Franchise Ordinance

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 99 by Jackson, seconded by Homister.

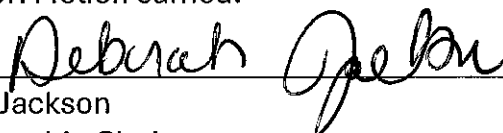
Roll call vote: Yes: Peck, Tonkin, Homister, Lapins, Jackson; No: None; Absent: None

All in favor. Motion carried.

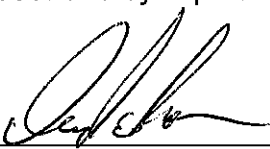
Additional Public Comment: Comment was made.

Meeting adjourned at 7:16 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: Aug 20, 2025

Status (circle one) Tentative Minutes

Approved Minutes