

HOPE TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF HOPE TOWNSHIP, BARRY COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Hope Township Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a meeting and public hearing on Thursday, April 9th, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. in the Hope Township Hall, 5463 South M-43, Hastings, Michigan 49058, within the Township, to consider the following variance request:

Ryan Walker is requesting relief from Sections 8.4, 10.2, 16.6, and 19.3 of the Hope Township Zoning Ordinance for the construction of a new single-family dwelling located within the required front yard (lakefront) setback on a nonconforming lot of record located at 5600 Little Pine Lake Road, Hastings, MI 49058 (parcel number 08-07-008-011-00). If granted, the variance request would allow the single-family dwelling to be located fifteen (15) feet from Pine Lake. The Hope Township Zoning Ordinance requires that buildings be set back fifty (50) feet from the front (lakefront) lot line on lots in the RL, Residential Lake zoning district, which can be reduced by fifty (50) percent on lawfully nonconforming lots, except that a structure shall not be any closer to a lakeshore than a straight line connecting the nearest building on each side of the lot. If no such building is located within three-hundred (300) feet of one of the side lots lines of the lot, then the point for beginning the line on that side shall be that point of the side lot line that intersects with the minimum required setback for conforming lots in that district. In this case, there is no building on one side of the lot, and the straight line results in a required setback of forty (40) feet at the largest extent. Thus, a twenty-five (25) foot variance has been requested.

A copy of the Hope Township Zoning Ordinance and the application is available for review at the Hope Township Hall, 5463 S. M-43 Hwy, Hastings, Michigan 49058, during regular business hours 9:00 a.m. through noon and 1:15 p.m. through 3:00 p.m. on Wednesdays. The Hope Township Zoning Ordinance is also accessible at www.hopetwp.com. Written comments will be received from any interested persons by the Hope Township Clerk at the Hope Township Hall during regular business hours up to the time of the hearing and may be further received by the Zoning Board of Appeals at the hearing. Oral comments will be taken at the meeting.

This notice is posted in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended (Open Meetings Act) and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Hope Township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed material being considered at the hearing, to individuals with disabilities at the hearing upon seven (7) days' notice to the Hope Township Clerk. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Hope Township Clerk at the address or telephone number listed below.

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