

HOPE TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING
February 9, 2026

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

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

Members Absent: None

Other Present: Chad Curtis, Perry Shepard, Dave Jackson, Lisa Shockley-Curtis.

Public Comment: No comment was made.

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

Delton Fire Report: Perry Shepard gave report.

County Commissioner 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 matters. If discussion of an item is required, it will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately.*

- a. Approval of November 10, 2025, Special meeting & Public Hearing 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 Lapins, second by Homister.

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

All in favor. Motion carried.

Reports/Board Comments:

Supervisor: No report.

Treasurer: No report.

Clerk: Jackson reported that there will not be a May election this year.

Trustee(s): Homister reported the Planning Commission is continuing work on the Master Plan. He also noted that the Delton Rotary has offered to donate toward a need or project within Hope Township if the board is interested.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business

A. Guernsey Lake 2026 Weed Control program.

Motion to approve the 2026 weed control program by Jackson, seconded by Tonkin.
All in favor. Motion carried.

B. Resolution 2026 -1: Salary Resolutions. Resolution as follows:

Board Members Present: Doug Peck, Deborah Jackson, Arlene Tonkin, Eldon Homister, Chris Lapins.

Resolution by Jackson, seconded by Lapins to set the salary of **Supervisor** at **\$20,280.00** to be effective April 1, 2026.

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

Resolution by Tonkin, seconded by Homister to set the salary of **Clerk** at **\$31,265.00** to be effective April 1, 2026.

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

Resolution by Jackson, seconded by Lapins to set the salary of **Treasurer** at **\$31,265.00** to be effective April 1, 2026.

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

Resolution by Peck, seconded by Tonkin to set the salary of each **Trustee** at **\$6,150.00** to be effective April 1, 2026.

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

C. Zoning Administrator Fee Increase \$25 per week.

Motion to approve increase by Jackson, seconded by Homister.
All in favor. Motion carried.

D. Fire Department Appropriations 2026-2027 approval: \$136,850.00.

Motion to approve the appropriations by Homister, seconded by Lapins. All in favor.
Motion carried.

E. Assessor's wage \$30,475.00 (1.4% increase).

Motion to approve wage increase by Jackson, seconded by Tonkin.

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

F. Election Chair: +1/hr. \$25.

Motion to approve a \$1.00/hour increase, setting the hourly wage to \$25.00 by Jackson, seconded by Peck.

All in favor. Motion carried.

G. Election Inspectors: +1/hr. \$19.

Motion to approve a \$1.00/hour increase, setting the hourly wage to \$19.00 by Jackson, seconded by Homister.

All in favor. Motion carried.

H. Deputy Treasurer: +4/hr. \$28.

Motion to approve a \$4.00/hour increase, setting the hourly wage to \$28.00 by Tonkin, seconded by Homister.

All in favor. Motion carried.

I. Code Officer: \$2/hr. \$25.

Motion to approve a \$2.00/hour increase, setting the hourly wage to \$25.00 by Peck, seconded by Lapins.

All in favor. Motion carried.

J. Deputy Clerk: \$2/hr. \$25.

Motion to approve \$2.00/hour increase, setting the hourly wage to \$25.00 by Jackson, seconded by Tonkin.

All in favor. Motion carried.

K. Approve publishing and sending budget to public hearing on March 16, 2026.

Motion to approve publishing and sending budget to public hearing by Tonkin, seconded by Jackson.

All in favor. Motion carried.

Additional Public Comment: No comment was made.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m. Motion to close by Homister, second by Lapins.

All in favor. Motion carried.



Deborah Jackson
Hope Township Clerk

Doug Peck
Hope Township Supervisor

Date: March 16, 2024

Status (circle one)

Tentative Minutes

Approved Minutes

