

**HOPE TOWNSHIP WOODLAND DR SECOND PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR
BOARD MEETING
May 11, 2026**

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: Ken Chandler, David Jackson, David & Nosheen White, Mike Marlow and one other guest.

Public Comment: None.

Approval of Agenda: Tonkin requested to add Public Safety revenue sharing under New Business (D). Motion to approve the amended agenda by Homister, seconded by Tonkin. All in favor. Motion carried.

Woodland Drive Special Assessment Second Public Hearing:

Supervisor Peck stated that the next item on is the consideration of the special assessment roll for the Woodland Drive Special Assessment District, which was established by resolution on April 13, 2026. The purpose of the special assessment district is to repave Woodland Drive located in the Hinewood Plat.

Supervisor stated the following:

The special assessment district was previously established. The Township assessor has prepared the assessment roll, indicating the properties that are in the district and the amount that each property will be assessed. The purpose of this meeting is to hear any objections to the assessment roll, whether there is an objection to the amount to be assessed or to the property's inclusion of a particular property on the roll. We are not here to argue the merits of whether to move forward with the project. That has already been decided. The Township Assessor has prepared the roll and the roll is here for examination.

The total project amount is \$69,000, the total amount of which is to be raised by special assessment. The amount to be assessed against each property owner in the district receiving a full assessment is \$5,750.00, which amount will be paid over a five (5) year period, with equal annual installments of \$1,150.00 annually plus interest. The amount to be assessed against each property owner in the district receiving a full assessment is \$2,875.00, which amount will be paid over a five (5) year period, with equal annual installments of \$575.00 annually plus interest. The assessments will begin with the Winter 2026 tax bill and will be billed each year thereafter in the same manner.

If any interested person wishes to protest the amount of the special assessment and has not previously done so, he/she must do so in writing at this meeting in order to preserve the right to take an appeal to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. Please remember that the special assessment project has already been approved, so the issue for this meeting is whether a property is properly included on the roll and the amount of the proposed assessment. If there is anyone here who wishes to protest, please indicate what you are protesting and give a reason. For instance, if you feel the amount to be assessed is wrong, please state that fact and give a reason. If you feel that your property should not be included in the district, please state that fact and give a reason. However, making a complaint about the establishment of the special assessment district should have been done at the previous public hearing. The district is already established.

The Township Board can amend, correct or revise the assessment roll based on comments at this meeting.

Clerk stated notice of the public hearing was published in the Hastings Banner on April 30, 2026 and May 7, 2026, and was mailed by first-class mail to each property owner within the proposed special assessment district as shown on the current tax rolls of the Township on April 29, 2026.

Motion by Peck, second by Homister, to open the public hearing . All in favor; Public hearing opened at 6:32 pm.

Ask anyone speaking to state their name, identify their property by address or other description and provide their comments.

David & Nosheen White, 924 Byron Rd stated they never received the notice for the first meeting in the mail. They did receive the second notice. They questioned if they were getting assessed twice for their two properties. Supervisor Peck explained that the \$5750 would be split over their two properties, which would be assessed \$2875 each. They asked about the timetable of the project.

Ken Chandler explained how the costs were calculated and that they would be charged 4% simple interest. He said the entire project would be complete in a week and he expects only 1 day that residents will not be able to come and go from their property.

Clerk Jackson reported she did not receive any written comments.

Motion to close public hearing at 6:46 p.m. by Homister, second by Lapins. All in favor. Motion carried.

Resolution 2026-9: Confirmation of 2026-2030 Special Assessment Roll as follows:

**HOPE TOWNSHIP
BARRY COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

(RESOLUTION NO. 26-9)

WOODLAND DRIVE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING 2026-2030 SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL

Minutes of a regular meeting of Hope Township, Barry County, Michigan, held at the Township Hall, 5463 S M-43 Highway Hastings, Michigan 49058, on May 11, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. local time.

The following Resolution was offered for adoption by Township Board Member Jackson and supported by Township Board Member Homister:

WHEREAS, on April 13, 2026, the Hope Township Board approved a Resolution creating the Woodland Drive Special Assessment District for the purpose of removing and repaving all of the road surface for Woodland Drive located in the Hinewood Plat; and,

WHEREAS, the Supervisor and Assessing Officer of the Township have submitted the proposed special assessment roll, prepared pursuant to the April 13, 2026, Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board conducted a public hearing on the proposed special assessment roll on May 11, 2026, preceded by properly published, mailed and posted notice in accordance with applicable laws, as shown by affidavits pertaining thereto on file with the Township Clerk; and

WHEREAS, at the public hearing an opportunity was extended to all present to be heard in the matter, and any written comments that may have been received with respect to the proposed special assessment roll were also duly noted; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board has duly inspected the proposed assessment roll and considered all comments and proposed amendments thereto and the Township Board desires to approve and confirm the special assessment roll for the 2026-2030 for the Woodland Drive Special Assessment District.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The proposed special assessment roll submitted by the Supervisor and/or Assessing Officer of the Township is hereby approved and confirmed as the 2026-2030 Woodland Drive Special Assessment District Roll in the amount of \$69,000, including Township costs associated with creating the District. The assessment against properties receiving a full assessment shall be \$1,150.00 per year (total of \$5,750.00 over the life of the District); the assessment against properties receiving half assessments shall be \$575.00 per year (total of \$2,875.00 over the life of the District).
2. The assessments in the Woodland Drive Special Assessment District shall be divided into five (5) annual installments of principal as described in the Roll with the first installment to be paid with the Winter 2026 tax bill, which will be due and payable by as required by law and the following installments to be due in the same manner every year thereafter (2026 through 2030 inclusive). All unpaid installments prior to their transfer to the tax roll as provided by Public Act 188 of 1954, as amended, shall bear interest payable annually on each installment due at a rate of four percent (4%) per annum commencing on the first installment due date hereinbefore set forth. Any payments made before November 1, 2026 shall not bear any such interest.
3. Future due installments of an assessment against any parcel of land may be paid to the Township Treasurer at any time in full. If any installment of a special assessment is not paid when due, then the installment shall be considered to be delinquent and there shall be collected a penalty at the rate of one percent (1%) for each month, or fraction of a month, that the installment remains unpaid before being reported to the Township Board for reassessment upon the Township tax roll, and interest shall accrue thereafter in accordance with said Act 188 of the Michigan General Property Tax Act.
4. The special assessments in the confirmed special assessment roll (including as it may be revised as provided herein) are hereby ordered and directed to be collected by the Township Treasurer, and the Township Clerk shall deliver the confirmed special assessment roll to the Treasurer with her Warrant attached commanding the Treasurer

to collect such special assessments in accordance with the direction of the Township Board and 1954 PA 188, as amended.

5. In the event the Treasurer shall report as delinquent any special assessment or part thereof the Township Board shall certify the same to the Supervisor/Assessing Officer who shall reassess on the annual Township tax roll of such year the sum so delinquent, with accrued interest and penalties, and an additional penalty of six percent (6.0%) of the delinquent amount. Thereafter the statutes relating to Township taxes shall be applicable to the collection of such reassessments.
6. To the extent any of the foregoing is altered by an amendment of any applicable statute, or by a binding judicial precedent, then said matter shall be considered subject to and governed by any such change in the law.
7. All prior Resolutions and parts of Resolutions be and the same are hereby rescinded insofar as they conflict with the provisions of the within Resolution.

Upon roll call vote on the adoption of the Resolution, the following voted "AYE;" Tonkin, Homister, Lapins, Peck, Jackson.

The following voted "NAY:" none.

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

The Supervisor opened the regular board meeting at 6:51pm

Delton Fire Report: None.

County Commission Report: Commissioner Jackson gave his 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 is required, it will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately.*

- a. Approval of April 13, 2026, minutes
- b. Reports received: Building permits; Revenue/Expenditure report; Treasurer report; Sewer minutes; Library minutes.
- c. Approval of Bills and signatures of Board Members: Deborah Jackson

Motion to approve consent agenda by Homister, second by Tonkin.

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

All in favor. Motion carried.

Reports/Board Comments:

Supervisor: No report.

Treasurer: No report.

Clerk: No report.

Trustee(s): Homister reported the April

Unfinished Business

- A. Motion by Jackson, second by Tonkin to Contract with Gabridge & Co for the 2025-2026 Audit. All in favor. Motion carried.

New Business

- A. **Long Lake Fireworks Permit.** Motion by Homister, second by Jackson to approve the Long Lake Fireworks permit. All in favor. Motion carried.
- B. **L-4029 Tax Rate Request.** Motion by Tonkin, second by Homister to to levy the max allowable millage rates. All in favor. Motion carried.
- C. **Resolution 2026-10 Fee Schedule.** Motion by Lapins, second by Homister to adopt Resolution 2026-10 Fee Schedule. All in favor. Motion carried.
- D. **Public Safety Revenue Sharing.** Tonkin reported the Township received \$4257 for public safety revenue sharing. Motion by Jackson, second by Tonkin to deposit the check into the Fire Fund. . All in favor. Motion carried.

Additional Public Comment: Comment was made.

Meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m. Motion to close by Lapins, second by Homister.

All in favor. Motion carried.

Deborah Jackson
Deborah Jackson
Hope Township Clerk

Doug Peck
Doug Peck
Hope Township Supervisor

Date: June 8, 2026

Status (circle one)

Tentative Minutes

Approved Minutes