

HOPE TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING

June 8, 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: Perry Shepard, Lisa Shockley-Curtis.

Public Comment: No comments

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

Delton Fire Report: Perry Shepard provided a report.

County Commission Report: No 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 of an item is required, it will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately.*

- a. Approval of May 11, 2026, Public Hearing & 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 Jackson, seconded by Lapins.

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

Reports/Board Comments:

Supervisor: Peck reported that the light pole at the park is currently being relocated. Peck also reported that the hay lease agreement on Cedar Creek Road will expire in December 2026. Motion made by Homister to extend the hay lease agreement through December 30, 2031, with the stipulation that the Board review the agreement one year prior to the expiration. Lapins seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer: Tonkin gave report. Report on file. Tonkin also provided an update regarding the Public Safety Revenue Sharing funds. Motion was made by Homister, seconded by Peck to transfer

75% of the \$4257.00 received to the Sheriff's Department, with the remaining funds to stay in the Fire Fund. All in favor. Motion carried.

Clerk: Jackson reported on the Michigan Bureau of Elections training for Clerks and Deputy Clerks attended last Wednesday and noted absentee ballots are expected to be mailed in a couple of weeks.

Trustee(s): Homister reported the Planning Commission has a meeting on July 16,

Unfinished Business

New Business

A. Master Plan as follows:

HOPE TOWNSHIP

BARRY COUNTY, MICHIGAN

(Resolution No. 2026-10)

At a regular meeting of the Hope Township Board held on June 8, 2026, at the Hope Township Hall, the following Resolution was offered for adoption by Board member Tonkin and was seconded by Board member Homister:

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE DRAFT HOPE TOWNSHIP LAND USE PLAN FOR DISTRIBUTION AND ASSERTING THE TOWNSHIP BOARD'S RIGHT TO ADOPT SUCH LAND USE PLAN

WHEREAS, the Michigan Planning Enabling Act, MCL 125.3801 *et seq.* ("MPEA") authorizes the Planning Commission to prepare a Master Plan for the use, development, and preservation of all lands in the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Hope Township Planning Commission has undertaken an effort to evaluate and update the Township's Land Use Plan and has assembled a revised draft Land Use Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Planning Enabling Act, MCL 125.3842, requires the Township Board to authorize distribution of the Land Use Plan to the notice group entities identified in the MPEA; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Planning Enabling Act, MCL 125.3843, provides the Township Board with the option to assert their right to adopt the Land Use Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. ***Intent to Adopt Land Use Plan.*** Pursuant to MCL 125.3843, the Township Board hereby asserts its right and intention to adopt a new Land Use Plan.

2. ***Distribution of Draft Plan to Notice Group.*** Pursuant to MCL 125.3842, the Township Board hereby approves distribution of the draft updated Land Use Plan to the Notice Group outlined in MPEA for review and comment.

YEAS: Lapins, Peck, Jackson, Homister, Tonkin

NAYS: None

ABSENT/ABSTAIN: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

B. Long Lake Weed Treatment Renewal.

Motion to proceed with the 5 year renewal preparations by Jackson, seconded by Homister. All in favor. Motion carried.

C. Guernsey Lake Fireworks.

Motion to approve the permit by Tonkin, seconded by Lapins. All in favor. Motion carried.

D. Foreclosed Properties Resolution 2026-11 as follows:

HOPE TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION 2026-11

A Resolution concerning purchase of foreclosed properties.

WHEREAS, The County of Barry has foreclosed on and will be offering for sale the following properties in Hope Township: 07-023-002-12, 07-026-028-00 and 07-065-001-00,

WHEREAS, Hope Township has the right to buy these parcels before the tax sale to be held on or about August 5, 2026, and

NOW THEREORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township is not interest in acquiring the above properties.

AND ADDITIONALLY, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that if the State of Michigan or Barry County does not acquire the above properties, and intends to revert them to Hope Township, Hope Township DOES NOT desire to accept the above properties.

Board Member Jackson moved adoption of this resolution, supported by Member Peck.

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

Nays: None

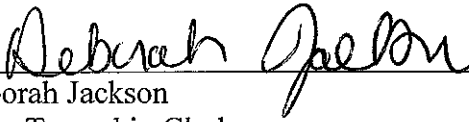
Absent: None

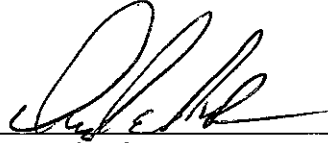
Resolution declared adopted.

Additional Public Comment: Comment was made.

Meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m. Motion to close by Homister, seconded by Jackson.

All in favor. Motion carried.


Deborah Jackson
Hope Township Clerk


Doug Peck
Hope Township Supervisor

Date: July 13, 2026
Status (circle one) Tentative Minutes Approved Minutes