

HOPE TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING February 10, 2020

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Clerk Jackson in the Hope Township Hall, 5463 S. M-43 Highway, Hastings, Michigan.

Clerk Jackson made a motion to appoint Trustee Messelink to preside over meeting in Supervisor Feldpausch absence, second by Tonkin. All in favor. Motion carried.

Members Present: Deborah Jackson, Arlene Tonkin, David Messelink, Matt Peake.

Members Absent: Mark Feldpausch

Others Present: Chad Curtis, Gene Muskovin, Perry Shepard, Craig Jenkins, Jolene Payne, Lisa Shockley-Curtis.

Public Comment: None

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

Delton Fire Report: Perry Shepard read report. Report on file. Fire Chief, Gene Muskovin, reported on the by-law changes for the board to vote on next month.

County Commissioner Report: n/a

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 January 13, 2020 meeting minutes:
- b. Reports received: Zoning Compliance permits; Revenue/Expenditure report; Treasurer report; Library minutes.
- c. Approval of Bills and Signatures of Board Members: Deborah Jackson

Motion to approve consent agenda by Tonkin, second by Peake. Roll call vote. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports/Board Comments:

Supervisor: n/a

Treasurer: Tonkin read report. Report on file. Reported the Healthy Waters Alliance is requesting the Township start the process for a weed control program for Wilkinson Lake.

Clerk: A new section at Cedar Creek Cemetery will be plotted and marked. The expense for the markers and supplies will come from the cemetery budget in the amount of \$4146.00. The township received a grant to cover half of the expense of a new tabulator for absentee voter ballots.

Motion to approve a quote from I.T. Right for a Cisco Firewall Network Security System in the amount of \$980.00 by Jackson, second by Tonkin. All in favor. Motion carried.

Library budget meeting will be tomorrow, Feb. 11.

Read a letter by Allison Troyer-Wiswell from Blue Zones Barry County.

Election Commission will meet on Weds., Feb 12.

Public Accuracy Test will be held on Thurs., Feb 20.

Trustee(s): Messelink reported on SWBCWA upcoming budget meeting. Gilmore Car Museum is approved to connect to the sewer.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

a. Salary Resolution 2020-1.

Resolution by Jackson, second by Tonkin to set the salary of Supervisor at \$16,000 to be effective April 1, 2020.

Resolution by Jackson, second by Tonkin to set the salary of Clerk at \$24,560 to be effective April 1, 2020.

Resolution by Jackson, second by Tonkin to set the salary of Treasurer at \$28,000 to be effective April 1, 2020.

Resolution by Jackson, second by Tonkin to set the salary of each Trustee at \$5500 to be effective April 1, 2020.

Roll call:

YEAS: Jackson, Tonkin, Peake, Messelink

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Feldpausch

Resolution was declared adopted.

The passage of this Resolution to be in compliance with P.A. 77 of 1989.

- b. Fire Department appropriations \$124,000.** Motion to approve the appropriations in the amount of \$124,000 by Tonkin, second by Peake. Roll call vote. Yeas: Jackson, Tonkin, Peake, Messelink; Nays: none; Absent: Feldpausch. Motion carried unanimously.

c. Board of Review Resolution 2020-2.

The following resolution was offered by Jackson and seconded by Peake. Whereas, The Township Board received a request from Assessor Harris to have the March statutory Board of Review date adjusted. The request is for approval to have the March Board of Review second meeting date adjusted from meeting on the second Monday in March, to meeting on the Wednesday following the second Monday in March.

WHEREAS, the Township Board has reviewed this request and DETERMINED that this request is acceptable pursuant to MCL 211.30 specifically (2) which states:

(2) The governing body of the city or township may authorize, by adoption of an ordinance or resolution, alternative starting dates in March when the board of review shall initially meet, which alternative starting dates shall be the Tuesday or Wednesday following the second Monday of March.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOPE TOWNSHIP BOARD AS FOLLOWS:

(1) That the Township Board hereby approves the request to have the March Board of Review second meeting date adjusted from meeting on the second Monday in March, to meeting on the Wednesday following the second Monday in March.

Roll call:

Adopted: YEAS: Jackson, Tonkin, Peake, Messelink


NAYS: None

ABSENT: Feldpausch

d. Audit engagement letter. Motion to approve the audit engagement with Walker, Fluke, & Sheldon by Jackson, second by Tonkin. All in favor. Motion carried.

Additional Public Comment (limited to 3 minutes): Comment was made.

Motion to close by Peake, second by Jackson. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.


Deborah Jackson
Hope Township Clerk


Mark S. Feldpausch
Hope Township Supervisor

Date Feb 24, 2020
Status (circle one) Tentative Minutes

Approved Minutes