

HOPE TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING

May 11, 2020

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

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Lisa Shockley-Curtis.

Public Comment: None

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

Delton Fire Report: None

County Commission Report: None

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 March 16, 2020 Meeting Minutes
- b. Reports received: Zoning Compliance permits; Building permits; Revenue/Expenditure report; Treasurer report; SWBCSA minutes.
- c. Approval of Bills and signatures of Board Members: Deborah Jackson

Motion to approve consent agenda by Messelink, second by Peake. Roll call vote. Yes: Messelink, Jackson, Peake, Tonkin. Feldpausch. No: none. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports/Board Comments:

Supervisor: Nothing to report.

Treasurer: Tonkin read report. Report on file.

Clerk: Nothing to report.

Trustee(s): Messelink reported on SWBCSA.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

- a. **Resolution 2020-8 Fire & Cemetery Millage Ballot Language August 20 Primary** as follows:

RESOLUTION 2020-8 TO ADOPT MILLAGE BALLOT LANGUAGE

WHEREAS, the duly qualified electors of Hope Township did at the 1996 August Primary Election in Hope Township authorize the levy and collection for the period of three years from 1997 through 1999, inclusive, of one (1) mill for the purpose of fire protection and cemetery maintenance; and

WHEREAS, the duly qualified electors of Hope Township did at the 2000 August Primary Election in Hope Township authorize the **renewal** of the levy and collection for the period of four years from 2000 through 2003, inclusive, of one (1) mill for the purpose of fire protection and cemetery maintenance; and

WHEREAS, the duly qualified electors of Hope Township did at the 2004 August Primary Election in Hope Township authorize the **renewal** of the levy and collection for the period of four years from 2004 through 2007, inclusive, of one (1) mill for the purpose of fire protection and cemetery maintenance; and

WHEREAS, the duly qualified electors of Hope Township did at the 2008 August Primary Election in Hope Township authorize the **renewal** of the levy and collection for the period of four years from 2008 through 2011, inclusive, of one (1) mill for the purpose of fire protection and cemetery maintenance; and

WHEREAS, the duly qualified electors of Hope Township did at the 2012 August Primary Election in Hope Township authorize the **renewal** of the levy and collection for the period of four years from 2012 through 2015, inclusive, of one (1) mill for the purpose of fire protection and cemetery maintenance; and

WHEREAS, the duly qualified electors of Hope Township did at the 2016 August Primary Election in Hope Township authorize the **renewal** of the levy and collection for the period of four years from 2016 through 2019, inclusive, of one (1) mill for the purpose of fire protection and cemetery maintenance; and

WHEREAS, the authorization for this one (1) mill levy expired in 2019,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Hope Township Board authorizes and directs the Township Clerk to take the necessary actions to place the following ballot question before the Hope Township electors at the August 4, 2020 Primary Election in Hope Township:

FIRE PROTECTION AND CEMETERY MILLAGE RENEWAL

“Shall the previously expired voted increase in the tax limitations imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution in Hope Township of 1 mill - .75 mill for Fire Protection and .25 mill for Cemetery (\$1.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value), reduced to 0.944 mills by the required millage rollbacks, be renewed at and increased up to the original voted 1 mill (\$1.00 of \$1,000 taxable value) and levied for 4 years, 2020 through 2023 inclusive, for the purpose of fire protection and cemetery maintenance, thereby raising an estimated \$137,765 in the first year the millage is levied?

Motion made by Jackson, seconded by Feldpausch to adopt Resolution 2020-8.

YEAS: Mark Feldpausch, Deborah Jackson, Arlene Tonkin, David Messelink, Matt Peake.

NO: None

The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

b. Resolution 2020-9 Road Millage Language August 20 Primary as follows:

RESOLUTION 2020-9 TO ADOPT MILLAGE BALLOT LANGUAGE

WHEREAS, the duly qualified electors of Hope Township did at the 1996 August Primary Election in Hope Township authorize the levy and collection for the period of three years from 1997 to 1999 inclusive, of one (1) mill for the purpose of road repair, maintenance and operating expenses; and

WHEREAS, the duly qualified electors of Hope Township did at the 2000 August Primary Election in Hope Township authorize the **renewal** of the levy and collection for the period of four years from 2000 through 2003 , inclusive, of one (1) mill for the purpose of road repair, maintenance and operating expenses; and

WHEREAS, the duly qualified electors of Hope Township did at the 2004 August Primary Election in Hope Township authorize the **renewal** of the levy and collection for the period of four years from 2004 through 2007, inclusive, of one (1) mill for the purpose of road repair, maintenance and operating expenses; and

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WHEREAS, the duly qualified electors of Hope Township did at the 2012 August Primary Election in Hope Township authorize the **renewal** of the levy and collection for the period of four years from 2012 through 2015, inclusive, of one (1) mill for the purpose of road repair, maintenance and operating expenses; and

WHEREAS, the duly qualified electors of Hope Township did at the 2016 August Primary Election in Hope Township authorize the **renewal** of the levy and collection for the period of four years from 2016 through 2019, inclusive, of one (1) mill for the purpose of road repair, maintenance and operating expenses; and

WHEREAS, the authorization for this one (1) mill levy expired in 2019.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Hope Township Board authorize and direct the Township Clerk to make the necessary actions to place the following ballot question before the Hope Township electors at the August 4, 2020 Primary Election in Hope Township:

PROPOSAL FOR RENEWAL OF THE ROAD IMPROVEMENT MILLAGE

“Shall the previously expired voted increase in the tax limitations imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution in Hope Township of 1 mill (\$1.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value), reduced to 0.944 mills by the required millage rollbacks, be renewed at and increased up to the original voted 1 mill (\$1.00 of \$1,000 taxable value) and levied for 4 years, 2020 through 2023 inclusive, for the purpose of road repair, maintenance and operations expenses, raising an estimated \$137,765 in the first year the millage is levied?”

Motion made by Messelink, seconded by Tonkin.

Roll call vote.

YEAS: Mark Feldpausch, Deborah Jackson, Arlene Tonkin, David Messelink, Matt Peake.

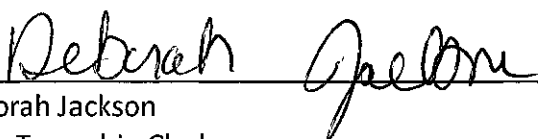
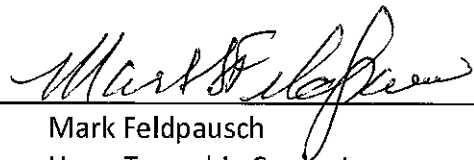
NO: None

The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

- c. **Pay for Deputy Clerk & Hall Groundskeeper during Shelter in Place Order Tues., 3/24/20 – until order lifted.** Motion to approve pay for regular scheduled hours by Jackson, second by Peake. Roll call vote. Motion carried unanimously.

Additional Public Comment (limited to 3 minutes): None

Meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m. Motion to close by Messelink, second by Peake. All in favor. Motion carried.

 Deborah Jackson Hope Township Clerk	 Mark Feldpausch Hope Township Supervisor
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Date: June 8, 2020
Status (circle one) Tentative Minutes Approved Minutes