

HOPE TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING
July 13, 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 Peake, second by Messelink. 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 June 8, 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 Jackson, second by Tonkin. Roll call vote. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports/Board Comments:

Supervisor: Feldpausch informed the board Carol Casey and others have volunteered to repair a few of the veteran memorial emblems at Cedar Creek Cemetery.

Treasurer: Tonkin read report. Report on file. Planning Commission's Public Hearing scheduled for July 16th has been cancelled until further notice.

Clerk: Jackson reported on absentee voter ballots and election day safety mandates for the August election and gave update on library business.

Trustee(s): Messelink reported the SWBCSA will not be open to the public to accept payments due to Covid-19. There is a drop box available. Zoning Board of Appeals met on July 9th.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

a. Resolution 2020-10 Establish an Absentee Voter Counting Board.

At a meeting of the Township Board of Hope Township, Barry County, Michigan, held on July 13, 2020, the following Resolution was offered by Jackson and seconded by Messelink.

WHEREAS, Section 168.765a of the Michigan Election Law, Public Act 116 of 1954, as amended, states that a township may decide to use absent voter counting boards, and **WHEREAS**, if a township decides to use absent voter counting boards, the board of election commissioners of that township must establish an absent voter counting board for each election day precinct in that township; and

WHEREAS, the board of election commissioners must appoint the election inspectors to those absent voter counting boards not less than 21 days or more that 40 days before the election at which they are to be used.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hope Township Board does hereby authorize and require the establishment and appointment of absent voter counting boards by Hope Township's Election Commission under the terms of, and with the responsibilities dictated by, Michigan Election Law. Said requirement shall remain in effect unless or until the Township board adopts a Resolution determining otherwise.

AYES: Tonkin, Jackson, Feldpausch, Messelink, Peake

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

b. Resolution 2020-11 Foreclosed Properties. 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: 07-004-414-00, 07-024-004-84, 07-024-004-86, 07-110-021-50 and 07-245-010-00; and

WHEREAS, Hope Township has the right to buy these parcels before the tax sale to be held on or about September 22, 2020, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE Township is not interested 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 Tonkin moved the adoption of this resolution, supported by Member Feldpausch.

Roll call vote: Yeas: Tonkin, Jackson, Feldpausch, Messelink, Peake

Nays: None

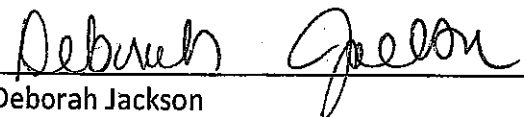
Absent: None

Resolution declared adopted.

- c. **Election Inspector pay increase.** Jackson requested election inspectors hourly pay be set at \$15.00 and election chairpersons hourly pay be set at \$20.00. Motion to approve the pay increase by Jackson, second by Messelink. Roll call vote. Motion carried unanimously.

Additional Public Comment (limited to 3 minutes): None

Meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m. Motion to close by Peake, second by Tonkin. All in favor. Motion carried.



 Deborah Jackson
 Hope Township Clerk



 Mark Feldpausch
 Hope Township Supervisor

Date: Aug 10, 2020
 Status (circle one) Tentative Minutes Approved Minutes