

Hopkins Township Board Minutes

Regular Meeting

August 14, 2023

Held At 142. E. Main St. Library Annex

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm. By Supervisor Evans

Roll Call – Alberda, Evans, Morris, Wamhoff.

Absent – Modreseke who entered at a later time.

Motion by Wamhoff supported by Morris to approve the agenda with change to item 12 B. The change for 12 B. will be “12. B. Future Resignation of Township Treasurer” . All ayes, motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Wamhoff supported by Morris to approve the minutes for the July 10, 2023 meeting. All ayes, motion carried 4-0.

The financials were discussed and a motion was made by Alberda, supported by Wamhoff to approve the financial report as presented. All ayes, motion carried 4-0.

Trustee Modreske entered the meeting at 7:36 pm.

Discussion was had on where our current budget year is at and a budget report was presented. Motion by Wamhoff, supported by Modreske to approve the budget report. All ayes, motion carried 5-0.

Discussion was had on the bills for the month and a motion was made by Wamhoff, supported by Morris to approve the bills in the amount of \$393,657.71 and include payment of \$400 to Mike Kerber. All ayes, motion carried 5-0.

Correspondence – None.

Public Comment- Public comment was opened and there was no public comment. Public comment was closed at 7:40 pm.

Reports:

County Commissioner Report - None this month.

Floodplain Participation - Clerk Alberda advised that this was sent in and the representative from the State advised it would be several weeks before we heard anything on the floodplain.

Hilliards Ball Field Request to Name After Doug Adameczyk - Supervisor Evans stated that the ceremony for the dedication of the naming of the field went well.

Township Hall Addition Update - Supervisor Evans and Clerk Alberda gave an update as to the status of the new hall addition. Things are moving along well and anticipate occupancy in October.

US 131 Annexation Denial Letter - Supervisor Evans shared information from the LARA Director that the annexation request of property near 135th Ave. and 12th St. was denied.

Assessing 660 Audit - Supervisor Evans shared that the Assessing 660 Audit went well and all items were passed on the audit.

Election Update - Clerk Alberda shared that he is working on a agreement with the Monterey Township Clerk to have a joint program for early voting in 2024. He also noted that there will be an election for Martin School District voters as well as Hopkins Village Voters in November.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

Township Hall Insurance - Discussion was had on updating our insurance policy to cover the new building and a motion was made by Alberda, supported by Modreske to allow Supervisor Evans to sign the paperwork and update our insurance amount for the new building. All ayes, motion carried 5-0.

Future Resignation of Township Treasurer - Treasurer Morris informed the board that she had recently retired from her full time job and was looking to move out of the area. She advised that once she finds a home or sells her home, she will be resigning from her position as Treasurer. No date was given as she is early in this process.

At this time Chris Machiela spoke at the meeting as he is looking to seek the office of County Drain Commissioner.

Township/Village Hall Additional Improvements - Discussion was had on improvements to the current Village/Township hall entryway/restroom area. It was discussed that because of the age of the building it would be a good idea to remodel that area while Mugan Construction was working on the new addition. Discussion was had and it was agreed that if the Village Council would contribute 50% to these updates that Clerk Alberda and Supervisor Evans could sign the work orders for the project.

Public Comment : Public comment was opened at 8:06 pm and there was no public comment. Public comment was closed at 8:06 pm.

Board Comment – None.

Motion by Evans supported by Wamhoff to adjourn at 8:07 pm and move to the joint meeting.
All ayes, motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Eric Alberda.

Hopkins Township Board Minutes Joint Meeting with Hopkins Village

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Held At 128 S. Franklin St. Hopkins, MI 49328

Meeting called to order at 9:08 pm. By President VanderWall.

Roll Call – Village - VanderWall, M. Alberda, Mullett, Kennedy, Buist, Osborn, Williams, Adams, Sebright. Township - Evans, Morris, Wamhoff, Modreske, E. Alberda.

Approval of Agenda - Motion by Buist, supported by Adams to approve the agenda as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Public Comment - None.

Village/Township Hall Entrance Improvements & Mugan Proposal - Discussion was had on the proposal of updating the entryway and restrooms and the Village/Township Hall by Mugan Construction.

Public Comment - None.

Board Comment - None.

Motion by Buist, supported by Osborn to have Mugan Construction work on the renovations of the entryway and bathrooms in the current hall, with the cost of the project to be split with the Township of Hopkins and have the invoice held until 2024. Roll call vote: Osborn - yes, Buist - yes, Williams - yes, Sebright - yes, Mullett - no, Adams - no. Motion carried 4-2.

Motion by Buist, supported by Osborn to adjourn at 9:30 pm. All ayes, motion carried.