

# Hopkins Township Board Minutes

## Regular Meeting

November 13, 2023

Held At 142. E. Main St. Library Annex

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

Roll Call – Evans, Wamhoff, Modreske, Alberda, Timmer

Absent – None.

Motion by Wamhoff supported by Alberda to approve the agenda with the addition of the County Clerk to Reports. All ayes, motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Alberda supported by Modreske to approve the minutes for the October 9th, 2023 Regular Meeting. All ayes, motion carried 5-0.

The financials were discussed and a motion was made by Wamhoff, supported by Modreske to approve the financial report as presented. All ayes, motion carried 5-0.

Discussion was held on the bills for the month and a motion was made by Modreske, supported by Alberda to approve the bills in the amount of \$170,161.29. All ayes, motion carried 5-0.

Correspondence – Supervisor Evans gave information that the Parks and Rec Plan public review would likely be held at the January Meeting and would be noticed accordingly.

Public Comment- Public comment was opened at 7:36 PM. Bob Beck made public comment from 7:36 PM to 7: 36 PM. There was no other public comment and public comment was closed at 7:37 PM.

Reports:

County Clerk's Office - County Clerk Genetski was present to give a presentation to the Board and public. He noted that the County Annual Report is on the County website. He also stated he felt the recent election went well. Clerk Genetski also presented information that the 48th Circuit Court information is now available online. Clerk Genetski finished his report at 7:49 PM.

Planning Commission Report - Supervisor Evans gave an update on the planning commission and discussed the progress of a possible solar ordinance. Supervisor Evans also discussed that the Master Plan is nearing completion and should be finalized in the next few months.

Township Hall Addition - Supervisor Evans and Eric Alberda discussed the progress of the new addition to the Township Hall. The new addition is nearly complete, just waiting on a few

backordered items. The original hall space has begun its renovations and should be done in early December.

Election Update - Clerk Timmer and Treasurer Alberda gave an update on the progress of the November 2023 election. Clerk Timmer said that the November Election went well. Treasurer Alberda noted that the new space is very much needed for the early voting requirements that will go into effect next year.

Treasurer Alberda gave prior notice and left the meeting at 7:56 PM.

Road Commission: Supervisor Evans gave a report from the road commission. Supervisor Evans noted that the PASER map indicates that 16th St. should be addressed before 130th Ave.

County Commissioner: County Commissioner Beltman was present and gave an update to the board. He noted that 123NET is starting to bring broadband internet into the rural areas of the County and Hopkins Township will be the first Township that they will be working on. They are hoping to have the installation completed by April.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

Village of Hopkins Downtown Park - Resident Robert Larr gave a presentation on the updates that he has made to the Village of Hopkins Downtown Park Veterans Memorial. He presented information on the amount the Village has paid for the updates to the memorial and requested that Hopkins Township contribute to the next phase of the memorial update. The board had discussion on the proposed project and a motion was made by Modreske and supported by Wamhoff to have Hopkins Township pay for the next phase of the memorial updates up to \$6,000. All ayes, motion carried 4-0.

Northeast Lake Road Special Assessment Petition Sufficiency Hearing - Supervisor Evans gave information that property owners in the Northeast Lake Road special assessment area have requested an increase to the annual assessment that they pay. It was discussed that the petition was sufficient and the property owners were requesting this increase to raise an additional \$2,400 per year. Motion by Timmer, supported by Modreske to deem the petition valid and increase the special assessment amount from \$150 to \$250 annually. Roll Call Vote: Wamhoff - yes, Modreske - yes, Timer - yes, Evans - yes, Alberda - absent. All ayes, motion carries 4-0.

Wamhoff PA116 Request - Discussion was had on Resolution 2023-18 to allow a partial termination of PA116 on parcel 0310-017-014-01. Discussion was held and a motion was made by Modreske, supported by Timmer to approve Resolution 2023-18. Roll Call Vote - Wamhoff - yes, Timer - yes, Evans - yes, Wamhoff - abstained, Alberda - absent. Motion carried 3-0. Discussion was then held on the execution of paperwork and a motion was made by Modreske and supported by Timmer. Motion carried 3-0 with Wamhoff abstaining.

Public Comment : Public Comment was opened at 8:39 PM. There was no public comment and public comment was closed at 8:39 PM.

Board Comment – Trustee Modreske gave information about new building codes that may be coming soon from the State of Michigan. Supervisor Evans gave information that 2024 is on track to possibly be the biggest year for new homes in Hopkins Township.

Motion by Evans supported by Wamhoff to adjourn at 9:01 pm. All ayes, motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Stacey Timmer.