

# Hopkins Township Board Minutes

## Regular Meeting

October 9, 2023

Held At 142. E. Main St. Library Annex

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm. By Supervisor Evans. Evans made note that Secretary Stacey Timmer would be taking the meeting minutes.

Roll Call – Evans, Wamhoff, Modreske.

Absent – None. Treasurer Morris and Clerk Alberda had given notices of resignation to their offices prior to the meeting.

Motion by Wamhoff supported by Modreske to approve the agenda as presented. All ayes, motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Modreske supported by Wamhoff to approve the minutes for the September 11th, 2023 Regular Meeting. All ayes, motion carried 3-0.

The financials were discussed and a motion was made by Modreske, supported by Wamhoff to approve the financial report as presented. All ayes, motion carried 3-0.

Discussion was had on the bills for the month and a motion was made by Modreske, supported by Wamhoff to approve the bills in the amount of \$95,712.73. All ayes, motion carried 3-0.

Correspondence – None.

Public Comment- Public comment was opened at 7:37pm. Representative Rachelle Smit gave an update from the happenings at the State level from 7:37 pm until 7:48 pm. There was no other public comment. Public comment was closed at 7:48 pm.

Reports:

Planning Commission Report - Trustee Wamhoff gave an update on the planning commission and discussed the progress of a possible solar ordinance.

Township Hall Addition - Supervisor Evans and Eric Alberda discussed the progress of the new addition to the Township Hall. Everything is going well and should be wrapping up soon.

Election Update - Eric Alberda gave an update on the progress of the November 2023 election. Absentee ballots have begun to go out for the election and noted that the new hall should be open for the election.

Village Park Memorial Crosses - Supervisor Evans gave an update to the Board that at a future meeting a discussion will take place on contributing funding to help upgrade the veterans memorials in the Village Park. The memorial contains names of veterans who were lost in previous wars and were residents of Hopkins Township. Residents are working on expanding and updating the memorial and will be bringing plans and costs to a future meeting. Clerk Alberda also noted that there is now a flag drop box located at the Memorial site for flags that need to be properly disposed of.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

Resignation of Treasurer - Supervisor Evans presented Treasurer Morris' Letter of Resignation from her position. Supervisor Evans also presented Clerk Alberda's Letter of Resignation from his position as Clerk. Motion by Modreske, supported by Wamhoff to accept Treasurer Morris' resignation. Roll Call Vote - Wamhoff - yes, Modreske - yes, Evans - yes. Motion carried 3-0. Motion by Wamhoff, supported by Modreske to accept Clerk Alberda's Letter of Resignation. Roll Call Vote - Wamhoff - yes, Modreske - yes, Evans - yes. All Ayes, motion carried 3-0. Discussion was had on filling the vacancies of those positions. Motion by Modreske, supported by Wamhoff to appoint Eric Alberda to the role of Treasurer. Roll Call Vote - Wamhoff - yes, Modreske - yes, Evans - yes. All ayes, motion carried 3-0. Discussion was had on the position of Clerk and a motion was made by Modreske, supported by Wamhoff to appoint Stacey Timmer to the position of Clerk. Roll Call Vote - Wamhoff - yes, Modreske - yes, Evans, yes. All ayes, motion carried 3-0.

Supervisor Evans then gave the Oath of Offices to Clerk Timmer and Treasurer Alberda and they participated in the rest of the meeting.

123.NET Metro Act - Discussion was had on the 123.NET metro act agreement. Motion by Alberda, supported by Modreske to allow Clerk Timmer to sign and submit the needed paperwork for the metro act agreement. All Ayes, motion carried 5-0.

Public Comment : Public comment was opened at 8:09 pm. Kathy Laseur gave public comment from 8:09pm. to 8:11 pm. Ken Blauuw gave public comment from 8:11 pm to 8:12 pm. There was no additional public comment. Public comment was closed at 8:12 pm.

Board Comment – Treasurer Alberda noted that Consumers Energy sent a bill for the new park and ride on 12th St. and 129th Ave. and noted that Consumers said they made a billing error and had not been billing for over a year. He will work with Clerk Timmer to bring more information to the next meeting. No other board comment was made.

Motion by Evans supported by Wamhoff to adjourn at 8:14 pm. All ayes, motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Stacey Timmer.