

Hopkins Township Board Minutes

Regular Meeting

December 11, 2023

Held At 142. E. Main St. Library Annex

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

Roll Call – Evans, Modreske, Alberda, Timmer

Absent – Wamhoff, who entered at 7:36 PM.

Motion by Timmer supported by Modreske to approve the agenda. All ayes, motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Alberda supported by Modreske to approve the minutes for the November 13, 2023 Regular Meeting. All ayes, motion carried 4-0.

Trustee Wamhoff entered the meeting at 7:36 pm.

The financials were discussed and a motion was made by Modreske, supported by Timmer 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 \$356,116.29. All ayes, motion carried 5-0.

Correspondence – Treasurer Alberda mentioned that the revenue sharing dinner is coming up on December 21 and there will be 3 people attending from Hopkins Township. He also gave an update on the Consumers Energy bill for the 131 Park & Ride and that he and Clerk Timmer are working on solutions.

Public Comment- Public comment was opened at 7:38 PM. Brian McBride made public comment from 7:36 PM to 7: 39 PM. There was no other public comment and public comment was closed at 7:40 PM.

Reports:

Township Hall Addition Report - Supervisor Evans gave an update on the progress of the township hall addition and noted that all work is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2023.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

Northeast Lake Road Special Assessment District - Discussion was had on Resolution 2023-19 Northeast Lake Road Special Assessment District to increase the annual assessment from \$150 to \$250. Public comment was opened on the Resolution and several residents made public comment. After discussion a motion was made by Modreske, supported by Wamhoff to approve Resolution 2023-19. Roll Call Vote: Wamhoff - yes, Modreske - yes, Timer - yes, Evans - yes, Alberda - yes. All ayes, motion carries 5-0.

2024 Board Meeting Dates - Discussion was had on Resolution 2023-20 Board Meeting Dates. After discussion a motion was made by Alberda, supported by Wamhoff to approve Resolution 2023-20. All ayes, motion carried 5-0.

Ambulance Board Appointment - Discussion was had on Resolution 2023-21 Ambulance Board Appointment. Motion by Wamhoff, supported by Modreske to approve resolution 2023-21. Roll Call Vote: Wamhoff - yes, Modreske - yes, Timer - yes, Evans - yes, Alberda - yes. All ayes, motion carries 5-0

Hopkins Area Fire Board Appointment - Discussion was had on Resolution 2023-22 Hopkins Area Fire Board Appointment. Motion by Wamhoff, supported by Timmer to approve resolution 2023-22. Roll Call Vote: Wamhoff - yes, Modreske - yes, Timer - yes, Evans - yes, Alberda - yes. All ayes, motion carries 5-0

Hopkins District Library Board Appointment - Discussion was had on Resolution 2023-23 Hopkins District Library Board Appointment. Motion by Timmer, supported by Modreske to approve resolution 2023-23. Roll Call Vote: Wamhoff - yes, Modreske - yes, Timer - yes, Evans - yes, Alberda - yes. All ayes, motion carries 5-0

Board of Appeals Appointments - Discussion was had on Resolution 2023-24 Board of Appeals Appointments. Motion by Alberda, supported by Wamhoff to approve resolution 2023-24. Roll Call Vote: Wamhoff - yes, Modreske - yes, Timer - yes, Evans - yes, Alberda - yes. All ayes, motion carries 5-0

Reappointment to Planning Commission - Discussion was had on Resolution 2023-25 Reappointment to Planning Commission. Motion by Evans, supported by Modreske to approve resolution 2023-25. Roll Call Vote: Wamhoff - yes, Modreske - yes, Timer - yes, Evans - yes, Alberda - yes. All ayes, motion carries 5-0

Met Towers - Discussion was had on Zoning Ordinance 2023-26 to add subsection 157.055: MET towers to the Hopkins Township Zoning Ordinance. Motion made by Modreske, supported by Wamhoff to approve Zoning Ordinance 2023-26. Roll Call Vote: Wamhoff - yes, Modreske - yes, Timer - yes, Evans - yes, Alberda - yes. All ayes, motion carries 5-0

Public Comment: Public comment was opened regarding the MET Towers Ordinance at 8:09 pm. Brian McBride and Bob Beck each made public comments. Public Comment closed at 8:12 pm.

Wind Energy Systems - Discussion was had on Zoning Ordinance 2023-27 to amend Hopkins Township's zoning ordinance by adding chapter 157.054 to regulate the installation, use and reclamation of wind energy systems and the repeal any ordinances in conflict thereof. Motion made by Wamhoff and supported by Modreske to approve Zoning Ordinance 2023-27. Roll Call Vote: Wamhoff - yes, Modreske - yes, Timer - yes, Evans - yes, Alberda - yes. All ayes, motion carries 5-0

Solar Energy Systems - Discussion was had on Zoning Ordinance 2023-28 to amend Hopkins Township's zoning ordinance by adding chapter 157.056 to regulate the installation, use and reclamation of solar panels and to repeal any ordinances in conflict thereof. Motion made by Wamhoff and supported by Modreske to approve Zoning Ordinance 2023-28. Roll Call Vote: Wamhoff - yes, Modreske - yes, Timer - yes, Evans - yes, Alberda - yes. All ayes, motion carries 5-0

Public Comment: Public comment was opened at 8:18 pm. Bob Beck gave public comment from 8:18 pm. to 8:20 pm. There was no other public comment and public comment closed at 8:20 pm.

Board Comment – Treasurer Alberda mentioned that the posting of a notice to fill the open position on the Library Board will be published on the website. There was no further board comment.

Motion by Evans supported by Wamhoff to adjourn at 8:21 pm. All ayes, motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Stacey Timmer