

# Hopkins Township Board Minutes

## Regular Meeting

February 12, 2024

Held At 128 S Franklin St, Hopkins MI 49328

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 change that the Fire Board Budget/Subsidies will be moved to next month. All ayes, motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Alberda supported by Modreske to approve the minutes for the January 8, 2024 Regular Meeting. All ayes, motion carried 5-0.

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 5-0.

Discussion was held on the bills for the month and a motion was made by Alberda, supported by Wamhoff to approve the bills in the amount of \$141,009.19. All ayes, motion carried 5-0.

Correspondence – None

Reports:

Library Board Update – Treasurer Alberda informed the board that the library remodeling started this week and will take approximately five to six weeks to complete. He also mentioned that the Library sent the Township a letter which we will discuss later during this meeting. The Library has a good fund balance and everything is going smoothly.

Ambulance Subsidy & Update – Supervisor Evans gave an update that the Ambulance Board is going smoothly with its new leadership. The Township received the subsidy packet from the Ambulance Board showing Hopkins Township's portion is \$17,683.48.

Township Hall Addition – Supervisor Evans and Treasurer Alberda informed the Board that the project was nearly complete and there are only a few minor things to finish. We have held back the final payment until those items are completed. Mugen is in agreement.

Election Update – Clerk Timmer gave a report that the election process is underway for the February 27, 2024, Primary Election. Absentee Voter ballots have been going out and many have been returned. She also mentioned that she and the Monterey Township Clerk are working hard

to prepare for the nine days of early voting which will be held in the new Hopkins Township/Village Hall.

Public Officials Report – None

Public Comment – Public Comment opened at 7:47 PM. Megan Frank gave public comments from 7:47 PM to 7:48 PM. Bob Beck gave public comments from 7:48 PM to 7:50 PM. There were no further public comments and public comment closed at 7:50 PM.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Fire Board Budget/Subsidies – Moved to next month.

2024 Poverty Guidelines Resolution – Discussion was had on Resolution 2024-04, 2024 Guidelines for Poverty Exemptions. Motion by Alberda, supported by Modreske to approve Resolution 2024-04. All ayes, motion carried 5-0.

Annual Board Compensation Resolution – After discussion a motion was made by Modreske, supported by Wamhoff to approve Resolution 2024-05 Board Compensation. Roll call vote: Wamhoff - yes, Modreske - yes, Timmer - yes, Alberda - yes, Evans - yes. All ayes, motion carried 5-0.

Discussion of letter from Library – Treasurer Alberda read aloud a letter from the Hopkins District Library Board. Discussion was had as to what this means for the Township office space in the Library going forward. A motion was made by Modreske that he and Supervisor Evans will sit with the Village on a board to make a decision. Supported by Alberda. All ayes, motion carried 5-0.

Public Comment – Public comment was opened at 8:08 PM to discuss the library letter. Megan Frank gave public comments from 8:08 PM to 8:09 PM. Bob Larr gave public comments from 8:09 PM to 8:13 PM. Bob Beck gave public comments at 8:13 PM. Bob Larr gave more public comments from 8:13 PM to 8:15 PM. There were no further public comments and public comment closed at 8:15 PM.

Cemetery & Hilliards Park Maintenance Contract – Discussion was had regarding the Cemetery & Hilliards Park Maintenance Contract. A motion was made by Modreske and supported by Timmer to have Supervisor Evans bid this out. All ayes, motion carried 5-0.

2023/2024 Budget Amendments Discussion – Treasurer Alberda gave an update on the General Fund budget stating that, as a whole, the budget is at or below what was projected. Treasurer Alberda and Clerk Timmer will bring line item adjustments to the March meeting.

2024/2025 Budget Suggestions – Supervisor Evans went through the draft budget line by line. Discussion was had on the draft 2024/2025 budget. More discussion will occur at future meetings.

Public Comment – Public comment was opened at 8:55 PM. Megan Frank gave public comments from 8:55 PM to 8:57 PM. Harry Kiraly gave public comments from 8:57 PM to 8:59 PM. Megan Frank gave public comments from 8:59 PM to 9:02 PM. There were no further public comments and public comment closed at 9:02 PM.

Board Comment – Trustee Modreske thanked Supervisor Evans and Treasurer Alberda for all their work on the new building. Supervisor Evans mentioned that funding for things has always been an issue/discussion re: the district library board, fire board and the ambulance board. However the boards have always worked together to make a formula to make sure everyone gets what they want. There was no further board comment.

Public Comment – Public comment was opened at 9:10 PM. Megan Frank gave public comments from 9:10 PM to 9:11 PM. There were no further public comments and public comment closed at 9:11 PM.

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Motion by Evans supported by Timmer to adjourn at 9:11 PM. All ayes, motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Stacey Timmer