

Hopkins Township Board Minutes

Budget Hearing Meeting

March 11, 2024

Held At 128 S Franklin St, Hopkins MI 49328

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

Roll Call – Alberda, Evans, Modreske, Timmer.

Absent – Wamhoff with prior notice.

Public Comment - Public comment was opened at 7:30 PM. Ken Blaauw made public comments from 7:30 PM to 7:31 PM. Public comment was closed at 7:31 PM. Supervisor Evans then clarified that this Public Comment was regarding the budget hearing meeting. Public comment was then reopened at 7:33 PM. Bob Larr made public comments from 7:33 PM to 7:34 PM. David DeYoung made public comments from 7:34 to 7:35 PM. There was no further public comment. Public comment was closed at 7:35 PM.

Discussion was held on Resolution 2024-06 General Fund Budget. Motion by Modreske supported by Timmer to approve Resolution 2024-06. Roll call vote: Modreske - yes, Alberda - yes, Evans - yes, Timmer - yes. Wamhoff - absent. All ayes, motion carried 4-0.

Discussion was held on Resolution 2024-07 Road Millage Fund Budget. Motion by Modreske supported by Alberda to approve Resolution 2024-07. Roll call vote: Modreske - yes, Alberda - yes, Evans - yes, Timmer - yes. Wamhoff - absent. All ayes, motion carried 4-0.

Discussion was held on Resolution 2024-08 Fire Millage Fund Budget. Motion by Alberda supported by Modreske to approve Resolution 2024-08. Roll call vote: Modreske - yes, Alberda - yes, Evans - yes, Timmer - yes. Wamhoff - absent. All ayes, motion carried 4-0.

Discussion was held on Resolution 2024-09 NE Lake Special Assessment Fund Budget. Motion by Alberda supported by Modreske to approve Resolution 2024-09. Roll call vote: Modreske - yes, Alberda - yes, Evans - yes, Timmer - yes. Wamhoff - absent. All ayes, motion carried 4-0.

Discussion was held on Resolution 2024-10 Hopkins Township 131 DDA Fund Budget. Motion by Modreske supported by Alberda to approve Resolution 2024-10. Roll call vote: Modreske - yes, Alberda - yes, Evans - yes, Timmer - yes. Wamhoff - absent. All ayes, motion carried 4-0.

Public Comment – Public comment was opened at 7:42 PM. There was no public comment and public comment was closed at 7:42 PM.

There was nothing further on the Budget Hearing Agenda and Supervisor Evans declared the meeting closed at 7:42 PM.

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Regular Meeting

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The March 11, 2024 Regular Board Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Evans at 7:42 PM.

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

Motion by Modreske, supported by Alberda to Approve the minutes for the February 12, 2024 meeting as presented. All ayes, motion carried 4-0.

Discussion was held on the financials and Treasurer Alberda noted that the previous issue in BS&A has been resolved and the financials show the correct amounts. Motion by Timmer, supported by Modreske to approve the financial report as presented. All ayes, motion carried 4-0.

Discussion was held on the bills for the month and a motion was made by Alberda, supported by Modreske to approve the bills in the amount of \$50,978.69. All ayes, motion carried 4-0.

Correspondence – Treasurer Alberda informed the Board that the billing issue with the Consumers Energy bill for the park & ride has been resolved. The bill actually belonged to MDOT and not to Hopkins Township.

Reports:

Township Hall Update - Supervisor Evans gave an update on the status of the Township Hall addition noting that there is to be one more walkthrough before the final bill is paid next month.

Election Report – Clerk Timmer gave an update that the February 27, 2024 election went well considering no one knew what to expect with the nine days of early voting. It worked really well to partner with Monterey Township for those nine days. We did identify a few small hiccups during the process and will work to improve those during future elections. But we are seeing that the costs associated with each election have risen dramatically due to those nine days of early voting. Hopkins Township got a “good job” from the board of canvassers for our precinct as well as our shared Early Voting precinct. Our AV Counting Board was missing a report from our poll book which she was able to bring to the canvassing committee. However this did not make us un-recountable.

Fire Board Report - Supervisor Evans gave a report that the fire chief made the decision to resign. The board accepted his resignation and has appointed an interim chief. The board hopes to appoint a new chief at their meeting in October. The proposed fire budget will increase 3.1% from last year to this year. He also noted that the new fire truck will be in next year's budget.

Public Officials Report – None

Public Comment – Public comment opened at 7:59 PM. Ken Blaauw made public comments at 7:59 PM. Bob Larr made public comments at 8:00 PM. There were no further public comments and public comment was closed at 8:00 PM.

Old Business - None

New Business:

Roads - Discussion was had on the roads in the Township. Allegan County Road Commission recommended moving up the paving on 16th Street. Motion was made by Alberda, supported by Modreske to approve the work order for 16th Street. Roll call vote: Modreske - yes, Timmer - yes, Alberda - yes, Evans - yes. Motion carried 4-0.

Fire Board Budget/Subsidy – Discussion was had on the Fire Board budget and subsidies for the 2024/2025 budget year. Motion was made by Modreske and supported by Timmer to approve the budget of \$255,675 with Hopkins Township's portion being \$100,695.42 with capital improvements. Roll call vote: Modreske - yes, Timmer - yes, Alberda - yes, Evans - yes. Motion carried 4-0.

Library & Village Building Agreement – Supervisor Evans noted that he and Modreske have not had time to discuss yet, but they are working toward a resolution.

Budget Amendments 2023/24 - Treasurer Alberda stated that he and Clerk Timmer have started making budget amendments but they would like more time to make those adjustments. Alberda made a motion to move this to next month, supported by Modreske. Roll call vote: Modreske - yes, Timmer - yes, Alberda - yes, Evans - yes. Motion carried 4-0.

Public Comment – Public comment was opened at 8:09 PM. Randy Hazenberg made public comments from 8:09 PM to 8:12 PM. Irene Hazenberg made public comments from 8:12 PM to 8:12 PM. Ken Blaauw made public comments from 8:12 PM to 8:13 PM. Irene Hazenberg made public comments from 8:13 PM to 8:14 PM. There was no additional public comment and public comment was closed at 8:14 PM.

Board Comment – None

Motion by Evans supported by Timmer to adjourn at 8:15 PM. All ayes, motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Stacey Timmer.