

MINUTES
HOPE TOWNSHIP PLANNING BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 4, 2019

The agenda/business meeting of the Hope Township Planning Board was held on Monday, February 4, 2019. Chairman Steve Larena called the meeting to order at 7: 30 p.m. He announced that notice of the meeting was given in compliance with the “Open Public Meetings Act – This meeting has been advertised in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975.” He led the Board in the pledge to the flag.

Roll Call:

Members present: Betsy Peterson, Steve Larena, Mayor Timothy McDonough, Terry Urfer, Matthew Koski, and Donna Marie.

Members absent: Tom Toohey, John Koonz, Robert May, Neil Rosenberg and Chris Maier

Also Present: Board Secretary Alfia Schemm.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of January 7, 2019 were distributed prior to the Board meeting. Mr. Urfer made the motion to approve them. Motion seconded by Ms. Marie. In a voice vote, all were in favor of adopting the minutes.

Old Business:

#16-001 Sarabjit Singh, Block 3700, Lot 400; Block 3701, Lot 100

Chairman Larena announced that this matter is being carried to the Board's April 1st meeting, 7:30 p.m., at the Hope Township Community Center, without further public notice.

Other:

Budget for 2019

Mr. Urfer reviewed that the Planning Board was over budget in 2018 and the Board discussed the billing for the Affordable Housing Element and the Master Plan discussion. The Board then went on to discuss a budget for 2019. The Board discussed the scheduling of the Singh hearing and Master Plan discussions.

Mr. Urfer made the motion to not review the Master Plan. Motion seconded by Ms. Marie. Discussion on the motion: Ms. Peterson clarified the Planning Board discussion on the proposed Ordinance revisions and Mr. Urfer stated his concerns. Mayor McDonough suggested that this motion be tabled. Mr. Urfer and Ms. Marie withdrew their motions.

It was suggested that the Board get a print out of what was spent last year. Board Secretary Schemm distributed a copy of the worksheet. The Board continued with the Master Plan discussion, the Budget for 2019, getting copies of the Ordinances, and the Heyer Master Plan proposal.

Mr. Urfer made the motion to not act on anything until the Singh application is over, then the Board can review Board Attorney Thomas's prior memos, without the Board Professionals, and then after that is done the Board will get Professional Proposals and Input. Motion seconded by Mayor McDonough. In a roll call vote, all were in favor.

The Board then discussed getting copies of the LDO.

Chairman Larena made the motion to recommend a Planning Board Budget of \$6,000.00 Motion seconded by Ms. Marie. In a roll call vote, all were in favor.

Other

Mr. Urfer stated that the Board Secretary has placed the Planning Board files in the filing cabinets given to the Township from Mr. Fish and getting permission to destroy the additional copies of documents no longer needed.

Bills:

Dolan & Dolan

Re: Singh

152.29

Mr. Urfer made the motion to approve the bill. Motion seconded by Mr. Koski. In a roll call vote, all were in in favor, except for Mayor McDonough and Ms. Peterson who abstained.

NJPO

Re: Dues

185.00

Mayor McDonough made the motion to approve the bill. Motion seconded by Mr. Urfer. In a roll call vote, all were in favor.

Open to the Public:

The meeting was opened to the public. With there being no public, the meeting was closed to the public.

Other Business:

Mr. Urfer brought up the Open Space Tax and Preservation of land, which was discussed with the Board.

Adjournment:

With there being no further business a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Alfia Schemm
Board Secretary
5/28/19