

MINUTES
HOPE TOWNSHIP PLANNING BOARD MEETING
JUNE 3, 2019

The agenda/business meeting of the Hope Township Planning Board was held on Monday, June 3, 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, Tom Toohey, John Koonz, Chris Maier, Robert May, Terry Urfer, Matthew Koski, and Donna Marie.

Members absent: Neil Rosenberg and Mayor Timothy McDonough

Also Present: Board Secretary Alfia Schemm.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of February 4, 2019 were distributed prior to the Board meeting. Ms. Marie made the motion to approve them. Motion seconded by Mr. Koski. In a voice vote, all were in favor of adopting the minutes, except for Mr. May, Mr. Toohey, Ms. Maier, and Mr. Koonz, who abstained.

Old Business:

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

Chairman Larena noted that there was a request made by the Applicant, back in April, that this matter be carried to the Board's July 1st meeting.

Other:

Neighboring Development

Chairman Larena stated that tonight's discussion pertains to development being proposed by neighboring municipalities that may impact traffic patterns in Hope Township. Mr. Urfer stated that there was a conceptual plan submitted in White Township and Mr. Bodolsky had also submitted information to the Hope Township Committee.

Tom Bodolsky commented on the proposed project and traffic data/estimates that he prepared, which was discussed with the Board. The Board discussed what the Hope Planning Board can do to address potential the traffic concerns. Mr. Maier suggested that a letter be sent to White Township requesting that Hope be kept informed of the status of the development. The Board discussed the County review procedure. Monica Sobon also suggested requesting a County Wide Environmental Impact Study be done by an Independent Consultant. The Board continued to discuss the issues. Mr. Koonz commented on the County's past position on restricting traffic and weight limits on County roads.

The issues were discussed with the Board and the Public, at great length. It was agreed that the Board would provide Board Attorney Thomas with the concerns and get his input in regards to sending a letter.

Grown Warren and General Business Development

Mr. Urfer spoke about Grown Warren and he distributed some handouts for the Board to consider in the future.

Bills:

	WSP USA	
Re: Singh		2059.25
	Dolan & Dolan	
Re: Master Plan		100.13
Re: General		224.63
	Rodman Associates	
Re: General		69.00
Re: Liguori		138.00
	Heyer Gruel	
Re: Singh		275.00

Mr. Maier made the motion to approve the bills. Motion seconded by Mr. Koonz. In a roll call vote, all were in favor, except for Ms. Peterson and Mr. Toohey, who abstained.

Open to the Public:

Chairman Larena opened the meeting to the public.

A member of the public questioned the status of the Master Plan revision. It was noted that the Board adopted a reexamination a few years ago and there is no set plan for a review at this time.

Adjournment:

With there being no further business a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Alfia Schemm
Board Secretary
8/27/19