

MINUTES
HOPE TOWNSHIP PLANNING BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 13, 2021

The business meeting of the Hope Township Planning Board was held on Monday, September 13, 2021. Chairman Steve Larena called the meeting to order at 7:33 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 then led the Board in the pledge to the flag.

Roll Call:

Members present: Chris Maier, Steve Larena, Terry Urfer, Betsy Peterson, Matthew Koski, Robert May, John Koonz, and Donna Marie.

Absent: Brad Bartow and Mayor Timothy McDonough

Also Present: Board Attorney Roger Thomas, Board Engineer Ted Rodman, and Board Secretary Alfia Schemm

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of July 5, 2021 were distributed prior to the Board meeting. Mr. May made the motion to adopt the minutes. Motion seconded Ms. Peterson. In a roll call vote, all were in favor, except for Mr. Koonz who abstained.

The minutes of August 2, 2021 were distributed prior to the Board meeting. Mr. Maier made the motion to adopt the minutes. Motion seconded by Mr. Koski. In a roll call vote, all were in favor, except for Mr. Koonz and Mr. May who were not present at the August meeting and they abstained.

Other Business:

Draft Comprehensive Farmland Preservation Plan

Barbara Heskin-Davis was present and she went on to review the Draft Comprehensive Farmland Preservation Plan. The power point presentation was distributed to the Board Members and it was discussed and reviewed. Several modifications were suggested. Ms. Heskin-Davis stated that she will provide a final draft once she receives all of the comments and then the Board will schedule a public hearing.

Peace and Good Order Ordinance

Mr. Thomas stated that in reviewing the Ordinance and discussing it with the Township Attorney, it was agreed that the Ordinance is not a Land Use Ordinance and the Board has no jurisdiction and should take no action.

Mr. Koonz made the motion to send a memo to the Governing Body reflecting that the Board has no jurisdiction on a policing ordinance and takes no action. Motion seconded by Mr. May. In a voice vote, all were in favor.

POP Zone Discussion

Mr. Larena noted the memo prepared by Ms. Gabel, which was distributed and discussed. The Board then went on to discuss the formal forming of a Zoning subcommittee.

Mr. May made the motion to create a Zoning subcommittee consisting of: Ms. Marie, Ms. Peterson, and Mr. Koski. Motion seconded by Mr. Urfer. In a roll call vote, all were in favor.

The Board continued to discuss the uses in the POP and NC Zone and the NC Zone acting as a buffer. Mr. Urfer stated that there was a recommendation, at the last Township Committee meeting, to dedicate funds in the 2022 Planning Board budget, to cover the cost of making modifications. Chairman Larena stated that it was already agreed, by the Board, to compile a list, review the list, and to make a recommendations at the end. It was suggested that the subcommittee draft a list of the uses/recommendations in the NC Zone for the Board to consider. The Board continued to discuss the access to the POP properties and permitting Self Storage Units as a possible use.

Bills: Heyer, Gruel & Associates

Re: General 450.00
Re: General 660.00

Mr. Koonz made the motion to approve the vouchers and be paid by the Township, if there are no funds. Motion seconded by Mr. Urfer. In a roll call vote, all were in favor, except for Mr. Maier who abstained.

Rodman Associates

Re: General 319.50
Re: General-Hope Cress 35.50
Re: Planer 284.00
Re: General-Hutchinson 35.50
Re: General 319.50
Re: Planer 35.50

Mr. May made the motion to approve the vouchers. Motion seconded by Mr. Koonz. In a roll call vote, all were in favor.

Dolan & Dolan

Re: General 810.35

Ms. Peterson made the motion to approve the approve the voucher. Motion seconded by Mr. May. In a roll call vote, all were in favor.

Open to the Public:

Chairman Larena opened the meeting to the public. With there being no public comment, the meeting was closed to the public.

Other:

Mr. Urfer gave a brief update on the Jaindl application before the County Planning Board.

Adjournment:

With there being no further business a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:51 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Alfia Schemm
Board Secretary
9/30/21