

**MINUTES
HOPE TOWNSHIP PLANNING BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 9, 2019**

The agenda/business meeting of the Hope Township Planning Board was held on Monday, September 9, 2019. Chairman Steve Larena called the meeting to order at 7:59 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:** Steve Larena, Tom Toohey, Robert May, Matthew Koski, and Mayor Timothy McDonough.
- Members absent:** Betsy Peterson, Neil Rosenberg, John Koonz, Chris Maier, Terry Urfer, and Donna Marie.
- Also Present:** Board Attorney Roger Thomas and Board Secretary Alfia Schemm.

Old Business:

#14-001 St. John the Baptist Serbian Orthodox Church, Preliminary and Final Major Site Plan, Block 4000, Lot 500- Extension Request

Steven Schepis, Esq. was present on behalf of the Applicant. He went on to review their July 11th request. He stated that there was a lot of paper work that needed to be done and then they hit rock during the excavation.

Michael Starcev stated that he is in charge of the development of the cemetery and he stated that the statements made by Attorney Schepis are accurate. He reviewed the status of the project and the delays.

The Board then went on to review, with the Applicants, the August 28th report of Board Engineer Rodman and the conditions of the original approval.

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

Mayor McDonough made the motion to grant the extension. Motion seconded by Mr. Toohey. In a roll call vote, all were in favor.

Bills:

Dolan & Dolan	
Re: St. John the Baptist	306.64
Re: Singh	47.25

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

Old Business:

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

Chairman Larena suggested that the matter be dismissed without prejudice to get it off the Board agenda. Board Attorney Thomas reviewed the matter and he stated that the Applicant could reinstate the application by providing a letter.

Mr. Larena made the motion to dismiss the application without prejudice. Motion seconded by Mr. May. In a roll call vote, all were in favor, except for Mayor McDonough, who abstained.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of June 3, 2019 were distributed prior to the Board meeting. Mr. May made the motion to adopt the minutes. Motion seconded by Mr. Toohey. In a voice vote, all were in favor of adopting the minutes, except for Mayor McDonough, who abstained.

Other:

Warehousing Letter to Warren County Freeholders/White Township Committee

The Board reviewed the draft letter that was discussed at their last meeting and they agreed that it should be sent out with a current date.

Mr. Toohey made the motion to send the letter out to the Warren County Freeholders and the White Township Committee. 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.

Adjournment:

With there being no further business a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Alfia Schemm
Board Secretary
10/30/19