

MINUTES
HOPE TOWNSHIP PLANNING BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 6, 2017

The agenda/business meeting of the Hope Township Planning Board was held on Monday, November 6, 2017. Chairman Fish called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. and 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.”

Roll Call:

Members present: Betsy Peterson, Chris Maier, Mayor Timothy McDonough, Robert May, Christopher John Kruk, Matthew Koski, and Chairman Fish.

Members absent: John Koonz, Tom Toohey, Neil Rosenberg, and Steve Larena

Also Present: Board Attorney Roger Thomas and Board Secretary Alfia Schemm

Correspondence:

Chairman Fish noted correspondence received by the Board, dated September 19, 2017, in regards to the St. John the Baptist Serbian Orthodox Church application and resolution. Board Attorney Thomas reviewed the letter received, along with the attachments, which satisfy condition #25 of the adopted Resolution.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the October 2, 2017 minutes were distributed prior to the Board meeting.

Mr. May made the motion to adopt the minutes. Motion seconded by Mr. Koski. In a voice vote: Mr. May, Mr. Koski, and Mr. Maier voted in favor. Ms. Peterson, Mayor McDonough, Mr. Kruk, and Chairman Fish, recused themselves from the Singh related portion of the minutes, but approved the remainder of the minutes.

The minutes of the August 23, 2017 meeting were distributed prior to the Board meeting.

Mr. Maier made the motion to adopt the minutes. Motion seconded by Ms. Peterson. In a voice vote, all were in favor, except for Mr. May who was not present at the August meeting and abstained.

Old Business:

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

Chairman Fish and Board Attorney Thomas announced that this matter is being carried to the Board's December 4, 2017 meeting at 7:30 p.m., with there being no further notice.

Other Business:

Scheduling of Master Plan Update Review

Chairman Fish stated that the Board should discuss the scheduling of the Master Plan Update. Ms. Peterson read a statement in regards to the scheduling and available meeting dates were reviewed. The Board discussed a possible meeting date of 11/27/17. Board Attorney Thomas then addressed the Housing and Fair Share Plan (which is a settlement document) and he stated that it will be provided to the Board, for their review, prior to the scheduled hearing. Mayor McDonough stated that he may also be able to provide the Township Attorney's letter summarizing the process. The procedure and the possible scheduling of meetings was discussed at great length. It was noted that the January

meeting is scheduled for January 29th, 2018. The Board discussed who should be in attendance and Mayor McDonough stated his concerns over the Budget. After continued discussion, it was agreed that the 11/27/17 meeting will not be another Community Meeting, but a Planning Board Meeting to start the process of preparing a Plan. Board Attorney Thomas will take notes at that meeting and then forward the notes to Board Planner Heyer. The meeting on 11/27/17 will be held at 7:30 at the Municipal Building.

Bills: Rodman Associates

Re: General \$ 33.25
Re: Singh \$ 897.75

Mr. May made the motion to approve the vouchers. Motion seconded by Mr. Maier. In a roll call vote, all were in favor, except for Mayor McDonough, Mr. Kruk, Ms. Peterson, and Chairman Fish, who abstained.

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Re: Singh \$ 417.15

Mr. Maier made the motion to approve the voucher. Motion seconded by Mr. May. In a roll call vote, all were in favor, except for Mayor McDonough, Mr. Kruk, and Ms. Peterson, and Chairman Fish, who abstained

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Re: Singh \$ 994.50

Mr. Maier made the motion to approve the voucher. Motion seconded by Mr. May. In a roll call vote, all were in favor, except for Mayor McDonough, Mr. Kruk, and Ms. Peterson, and Chairman Fish, who abstained

Open to the Public

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

Adjournment:

With there being no further business a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Alfia Schemm
Board Secretary
1/25/18