

MINUTES
HOPE TOWNSHIP PLANNING BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 5, 2018

The agenda/business meeting of the Hope Township Planning Board was held on Monday, February 5, 2018. Chairman Marvin Fish called the meeting to order at 7:30 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.” He then led the Board in the pledge to the flag.

Swearing in of Board Members:

Board Attorney Thomas administered the oath of office to John Koonz prior to the meeting.

Roll Call:

Members present: Marvin Fish, Betsy Peterson, Chris Maier, Steve Larena, Mayor Timothy McDonough, Terry Urfer, John Koonz, Matthew Koski, and Robert May.

Members absent: Tom Toohey and Neil Rosenberg

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

Old Business:

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

Chairman Fish noted that it was announced at the Board's January 29th meeting, that this matter has been carried to the Board's March 6, 2018 meeting.

Memorializing Resolution:

Housing Element and Fair Share Plan

Mr. May made the motion to approve the Resolution. Motion seconded by Mr. Larena. Discussion on the motion: Mr. Maier had a question in regards to the Ordinance. Mr. Urfer questioned his prior question, which was brought up at the last meeting, pertaining to the development fees and he also questioned: the collection of fees to offset administrative costs, the payment to the Fair Share Housing Center, and the possible auction of Township property. Mayor McDonough commented on the administration of the rules and regulations. Mr. Koonz also had several questions. In a roll call vote, all were in favor, except for Mr. Koonz, who was present at the Public Hearing.

Other Business:

ERI Update-Presentation.

Ellen Benoit, of the Environmental Commission, was present and she stated that they are working to maintain their Sustainable Jersey status and the 2007 ERI was about to expire and needed to be updated. She stated that they applied for grants and received funding.

Barbara Heskins Davis, of the Land Conservancy of NJ, was present and she provided an overview of their involvement with Hope Township, the funding received, and the ERI to be adopted by the Planning Board as a Master Plan Element. She then went on to provide a power point presentation on the ERI Update, which was reviewed with the Board. Mr. Maier clarified that the proposed document is a reference document. Board Attorney Thomas stated that it is a reference document. There were several questions

regarding the William Penn Foundation funding to preserve land, the mapping of aquifers, the Highlands mapping procedure, whether DEP water quality testing should be included in the proposed ERI, and the contaminated sites in Hope. It was noted that the mapping process, the DEP water quality, and the reference to preserved lands will be and evaluated and an updated ERI report will be provided. Mr. Urfer stated that the DEP water quality is not critical and he would support the adoption of the ERI without that information included. The Board discussed the process and procedure and the Board discussed scheduling a Public Hearing at the March 5th meeting.

Ordinance # 2018-02 Consistency Review

The Board reviewed Ordinance #2018-02 and there were several questions in regards to the proposed Ordinance and the process and procedure.

Mr. Koonz made the motion to find that Ordinance #2018-02 is consistent with the Township Master Plan. Motion seconded by Mr. Larena. Discussion on the motion: Mr. Maier questioned the consistency review process. Chairman Fish questioned the Plan and Ordinance approval process. In a roll call vote, all were in favor.

Bills:

Dolan & Dolan

01/15/18	Re: Singh	95.79
01/15/18	Re: Singh	272.11
01/15/18	Re: Master Plan	182.86
01/15/18	Re: Affordable Housing	138.24
11/30/17	Re: Master Plan	925.77

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

Legette, Brashears & Graham

1/16/18	Re: Singh	1045.50
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Mr. May made the motion to approve the voucher. Motion seconded by Mr. Maier. In a roll call vote, all were in favor, except for Chairman Fish, Mayor McDonough and Ms. Peterson, who abstained on the Singh voucher and Mr. Urfer who abstained on approving on the voucher.

Open to the Public:

Chairman Fish opened the meeting 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 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Alfia Schemm
Board Secretary
3/1/18