

**MINUTES
HOPE TOWNSHIP PLANNING BOARD MEETING
MARCH 5, 2018**

The agenda/business meeting of the Hope Township Planning Board was held on Monday, March 5, 2018. Vice Chairman Steve Larena called the meeting to order at 7:32 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, Mayor Timothy McDonough, Terry Urfer, and Matthew Koski
Members absent: Marvin Fish, Tom Toohey, Chris Maier, Robert May, John Koonz, and Neil Rosenberg
Also Present: Board Attorney Roger Thomas, Board Engineer Ted Rodman, and Board Secretary Alfia Schemm.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of January 29, were distributed prior to the Board meeting.

Ms. Peterson noted that in the Master Plan discussion, there is an incomplete sentence in the minutes. Board Secretary Schemm agreed and she stated that she will correct the minutes and complete the sentence.

Mr. Urfer made the motion to adopt the minutes, as amended. Motion seconded by Ms. Peterson. Mayor McDonough received an emergency telephone call and left the meeting. The Board has now lost their quorum. Board Attorney Thomas did note for the public, that the Sarabjit Singh application will not be heard this evening, as the Applicant's Attorney has requested that the matter be carried to the Board's April 2, 2018 meeting.

Mr. Urfer reached out to Mayor McDonough via cell phone to see if he would be returning. The Board took a brief break in the hopes that Mayor McDonough will return and the meeting can resume.

Mayor McDonough returned and the meeting resumed.

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Urfer remade his motion to adopt the January 29, 2018 minutes, as amended. Motion seconded by Ms. Peterson. In a roll call vote, all were in favor, except for Mayor McDonough, who abstained.

The minutes of February 5, 2018, were distributed prior to the meeting.

Mr. Urfer made the motion to adopt the minutes. Motion seconded by Mr. Koski. In a roll call vote, all were in favor.

Old Business:

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

Board Attorney Thomas announced that the Applicant's Attorney, Mr. Keiling, has requested that their matter be carried to the Board's April 2, 2018 meeting, without any further public notice.

Other Business:

Public Hearing of the Master Plan-ERI Element

Board Attorney Thomas summarized that there was a ERI presentation made at the February Planning Board meeting and tonight's hearing has been advertised as a Public Hearing on the adoption of the ERI. Mr. Urfer thanked the Environmental Commission for all of their hard work and on getting the grants to fund the preparation of the document.

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

Ms. Peterson made the motion to adopt the ERI dated February 2018. Motion seconded by Mr. Urfer. In a roll call vote, all were in favor.

Bills:

Rodman Associates

Re: General 204.00

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

NJPO

Re: Class-Koski 85.00

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

Dolan & Dolan

Re: Singh 328.15

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

Re: Affordable Housing 557.83

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

Open to the Public:

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

Other Business:

Mr. Urfer noted that the Township Committee is working on the 2018 Budget and he commented on getting Board input. Board Attorney Thomas suggested that the Board meet at 7:00 p.m., on April 2nd, to discuss the status of the Master Plan. He stated that based on the outcome of that discussion, the Board can request a cost estimate from Board Planner Heyer. He stated that Ms. Peterson has offered to put together an analysis, summarizing the suggestions made at the meetings. This will allow the Board to focus on a possible approach, if the Board wishes to consider an additional Reexamination Report. He stated that the Budget requirements, for Board Planner Heyer, will be based on the Board's determination. Mr. Urfer questioned the cost of a Master Plan revision vs. a re-write. Board Attorney Thomas stated that he can contact Board Planner Heyer to get a ball park estimate.

Mr. Urfer also commented on the Affordable Housing overlay.

Adjournment:

With there being no further business a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted:

Alfia Schemm
Board Secretary
4/2/18