

**MINUTES
HOPE TOWNSHIP PLANNING BOARD MEETING
APRIL 2, 2018**

The agenda/business meeting of the Hope Township Planning Board was held on Monday, April 2, 2018. Chairman Marvin Fish called the meeting to order at 7:00 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, Terry Urfer, Matthew Koski, Marvin Fish, Chris Maier, Robert May, Mayor Timothy McDonough, and John Koonz.

Members absent: Tom Toohey and Neil Rosenberg

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

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Larena made the motion to adopt the March 5, 2018 minutes. Motion seconded by Ms. Peterson. Discussion on the motion: Board Secretary Schemm stated that Mr. May noted some grammatical corrections, which she will address. In a roll call vote, all were in favor, except for Chairman Fish, Mr. Maier, Mr. May and Mr. Koonz, who were not present at the March meeting, and they abstained.

Old Business:

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

Chairman Fish addressed the request to carry this matter to the May meeting. The Board discussed the meeting time. Board Attorney Thomas announced that this matter is being carried to the Board's May 7th meeting, without further notice, at the Hope Township Community Center, at 7:00 p.m.

Memorializing Resolution:

Master Plan-ERI Element

Mayor McDonough made the motion to adopt the Resolution adopting the ERI Element. Motion seconded by Ms. Peterson. In a roll call vote, all were in favor, except for Mr. May, Mr. Maier, Mr. Koonz and Chairman Fish, as they were not present at the March meeting.

Other Business:

Master Plan Discussion

Board Attorney Thomas stated that he did contact Board Planner Heyer's office about getting a proposal. He distributed a copy of the August 24, 2016 proposal and he stated that the cost would depend on what the Board chooses to do. Ms. Peterson addressed the list of discussion items that she compiled separated into a short term review list and a long term review list. Mr. Koonz stated a concern over eliminating uses out of the POP Zone, with no plan to locate those uses elsewhere in the Township, as the Township can benefit from commercial rateables. The Board continued to discuss the various issues and whether further review of the uses/definitions needs to be done, before making any decisions in regards to changes. The Board began to review the permitted uses in the POP Zone.

Ms. Peterson made the motion to eliminate/remove automobile service stations out of the POP zone. Motion seconded by Mr. May. Discussion on the motion: The Board discussed the definitions and implications on the removal of the use. They also discussed the process and procedure at great length. Chairman Fish suggested that the present motion be tabled, to allow for further review. Mr. Larena asked if the Board should schedule additional meetings to discuss these matters. Board Attorney Thomas stated that he can prepare a review document, for the Board to exam, prior to making any decisions.

Mr. Koonz made the motion, to table Ms. Peterson's motion, to allow the Board to do further research. Motion seconded by Mr. Larena. In a roll call vote: IN FAVOR-Mr. Koonz, Mr. Larena, Mr. Koski, and Chairman Fish. OPPOSED: Ms. Peterson, Mr. Urfer, Mr. Maier, and Mr. May. ABSTAINING: Mayor McDonough. Motion does not carry.

The Board then reviewed Ms. Peterson's motion. Roll call vote on Ms. Peterson's motion: INFAVOR: Ms. Peterson, Mr. May, Chairman Fish. OPPOSED: Mr. Larena, Mr. Urfer, Mr. Koski, Mr. Maier, and Mr. Koonz. ABSTAINING: Mayor McDonough

Mr. Larena made the motion to have a special meeting to discuss the Master Plan. Motion seconded by Mr. Koonz. Discussion on the motion: The Board discussed the items to be reviewed and Board Attorney Thomas stated that he will prepare a review document. The Board then discussed the funding for the review. Mayor McDonough stated that the Budget has been prepared but not adopted yet. He invited Chairman Fish to the next Township Committee meeting to discuss what funding may be needed. The Board then discussed possible meeting dates. It was agreed to meet at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building on 4/30/18. In a roll call vote, all were in favor.

Bills:

Dolan & Dolan

Re: General	464.74
Re: Master Plan	556.61
Re: Singh	81.30
Re: St. John the Baptist	50.63
Re: Singh	2461.13

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

Open to the Public:

The meeting was opened to the public.

Sister Miriam Mac Gillis of Genesis Farm commented on her concerns over the protection of water, the Master Plan, the vision of the Township, and climate change. Board Attorney Thomas suggested that she review the current ERI and he commented on the work being done by the Board along with the numerous Master Plan meetings that have been held.

With there being no further 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 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Alfia Schemm
Board Secretary
6/4/18