

**MINUTES**  
**HOPE TOWNSHIP PLANNING BOARD MEETING**  
**MAY 7, 2018**

The agenda/business meeting of the Hope Township Planning Board was held on Monday, May 7, 2018. Chairman Marvin Fish 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, Terry Urfer, Matthew Koski, Marvin Fish, Chris Maier, Robert May, and John Koonz.

**Members absent:** Mayor Timothy McDonough, Tom Toohey, and Neil Rosenberg

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

**Correspondence:**

**Hope ZBOA; Re: Annual Report**

Chairman Fish acknowledged the Annual Report of the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

**Old Business:**

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

Board Attorney Thomas announced that this matter is being carried to the Board's June 4, 2018 meeting, without further notice, at the Hope Township Community Center, at 7:30 p.m.

**Other Business:**

**Master Plan Discussion**

Mr. Koonz questioned the Board's Budget and the potential cost of the Master Plan review, which was discussed.

Mr. Maier made the motion that each Board Member get a copy of the 1996 Master Plan, the Zoning Map, and the Aquifer Study for the Route 80 Interchange, before the Board continues to discuss changing the POP Zone. Chairman Fish asked if the motion includes tabling the discussion. Mr. Maier agreed. Motion seconded by Mr. Urfer. Discussion on the motion: Mr. Koonz gave a brief history of the POP Zone, boundaries of aquifers, and whether there was a Study done during the application for Solar Oil. The Board continued to discuss the matter. In a voice vote, all were in favor, except for Ms. Peterson and Mr. May, who voted in opposition.

The Board continued to discuss making copies of the 1996 Master Plan, the current Zoning Map, and if there is an Aquifer Study from many years ago and if it may be available. Mr. Urfer asked that the Board Members get the 1996 document along with the Re-examination Reports. He stated that the Township Budget is being adopted this week and he can ask about the Planning Board's budget at the Township Committee meeting. He also asked if the Board should invite the AG Board to the next meeting. He stated that he can have the 1996 Master Plan copied at Staples. The Board continued to discuss if the Aquifer Study exists, the development in the POP Zone, if a Study could be done, and if data is available. Mr. Urfer suggested that the Board start with an easier topic, when they start their review. Board Attorney Thomas noted his two memos, which he reviewed. It was also noted that Mayor McDonough was going to check with the League of Municipalities.

**Bills:**

**Rodman Associates**

Re: General	\$510.00
Re: Singh	640.00

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

**Open to the Public:**

Chairman Fish opened the meeting to the Public.

A member of the public stated that a lot of the Aquifer Information may be in the Township ERI.

A member of the public asked about assisting in the search for the Aquifer Study. Board Secretary Schemm stated that she would have to research the old records.

With their being no further public comment, the meeting was closed to the Public.

**Other:**

Robert May distributed a handout and he reviewed the properties that have been preserved, the funding, and future preserved properties. Board Attorney Thomas asked if Mr. May could also add, the property Zones, on his handout. Mr. May stated that he can. Board Secretary Schemm noted that there were additional Heyer maps prepared last year, for the Master Plan discussion, but the latest Zoning Map is dated 1997.

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Chairman Fish opened the hearing to the public.

Donna Marie stated that she was stunned that the Board Members do not have the Master Plan Documents and that the Board does not know where the Aquifer Study/Records are. She also stated that she was disappointed in the way the meeting was run.

Rose Leopardi stated that she said felt that the meeting was hostile. Chairman Fish stated that as the Chair he needs to maintain order. Ms. Leopardi stated that she did not think that he handled it properly. Chairman Fish publicly apologized to Mr. Maier if he acted in a less than a courteous way.

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 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Alfia Schemm  
Board Secretary  
6/4/18