

**HOPE TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
REORGANIZATION MEETING
MARCH 7, 2024**

The monthly meeting of the Hope Township Zoning Board of Adjustment convened at 7:00 p.m., with the following Board Members present: Tom Gabel, Gary Green, Shawn Patton and Steve Larena. Also present: Board Attorney Roger Thomas and Secretary Robin Keggan.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Thomas and he led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance. The “Open Public Meetings Act” statement was read and Board Attorney Thomas noted that there were no oaths to be administered as the only term up was for Alternate No. 1, which is a vacant position.

Reorganization:

Nomination of Chairman

Mr. Larena made the motion to nominate Tom Gabel as Chairman. Motion seconded by Mr. Patton. With there being no other nominations, a roll call was taken in favor: Green, Patton and Larena. Abstaining: Gabel

Nominations for Vice Chairman:

Mr. Larena made the motion to appoint Gary Green as Vice Chairman. Motion seconded by Mr. Gabel. With there being no other nominations, a roll call vote was taken in favor: Larena, Patton and Gabel. Abstaining: Green.

Adoption of Meeting Dates/Designation of Official Newspapers/OPMA

Mr. Larena made the motion to adopt the meeting dates for the year as distributed along with the designating the official newspapers as the NJ Herald and Express Times NJ Zone Edition, same as the Governing Body. Motion seconded by Mr. Green. Voice vote in favor: Green, Larena, Patton and Gabel.

Adoption of Resolution - Professional Services/Appointment of Board Secretary

Mr. Larena made the motion to appoint the Board Professionals, including Robin Keggan as Board Secretary, and to adopt the prepared Resolution. Motion seconded by Mr. Gabel. Roll call vote in favor: Green, Larena, Patton and Gabel.

Annual Report for 2023

Not available – to be distributed at a later date.

Other Business:

None.

Bills/Vouchers:

None

Open to the Public:

Chairman Gabel opened the meeting to the public.

Timothy McDonough, Resident and Committeemen of Hope Township, spoke briefly about the possibility of combining the Zoning Board of Adjustment with the Planning

Board in the future. At this juncture, as long as there are enough volunteers for both Boards and people want to stay on the Boards, we will remain as two separate boards in Hope Township. It was noted that the Ordinance was put into place in 2023 allowing the merger should the decision ever be made to combine the Boards.

No other public in attendance. The Chairman closed the meeting to the public.

Planning Board Report:

None

Adjournment:

With there being no further business a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 p.m. Voice vote in favor: Green, Larena, Patton and Gabel.

Respectfully Submitted:

Robin L. Keggan, Board Secretary