MINUTES HOPE TOWNSHIP PLANNING BOARD MEETING NOVEMBER 5, 2012

The agenda/business meeting of the Hope Township Planning Board was held on Monday, November 5, 2012. Chairman Marvin Fish called the meeting to order at 7:35 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 of allegiance.

Roll Call:

Members present: Chris Maier, Mayor Timothy McDonough, Neil Rosenberg, Marvin Fish,

and Betsy Peterson.

Members absent: Brian LaBar, Robert May, Steve Larena, and John Koonz.

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

Board Secretary Alfia Schemm.

Correspondence:

9-27-12 MMA, Re: Ordinance

The correspondence was noted and the Board discussed permitting/prohibiting Fast Food Restaurants. Mr. Maier stated that it sounds as if the proposed Ordinance is anti-business. He stated that he has been told by the Tax Collector that the Township Seniors are struggling to pay their property taxes (i.e. forced to eat dog food) and a Fast Food Restaurant is a ratable and could be a benefit on many different levels. Both Chairman Fish and Mayor McDonough stated that they have never heard of anyone "forced to eat dog food" and Mayor McDonough stated that he will need to talk to the Tax Collector as those citizens need to be helped. He also stated that he will provide the Board with a copy of the sample Ordinance, for the Board's review.

Old Business:

#-05-002 Country View Acres, Block 600, Lot 500

Richard Keiling, Esq. was present on behalf of the Applicant and he stated that they are requesting a three year extension, although he stated that they may fall under the Permit Extension Act.

Mayor McDonough made the motion to grant the Applicant's request for a three year extension, thru to 2015. Motion seconded by Mr. Maier. In a roll call vote, all were in favor, except for Ms. Peterson, who abstained.

Other Business:

Comprehensive Farmland Preservation Plan-2012 Amendment

Board Attorney Thomas stated that notice has been provided and tonight is a public hearing on the Comprehensive Farmland Preservation Plan. Mr. Maier confirmed that the changes that were requested from the last month's meeting were made. Board Secretary Schemm stated that the changes requested were incorporated into the latest draft. .

Mr. Rosenberg made the motion to adopt the Comprehensive Farmland Preservation Plan-2012. Motion seconded by Mr. Maier. In a roll call vote, all were in favor.

Bills: Obser

Re: Escrow Refund \$308.49

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

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Open to the Public:

Duane Copley thanked the Board for their cooperation in reviewing and adopting the Comprehensive Farmland Preservation Plan. Mr. Maier thanked Mr. Copley for his commitment to the Agricultural Advisory Committee.

Adjournment:

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

Respectfully Submitted:

Alfia Schemm Board Secretary