

**MINUTES
HOPE TOWNSHIP PLANNING BOARD MEETING
MARCH 5, 2012**

The agenda/business meeting of the Hope Township Planning Board was held on Monday, March 5, 2012. Marvin Fish called the meeting to order at 7:30 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.

Swearing in of Board Members:

Board Attorney Thomas administered the oath of office to John Koonz.

Roll Call:

Members present: Marvin Fish, Betsy Peterson, Robert May, Chris Maier, John Koonz, Neil Rosenberg, Steve Larena, and Brian LaBar

Members absent: Mayor Timothy McDonough

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

Correspondence:

NONE

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of January 23, 2012, were distributed prior to the Board meeting. Chairman Fish noted a correction.

Mr. May made the motion to adopt the minutes. Motion seconded by Mr. Maier. In a voice vote, all were in favor, except for Mr. Koonz, Mr. Larena, and Mr. Rosenberg, who were not present at the January meeting and they abstained.

Open to the Public:

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

Completeness:

#12-001 Russell David Sosnovik, Block 100, Lot 800

Robert Berry was present on behalf of the Applicant. He reviewed the proposed minor subdivision, the history of the property, and the easements that affect the remainder lot.

Mr. Maier made the motion to grant the waiver as outlined in Board Engineer Rodman's report of March 2, 2012 and to deem the application complete. Motion seconded by Mr. Rosenberg. In a roll call vote, all were in favor.

Mr. Koonz asked if the Board could proceed with the hearing this evening as the application is pretty straight forward. Board Attorney Thomas stated that the Board can act on the application if it wishes, as no variances are needed, and no notice is required.

Mr. Maier made the motion to hear the application this evening. Motion seconded by Mr. Koonz. In a roll call vote, all were in favor.

New Business:

#12-001 Russell David Sosnovik, Block 100, Lot 800

Robert Berry was sworn in and he briefly described the minor subdivision and Board Attorney Thomas commented on the proposal. Board Engineer Rodman briefly commented on his report of March 2, 2012 and he stated that Conditions #2 and #5 should apply to any approval.

Mr. Rosenberg made the motion to approve the minor subdivision, as discussed this evening. Motion seconded by Mr. Maier. In a roll call vote, all were in favor.

Other:

Mr. Maier asked if anyone is aware of a survey or inventory of abandoned mines within the Township. Mr. Koonz stated that he thought that the DEP may be cataloging them.

Bills:

	Dolan & Dolan		
1-31-12	Re: Obser		\$95.17
1-31-12	Re: General		204.50
	Rodman & Associates		
2-03-12	Re: Obser		310.00

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

Open to the Public:

Chairman Fish opened the meeting up to the public.

Robert Berry shared with the Board, the contents of an old will, which he found to be very interesting.

With there being no other public comments, the meeting was closed to the public.

Adjournment:

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

Respectfully Submitted:

Alfia Schemm
Board Secretary