

**MINUTES-MEETING
HOPE TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
FEBRUARY 3, 2022**

The reorganization meeting and monthly meeting of the Hope Township Zoning Board of Adjustment convened at 7:32 p.m., with the following Board Members present: Tom Gabel, Gary Green, Shawn Patton, Steve Larena, and Brian Kathenes. Absent: Carol D'Ottavio. Also present: Attorney Roger Thomas and Secretary Alfia Schemm.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Thomas and he led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance. He announced that the meeting is being held under the provisions of the "Open Public Meetings Act"; adequate notice of the meeting has been provided to the Township's Official Newspaper. He administered the oath of office to Tom Gabel and Gary Green.

Reorganization:

Nomination of Chairman

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

Nominations for Vice Chairman:

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

Adoption of Meeting Dates/Designation of Official Newspapers

Mr. Green 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. Patton. Voice vote in favor: Green, Patton, Kathenes, Larena, and Gabel.

Adoption of Resolution - Professional Services/Appointment of Board Secretary

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

Annual Report for 2021

Deferred

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Green made the motion to adopt the minutes of November 4, 2021. Motion seconded by Mr. Patton. Roll call vote in favor: Green, Patton, Kathenes, Larena, and Gabel

HEARING:

#21-003 423 Hope LLC, Block 1700, Lot 900

A letter has been received requesting that this matter be carried to the Board's March 3, 2022 meeting, without further public notice.

Vouchers:

Rodman & Associates

Re: 423 Hope LLC 426.00

Re: Hope NJ Realty 492.20

Dolan & Dolan

Re: 423 Hope LLC 307.40

NJ Planning Officials

Re: Dues 185.00

Mr. Kathenes made the motion to pay the Rodman vouchers. Motion seconded by Mr. Larena. Roll call vote in favor: Green, Patton, Kathenes, Larena, and Gabel

Mr. Green made the motion to pay the Dolan & Dolan voucher, Motion seconded by Mr. Larena. Roll call vote in favor: Green, Patton, Kathenes, Larena, and Gabel

Mr. Larena made the motion to pay the NJ Planning Officials voucher. Motion seconded by Mr. Patton. Roll call vote in favor: Green, Patton, Kathenes, Larena, and Gabel

Open to the Public:

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

Other:

Budget for 2022

The Board reviewed what was allocated to the Board in 2021 and what was spent in 2021. The Board discussed possible applications for 2022.

Mr. Larena made the motion to recommend a \$1500.00 Budget for 2022. Motion seconded by Mr. Kathenes. Roll call vote in favor: Green, Patton, Kathenes, Larena, and Gabel

Board Membership

The Board discussed filling the vacancies on the Board.

Planning Board Report:

None

Adjournment:

With there being no further business a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. Voice vote in favor: Green, Patton, Kathenes, Larena, and Gabel

Respectfully Submitted:

Alfia Schemm
Board Secretary
2/25/22