

**MINUTES
HOPE TOWNSHIP PLANNING BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 27, 2014**

The reorganization and agenda/business meeting of the Hope Township Planning Board was held on Monday, January 27, 2014. 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:

Attorney Thomas administered the oath of office to John Koonz, Neil Rosenberg, and Marvin Fish.

Roll Call:

Members present: Marvin Fish, Betsy Peterson, John Koonz, Neil Rosenberg, and Robert May.

Members absent: Mayor Timothy McDonough Chris Maier, Steve Larena, and Brian LaBar.

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

Reorganization:

Election of Chairman

Mr. Fish called for a nomination for Chairman. Mr. Rosenberg made the motion to nominate Marvin Fish for Chairman. Motion seconded by Mr. May. With there being no further nominations, the nominations were closed. In a roll call vote, all were in favor of nominating Marvin Fish as Chairman, except for Chairman Fish, who abstained.

Election of Vice Chairman

Chairman Fish called for a nomination for Vice Chairman. Chairman Fish made the motion to nominate Neil Rosenberg as Vice Chairman. Motion seconded by Mr. May. With there being no further nominations, the nominations were closed. In a roll call vote, all were in favor of nominating Neil Rosenberg as Vice Chairman, except for Mr. Rosenberg, who abstained.

Appointment of Board Professionals:

Mr. Koonz made the motion to retain Dolan & Dolan, Roger Thomas Esq., as the Board Attorney. Motion seconded by Ms. Peterson. In a roll call vote, all were in favor.

Chairman Fish made the motion to retain Rodman and Associates, Ted Rodman P.E., as the Board Engineer. Motion seconded by Mr. Rosenberg. In a roll call vote, all were in favor.

Mr. Koonz made the motion to retain Heyer, Gruel and Associates, as the Board Planner. Discussion on the motion: Board Attorney Thomas stated that Paul Gleitz, who was the Planner that attended most meetings, is now out on his own. The Board noted that in appointing the firm, they would prefer to have Fred Heyer, as the Planner to attend meetings. Motion seconded by Mr. May. In a roll call vote, all were in favor.

Appointment of Board Secretary

Mr. Koonz made the motion to appoint Alfia Schemm as Board Secretary. Motion seconded by Mr. Neil Rosenberg. In a roll call vote, all were in favor.

Designation of Meeting Dates, Time, Place

Agenda-Business-Work Meeting

- January 27, 2014
- February 3, 2014
- March 3, 2014
- April 7, 2014
- May 5, 2014
- June 2, 2014
- July 7, 2014
- August 4, 2014
- September 8, 2014
- October 6, 2014
- November 3, 2014
- December 1, 2014
- January 26, 2015

The meetings will commence at 7:30 p.m., at the Hope Township Municipal Building, 407 Hope-Great Meadows Road, Hope Township, Warren County, New Jersey.

Adoption of the Official Newspaper:

Designation of the Star Gazette as the Official Newspaper for publication of legal notices for the Board and the secondary paper as the Express Times.

Adoption of “Rules Governing Internal Affairs-Board Bylaws”

Mr. Rosenberg made the motion to Designate the Meeting Dates, Time and Place, along with the Adoption of the Official Newspaper and the adoption of the Rules Governing Internal Affairs-Board Bylaws. Motion seconded by Mr. Rosenberg. In a voice vote, all were in favor.

Adoption of Professionals Resolution

Mr. Koonz made the motion to adopt the Professionals Resolution. Motion seconded by Mr. Rosenberg. In a voice vote, all were in favor.

Correspondence:

- 10-28-13 **Frelinghuysen Township, Re: Land Use Amendment**
- 12-19-13 **Warren County Planning Board, Re: Amendment to Solid Waste Management Plan**
- Senate Bill 2563**
- Assembly Bill 3761**

Board Attorney Thomas stated that he reviewed the Bill in regards to Cluster Zoning, which was discussed with the Board. Board Engineer Rodman then discussed the Bill in regards to Generators.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of March 4, 2013, were distributed prior to the Board meeting.

Mr. Koonz made the motion to adopt the minutes. Motion seconded by Mr. Rosenberg. In a voice vote, all were in favor, except for Mr. May, who was not present at the March 4, 2013 meeting and he abstained.

Bills:

Dolan & Dolan

9-30-13 Re: General 55.22

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

NJPO

Re: Board Membership 180.00

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

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.

Adjournment:

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

Respectfully Submitted:

Alfia Schemm
Board Secretary