

**MINUTES  
HOPE TOWNSHIP PLANNING BOARD MEETING  
JUNE 2, 2014**

The agenda/business meeting of the Hope Township Planning Board was held on Monday, June 2, 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:**

Board Attorney Thomas administered the oath of office to Timothy McDonough and Brian LaBar.

**Roll Call:**

**Members present:** Marvin Fish, Betsy Peterson, John Koonz, Chris Maier, Steve Larena, Brian LaBar, and Timothy McDonough.

**Members absent:** Neil Rosenberg and Robert May

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

**Correspondence:**

2-19-14 WCPB, **Re: Sign Ordinances**  
4-11-14 Township Committee Memo, **Re: Non-domesticated animals on small lots**  
5-16-14 Township of Liberty, **Re: Ordinance #2014.007**  
Zoning Board of Adjustment, **Re: Annual Report for 2013**

Chairman Fish reviewed the correspondence received.

**Approval of Minutes:**

The minutes of January 27, 2014, were distributed prior to the Board meeting.

Mr. Koonz made the motion to adopt the minutes. Motion seconded by Ms. Peterson. In a voice vote, all were in favor, except for Mr. Maier, Mr. Larena, Mr. LaBar and Mayor McDonough, who were not at the January 27, 2014 meeting and they abstained.

**Other Business:**

**Discussion on Sign Ordinance**

Chairman Fish reviewed the letter from the County in regards to digital billboards and the Board and Board Professionals reviewed the present Township Ordinance and some Ordinances in other municipalities.

**Discussion on non-domesticated animals on small lots**

The Board reviewed the memo from the Township Committee in regards to non-domesticated animals on small lots. Also present Animal Control Officer, Alan DeCarolis, to discuss the present issues within the Township. Mr. Maier stated his concerns over the proposed Ordinance. He stated that he is a member of the EDAC-Economic Development Advisory Commission and the County is trying to attract Agricultural Opportunities and he feels that the present proposal is not agriculturally friendly.

The Board continued to discuss the proposal and the issues. It was suggested that a sub-committee ( Mr. Koonz, Mr. Maier, and Ms. Peterson) meet with Mr. DeCarolis to review the present proposal and to make recommendations and/or modifications.

**Bills:**

**Dolan & Dolan**

3-28-13	Re: General	207.28
1-31-14	Re: General	44.52

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

**Rodman & Associates**

4-4-13	Re: General	62.00
2-27-14	Re: General	93.00

Mr. Larena made the motion to approve the voucher. Motion seconded by Mr. LaBar. 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.

**Other:**

Mayor McDonough stated the Hope Elementary School will be participating in an emergency exercise on June 26th and June 27th. He asked that the Board Members spread the word, so that Township Residents are not alarmed.

**Adjournment:**

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

Respectfully Submitted:

Alfia Schemm  
Board Secretary