

**MINUTES**  
**HOPE TOWNSHIP PLANNING BOARD MEETING**  
**JULY 6, 2015**

The agenda/business meeting of the Hope Township Planning Board was held on Monday, July 6, 2015. Chairman 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.

**Roll Call:**

**Members present:** John Kruk, Mayor Timothy McDonough, Marvin Fish, Steve Larena, John Koonz, Brian LaBar, and Tom Toohey.

**Members absent:** Chris Maier, Betsy Peterson, Neil Rosenberg, and Robert May.

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

**Correspondence:**

**6-26-15** Thomas D. Norkevich, **Re: LOI**

Chairman Fish noted the correspondence distributed this evening.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of June 1, 2015, were distributed prior to the Board meeting.

Mayor McDonough made the motion to adopt the minutes. Motions seconded by Mr. Kruk. In a voice vote, Mayor McDonough and Mr. Kruk voted in favor, except for Mr. Toohey, Chairman Fish, Mr. Koonz, Mr. Larena, and Mr. LaBar, who were not present at the June 1st meeting.

**New Business:**

**#14-001 St. John the Baptist Serbian Orthodox Church, Preliminary and Final Major Site Plan, Block 4000, Lot 500-Completeness**

It was noted that the Applicant is not prepared to proceed this evening. The Board then discussed whether they could accommodate the Applicant with a Special Meeting. The reviewed alternate meeting nights. After a brief discussion, the Board agreed that instead of meeting on August 3rd they will meet on August 4th. Members of the Church were in the audience and Board Attorney Thomas stated that any expense involved with the special meeting will be charged to the Applicant's Escrow Account.

**Other Business:**

**Affordable Housing**

Board Attorney Thomas reviewed that it is his understanding that the Declaratory Judgment has been filed.

**#15-005 Noise Ordinance Recommendation**

Board Attorney Thomas reviewed the Ordinance. Mr. Koonz also updated the Board on the noise issue and the desire to tighten up the existing Ordinance. Board Attorney Thomas suggested that the Ordinance reflect the definition of "noise" is as defined in the State Statute and as regulated through the NJ Administrative Code. He stated that he will contact the Board Attorney tomorrow as the 2nd reading is scheduled for Wednesday. He stated that he does not feel that the suggestion is a material change.

Mr. Larena made the motion to recommend the Ordinance as suggested by Board Attorney Thomas this evening. Motion seconded by Mr. LaBar. In a voice vote, all were in favor, except for Mayor McDonough and Mr. Koonz, who abstained.

**Bills:**

**Dolan & Dolan**

Re: General-COAH

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

**Open to the Public:**

Chairman Fish opened the meeting to the public.

Board Engineer Rodman asked the Church Members sitting in the public, if arrangements can be made to have the gate open, so that he can make an inspection.

With there being no further public comment, the meeting was closed to the public.

**Other:**

Board Attorney Thomas stated that there may be some vacancies on the Zoning Board of Adjustment if there are any recommendations.

**Adjournment:**

In a motion made and seconded the Planning Board adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted:

Alfia Schemm  
Board Secretary