

Hopkins Township Board Minutes

Regular Meeting

January 11, 2021

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm. By Supervisor Evans

Roll Call – Alberda, Evans, Morris, Wamhoff, Modreske.

Absent – None.

Clerk Alberda advised the Board that there were currently no other callers outside of Board Members and no one had contact him via email or phone requesting help to access the meeting.

Motion by Modreske supported by Wamhoff to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of item C. Library Report under 10. Reports and item D. Fire Board Expansion Area under 12. New Business. Role Call Vote – Wamhoff – yes, Modreske – yes, Morris – yes, Alberda – yes, Evans – yes. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Wamhoff supported by Morris to approve the minutes for December 14, 2020 regular meeting. Role Call Vote – Wamhoff – yes, Modreske – yes, Morris – yes, Alberda – yes, Evans – yes. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Modreske supported by Wamhoff to approve the financial report as presented. Role Call Vote – Wamhoff – yes, Modreske – yes, Morris – yes, Alberda – yes, Evans – yes. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Alberda, supported by Morris to approve the bills as presented in the amount of \$7,007.37 plus up to \$1,800 to pay legal fees once the legal firm corrects their bill. Role Call Vote – Wamhoff – yes, Modreske – yes, Morris – yes, Alberda – yes, Evans – yes. Motion carried 5-0.

Correspondence – There was no correspondence.

Public Comment- There was no public comment.

Reports:

County Commissioner Report – Commissioner Dugan was not present at this time, he entered the meeting at a later time and gave his report then.

Planning Commission

DDA Update – Wamhoff gave an update to the planning commission. Evans also gave an update on the DDA.

Old Business:

There was no old business.

New Business:

Library Board Meetings – Clerk Alberda gave an update on the Library Board. He noted that the new Library Director was hired and is working with her to continue to make sure utility bills are shared back and forth and the transition to a new director goes smoothly.

DDA – Supervisor Evans gave an update to the DDA. He presented a DDA plan to the board that the Planning Commission recommended to the Township Board and explained the process of getting the plan approved. Motion by Modreske supported by Wamhoff to allow Supervisor Evans to notice the DDA Tax Increment Finance and Development plan meeting and set up the DDA Tax Increment Finance and Development plan meeting. Role Call Vote – Wamhoff – yes, Modreske – yes, Morris – yes, Alberda – yes, Evans – yes. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner’s Report – Commissioner Dugan gave his report.

Budget Amendments/Suggestions – Clerk Alberda gave the Board an update regarding the budget amendments. Supervisor Evans gave an update to the draft budget he and Clerk Alberda are working on. The Board discussed the proposed budget.

Hopkins Area Fire Board Expansion – Clerk Alberda gave an update to the area of Watson Township that the Watson Township Board would like the Hopkins Area Fire Department to cover. Motion by Alberda supported by Wamhoff to allow Supervisor Evans and Clerk Alberda to sign the updated Hopkins Area Fire Department Intergovernmental Agreement to allow the expansion of Watson Township Coverage. Role Call Vote – Wamhoff – yes, Modreske – yes, Morris – yes, Alberda – yes, Evans – yes. Motion carried 5-0.

Public Comment – There was no public comment.

Board Comment – Clerk Alberda stated that he checked his email and phone for anyone requesting help accessing the meeting and no one had contacted him.

Motion by Evans supported by Modreske to adjourn at 8:21 pm. All ayes.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Eric Alberda.