

**Hopkins Township Board Minutes**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**September 9, 2019**  
**DRAFT MINUTES**

Meeting called to order by Evans at 7:30 p.m.

Board members present: Evans, Alberda, Wamhoff, Modreske, Morris

Board members absent: None.

Motion by Morris, supported by Wamhoff to approve the agenda as presented. All Ayes.

Motion by Modreske, supported by Morris to approve the minutes of the August 12, 2019 regular meeting. All Ayes.

Motion by Modreske, supported by Wamhoff to approve the financial report. All Ayes.

Motion by Modreske, supported by Wamhoff to pay bills in the amount of \$8,733.26 with the removal of Check #12020. All Ayes.

Correspondence – Evans presented the board with correspondence on drains, Charter franchise agreement, and Gun Lake Sewer Authority. Alberda presented information on a recycling meeting coming up.

Public Comment- The board listened to public comment from 7:39 pm to 7:41 pm. from Bob Beck. No other public comment, public comment closed at 7:42 pm.

Reports:

Commissioner Report - There was no report given at this time.

Gun Lake Tribal Fire Agreement - Evans reported to the board that he was still waiting on official word from the tribe and there was nothing new to report since last month.

Cemetery Expansion - Evans told the board that things are moving along and at this time grass planting had been completed and everything is still moving along on schedule.

Old Business:

There was an update on the Corrective Action Plan. Morris advised she still had to finish getting the tax portion of BS&A updated but other portions of BS&A seem to be working well.

## New Business:

Motion by Alberda, Supported by Modreske to table the Boundary Changes Ordinance. All Ayes.

Discussion was held on Ordinance 01-2019 R-1 Rural Estate District. The board opened the floor for public comment on the ordinance and none was made. Motion by Wamhoff supported by Morris to approve the ordinance. Role Call Vote: Alberda – Yes, Morris – Yes, Modreske – Yes, Wamhoff – Yes, Evans – Yes. Ordinance passed 5-0.

Discussion was held on Ordinance 02-2019 AG Agricultural District. The board opened the floor for public comment on the ordinance and none was made. Motion by Wamhoff supported by Modreske to approve the ordinance. Role Call Vote: Alberda – Yes, Morris – Yes, Modreske – Yes, Wamhoff – Yes, Evans – Yes. Ordinance passed 5-0.

Discussion was held on Ordinance 03-2019 Prohibition Of Marihuana Establishment Ordinance. The board opened the floor for public comment on the ordinance and none was made. Motion by Modreske supported by Wamhoff to approve the ordinance. Role Call Vote: Alberda – Yes, Morris – Yes, Modreske – Yes, Wamhoff – Yes, Evans – Yes. Ordinance passed 5-0.

Discussion was held on tree removal in Maplewood Cemetery. Motion by Modreske, supported by Morris to allow Evans to rent a lift and assist K2 in removing the tree and trimming other trees as needed in Maplewood Cemetery. All Ayes.

Discussion was held on the repair of playground equipment in the Village of Hopkins North Park. Motion by Modreske, supported by Alberda to spend up to \$2,000 to help cover the cost of repair of the park with remaining costs to be paid for by the Village and/or other entities. All Ayes.

Commissioner's Report – At this time Commissioner Gale Dugan was present and gave his report from 8:12 pm. to 8:21 pm.

A presentation was given by Mike Houseman on a potential new business in Hopkins Township from 8:22 pm. to 8:40 pm. The board had discussion on the presentation from 8:40 pm. to 8:48 pm. The board opened up public comment in regards to this new business and no public comment was made at 8:50 pm. Motion by Modreske supported by Wamhoff to grant conditional approval of the originally submitted letter by K&M with the addition of the following items being approved by the appropriate agencies: surface water approval, road upgrading approval, and well and sewer approval. Once the Township receives a revised letter from K&M requesting conditional approval that address these issues, if they so choose to, the township will grant conditional approval pending review by the Township attorney.

Public Comment- Public Comment was opened at 9:07 pm. Public comment was heard from Bob Beck. Public Comment closed at 9:07 pm.

Board Comment- Modreske gave board comment in regards to land taken into trust. Evans gave board comment on the topic of public comment at meetings.

Motion by Evans, supported by Wamhoff to adjourn at 9:13 p.m. All Ayes.

Respectfully submitted by Eric Alberda, Township Clerk