

**MINUTES
HOPE TOWNSHIP PLANNING BOARD MEETING
MARCH 6, 2017**

The agenda/business meeting of the Hope Township Planning Board was held on Monday, March 6, 2017. Vice Chairman Larena called the meeting to order at 7:32 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 to the flag.

Roll Call:

Members present: Betsy Peterson, Neil Rosenberg, Chris Maier, Steve Larena, Tom Toohey, Mayor Timothy McDonough, Robert May, and Christopher John Kruk.

Members absent: John Koonz and Chairman Fish

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

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of January 30, 2017 were distributed prior to the Board meeting. Mr. May noted some typographical errors.

Mr. May made the motion to adopt the minutes, as amended. Motion seconded by Mr. Rosenberg. In a voice vote, all were in favor, except for Ms. Peterson, who was not present at the January meeting and she abstained.

Old Business:

#16-001 Sarabjit Singh, Block 3700, Lot 400; Block 3701, Lot 100

Board Attorney Thomas announced that the Board does not have a quorum to hold tonight's hearing, as there is a Board Member who is ill and is not present this evening. He announced that this matter is being carried to the Board's April 3rd meeting, at the Community Center, at 7:30 p.m.

Executive Session:

Mr. Maier made the motion to go into Executive Session at 7:40 p.m. to discuss litigation. Motion seconded by Mayor McDonough. In a voice vote, all were in favor

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist; **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Hope Township Planning Board and Township Committee, Warren County, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of and action upon the hereinafter-specified subject matter.
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows: Litigation
3. It is anticipated at this time that the above stated subject matter will be made public at the conclusion of each individual specified subject matter.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Date adopted: March 6, 2017

In a motion made and seconded, the Board came out of Executive Session. In a voice vote, all were in favor.

Bills:

	Dolan & Dolan	
Re: Singh-January		758.05
	Rodman Associates	
Re: General		33.25
Re: Singh		332.50
	Heyer, Gruel and Associates,	
Re: Singh		1460.00
	Getchell	
Re: Singh		1897.00

Mr. May made the motion to approve the vouchers. Motion seconded by Mr. Maier. In a roll call vote, all were in favor, except for Mayor McDonough who abstained.

Other:

Mayor McDonough reminded everyone about the Hope Forum being held on March 25, 2017.

Adjournment:

With there being no further business a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m

Respectfully Submitted:

Alfia Schemm
Board Secretary
4/25/17