

**MINUTES-MEETING
HOPE TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSMENT
FEBRUARY 6, 2020**

The reorganization meeting and monthly meeting of the Hope Township Zoning Board of Adjustment convened at 7:30 p.m. at the Hope Township Municipal Building with the following Board Members present: Tom Gabel, Brian Kathenes, Gary Green, Carol D'Ottavio, Shawn Patton, Brad Bartow, and Gil Hankins. Absent: Steve Larena and Christopher Smith. Also present: Attorney Roger Thomas, Engineer Ted Rodman, and Secretary Alfia Schemm. Mr. Patton, Mr. Bartow, Ms. D'Ottavio, and Mr. Kathenes were all sworn in.

The meeting was called to order by Attorney Thomas and he led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance. Secretary Schemm announced that the meeting is being held under the provisions of the "Open Public Meetings Act"; adequate notice of the meeting has been provided to the Township's Official Newspaper.

Reorganization:

Nomination of Chairman

Mr. Kathenes made the motion to nominate Tom Gabel as Chairman. Motion seconded by Mr. Green. Attorney Thomas asked if there were any other nominations. With there being no other nominations, the nominations were closed. Roll call vote in favor: Kathenes, Green, Patton, D'Ottavio, Bartow, and Hankins. Abstaining: Gabel

Nominations for Vice Chairman:

Mr. Hankins made the motion to appoint Brian Kathenes as Vice Chairman. Motion seconded by Mr. Green. Roll call vote in favor: Gabel, Green, Patton, D'Ottavio, Bartow, and Hankins. Abstaining: Kathenes

Adoption of Resolution - Professional Services

Mr. Bartow made the motion to appoint the Board Professionals and to adopt the prepared Resolution. Motion seconded by Mr. Hankins. Roll call vote in favor: Gabel, Green, Patton, Kathenes, D'Ottavio, Bartow, and Hankins.

Appointment of Board Secretary

Mr. Hankins made the motion to appoint Alfia Schemm as the Board Secretary. Motion seconded by Mr. Patton. Roll call vote in favor: Gabel, Green, Patton, Kathenes, D'Ottavio, Bartow, and Hankins.

Adoption of Meeting Dates

Mr. Green made the motion to adopt the meeting dates for the year as distributed. Motion seconded by Mr. Kathenes. Discussion on the motion: The Board discussed the summer meeting dates and it was agreed to adopt them as prepared. Voice vote in favor: Gabel, Green, Patton, Kathenes, D'Ottavio, Bartow, and Hankins

Adoption of 2020 Open Public Meeting Act-Resolution

Mr. Kathenes made the motion to adopt the Resolution complying with the Open Public Meetings Act. Motion seconded by Mr. Patton. Discussion on the motion: A typographical error was noted. Roll call vote in favor to adopt as amended this evening: Gabel, Green, Patton, Kathenes, D'Ottavio, Bartow, and Hankins

Annual Report for 2018-None
Annual Report for 2019-None

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Kathenes made the motion to adopt the minutes of February 1, 2018. Motion seconded by Mr. Hankins. Discussion on the motion: Mr. Green noted a typographical error. Roll call vote in favor to adopt as amended this evening: Gabel, Green, Kathenes, and Hankins. Abstaining: Patton, D'Ottavio, and Bartow

Completeness:

#ZB19-001 Robert Carson, Block 500, Lot 711

Board Engineer Rodman reviewed his completeness report of January 31, 2020 and he recommended that the application be deemed complete.

Mr. Green made the motion to deem the application complete. Motion seconded by Mr. Hankins. Discussion on the motion: Mr. Bartow noted a correction on the drawing. Board Engineer Rodman stated that he would advise the Applicant and it could be made a condition of any approval. Chairman Gabel questioned the type of surface being proposed, as a permeable paver surface would allow water to filter down and it may eliminate the need for the impervious coverage variance. He also questioned whether a patio paved surface was taxable and if setbacks are applicable. The Board also discussed the covered porch and the alternative of an open pergola. It was suggested that the Board Secretary advise Mr. Carson that the application was deemed complete and of the possible alternatives of permeable pavers and an open pergola. Roll call vote in favor: Gabel, Green, Patton, Kathenes, D'Ottavio, Bartow, and Hankins

Vouchers:

	Rodman & Associates	
Re: General		68.00
	NJ Planning Officials	
Re: Dues		185.00
Re: Educational Class		85.00

Mr. Green made the motion to pay the vouchers. Motion seconded by Mr. Hankins. Roll call vote in favor: Gabel, Green, Kathenes, D'Ottavio, and Hankins. Abstaining: Patton and Bartow

Other Business:

Planning Report

Board Attorney Thomas reviewed that the Singh application, before the Planning Board, was dismissed without prejudice. The Board also discussed the status of the warehouse application and the master plan in White Township.

Adjournment:

With there being no further business a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Voice vote in favor: Gabel, Green, Kathenes, D'Ottavio, Hankins, Patton and Bartow

Respectfully Submitted:

Alfia Schemm
Board Secretary 5/3/20