Hope Township Board Meeting
Hope Township Hall
July 14, 2026 6:00 pm

Rita Goul, Supervisor
Carol Coyle, Clerk
Wendy Faber, Trustee(absent)
Daniel Mieske, Trustee
Chuck Hudler, Treasurer(absent)

Visitors: *List with Clerk's copy*

TOWNSHIP MEETING CALL TO ORDER:

Township meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Supervisor, Rita Goul.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS: Dan Mieske, Present, Wendy Faber, Absent, Chuck Hudler, Absent, Rita Goul, Present, Carol Coyle, Present. There was a quorum.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion to approve the agenda, was made by Rita and supported by Dan. No additional discussion. All in favor 3. Opposed 0. Motion carried.

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

1. July Birthdays – None.

CLERK'S MINUTES: The Board packets were distributed to all board members on Friday, July10, 2026. A motion to approve the meeting minutes from the budget hearing, was made by Rita and supported by Dan. No additional discussion. All in favor 3. Opposed 0. Motion carried.

A motion to approve the meeting minutes from the regular township meeting, was made by Rita and supported by Dan. No additional discussion. All in favor 3. Opposed 0. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT:

1. Treasurer's Report – May and June – Rita presented the Treasurer's reports for May and June. A motion to **accept and file the Treasurer's report** was made by Rita and supported by Dan. No additional discussion. Roll Call: *Carol,* **YES**, *Dan*, **YES**, and *Rita*, **YES**. Motion carried.
2. Reconciliation Report – Rita noted the bank accounts were reconciled to the bank statements for both May and June. Chuck did the reconciliations and Rita reviewed all the statements. No further questions.
3. Tax Statements – Carol noted the tax statements have been sent and payments are starting to come in to the Treasurer's office.
4. Fire Department Payment – Carol stated the loan payment to the Fire Department was made with just a small amount still owed on the loan. Brian Solomon, Fire Chief, acknowledged the payment.

OUTSTANDING BILLS:

1. Payment of Bills - In the Board packet was a copy of the bills from the General Fund, Fire Fund, Road Fund, Tax Fund, Solid Waste Fund, Water Fund, and Lakeshore Fund. A motion to pay the bills was made by Rita and supported by Dan. No additional discussion. Roll Call: *Dan*, **YES**, *Carol,* **YES**, and *Rita*, **YES**. Motion carried.
2. Budget vs. Expense report was provided to all members. Each area that was highlighted in yellow was explained. There were no questions from the Board. (A copy is on file in the Clerk's office).
3. Payroll Summary and Liability reports for the township were provided for review.
4. Budget Amendments. Carol explained the areas that needed to be amended and the reasons why the amendment was needed. Budget Amendment Resolution number 07-14-2026, was read aloud by Rita. A motion was made by

Rita and supported by Dan to accept the resolution. No additional discussion. Roll Call: *Dan*, **YES**, *Carol,* **YES**, and *Rita*, **YES**. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Brian reported there were very few calls last month. He thanked Edenville and Mills Townships for the support they provided during a recent structure fire. EMS was present and assisted in keeping the firefighters hydrated. The ISO rating company was in and tested the equipment as needed. Brian was happy to report that everything tested, passed, and the truck will not have to be recertified, at this time. "Touch a Truck" was to take place on Wednesday, July 15th, at the Mills Family Center, from 4:00-6:00 pm. A "quiet period" was scheduled to take place at 4:00, lasting about 45 minutes, for those with sensory issues.

PARK COMMISSION: Darlene Thompson reported the following:

1. The Jamboree is in full swing and scheduled for July 19th from 12:00-4:00. There will be 2 food trucks and Kona Ice. The fire department will be there with a truck.
2. Bob Kelley is working on the door locks for the bathrooms.
3. Woodside Park has 300 followers on Facebook.
4. Darlene reported on some of the items that will be available in the Silent Auction for the Jamboree.
5. Antique cars will be on display during the Jamboree.
6. The Park Commission had approved an expenditure, up to $500.00, for Porta-a-Potty rental for the Jamboree. A volunteer had checked into pricing and the cost was significant. After discussion, Carol made a motion that was supported by Rita, to override the Park Commission's decision on the Porta-a-Potty rental. No additional discussion. Roll Call: *Dan*, **YES**, *Carol,* **YES**, and *Rita*, **YES**. Motion carried.

PLANNING: Nicole Kelley presented a need for funding to assist with creating an ordinance covering Data Centers. In addition, there is a need for funding to assist with the Master Plan that is due to be completed by November, 2027. The individual from Spicer Engineering is no longer available to assist on the project. However, Spicer is still interested in assisting with the project. Nicole requested to have an extra meeting to work on the projects. Rita made a motion to allow up to $6,000.00 for the Planning Committee to get the work done. Carol asked if other companies were being considered for the project and if anyone had looked into that possibility. In addition, Carol reminded everyone with the new budget year just starting, the number of meetings that are available to be used. When and if, that number is not adequate, the Planning Committee may come to the Board at that time, to request additional meeting time. Rita restated her original motion to allow up to $6,000.00 for the Planning Committee to complete the ordinance/~~Mater~~ Master Plan. The motion was supported by Dan. No additional discussion. Roll Call: *Dan*, **YES**, *Carol,* **YES**, and *Rita*, **YES**. Motion carried.

CHAPEL/CEMETERY: Floyd has been requested to hold another tour of the Old Cemetery. He will consider doing a tour sometime this fall. Floyd has a presentation of the Amish Cemetery coming up and the sign up is full. He may do a second tour at another time.

TOWNSHIP CODE AUTHORITY: The following permits were issued last month, Building – 2, Electrical – 0, Plumbing – 1, and Mechanical – 1. The next meeting will be July 23rd, 5:00 pm, at the County Building. The TCA will have a new secretary starting soon.

WIXOM LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD: No one present from the WLIB so no report.

ROAD ADVISORY COMMITTEE: The drain/culvert work on Saiko will begin Thursday, July 16th. The drain/culvert work on Five-Mile Road will be done on Friday, July 17th. Residents will have to exit the subdivision through Lakeshore subdivision. Rita will verify with the home owners to have the access open. The next meeting will be September 10th, 2026.

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UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS: Carol presented 2 estimates for lights to be installed at the Cemetery. The estimates included conduit for security lines, if needed, for the future. Two other companies, that had been contacted, also work with security cameras, and will provide that information. This would save some money down the road, if the light and security installation, was done at one time.

NEW BUSINESS: There is an open position on the Park Commission. Rita introduced Christine Perry, a Hope Township resident, that is interested in filling the position. The Park Commission recommended appointing Christine. A motion was made by Rita and supported by Dan, to appoint Christine into the position. No additional discussion. All in favor 3. Opposed 0. Motion carried. Rita explained the position will be held until the 2028 election cycle. At that time, all members of the Park Commission would have to run for office.

BUSINESS/COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR: None

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 pm was made by Rita and supported by Dan. No additional discussion. All in favor 3. Opposed 0. Motion carried.

Adjourned at 7:03 pm

Respectfully submitted.

Carol Coyle, Clerk