



TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Beaver County, Pennsylvania
APRIL 12TH, 2021
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

6:30 P.M. Workshop Meeting, held in the Township Municipal Building located at 1700 Clark Boulevard, Hopewell Township, was called to Order by President Richard Bufalini. Mr. Bufalini announced that the meeting is being recorded.

6:30 P.M.

Roll Call

President Richard Bufalini – In Attendance
Vice President Joe Kusnir – In Attendance
Commissioner David Ciccone – In Attendance
Commissioner Nick DiPietro – In Attendance
Commissioner Tim Force – In Attendance

Others Present

Jamie Yurcina, Township Manager, Michael B. Jones (McMillen, Urick, Tocci & Jones), Township Solicitor, HRG Inc. Engineers.

6:31 P.M

Business Agenda

Commissioner Kusnir: Motion to approve the Workshop Meeting Minutes of March 8th, 2021

Commissioner Force: Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Force	Yes
Commissioner Ciccone	Yes
Commissioner DiPietro	Yes
Commissioner Kusnir	Yes
Commissioner Bufalini	Yes
Motion Carried	

Commissioner DiPietro: Motion to approve the list of bills dated April 12th, 2021, as presented: General Fund \$113,893.21; Sewer Fund \$95,631.08; State Fund \$278.12.

Commissioner Bufalini: Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Force	Yes
Commissioner Ciccone	Yes
Commissioner DiPietro	Yes
Commissioner Kusnir	Yes
Commissioner Bufalini	Yes
Motion Carried.	



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Commissioner Kusnir: Motion to approve the March 2021, Financial Reports as presented.

Commissioner Ciccone: Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Force	Yes
Commissioner Ciccone	Yes
Commissioner DiPietro	Yes
Commissioner Kusnir	Yes
Commissioner Bufalini	Yes
Motion Carried	

Commissioner Force: Motion to approve the March 2021, Tax Collector's Reports for 2021 and 2021 as presented.

Commissioner Bufalini: Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Force	Yes
Commissioner Ciccone	Yes
Commissioner DiPietro	Yes
Commissioner Kusnir	Yes
Commissioner Bufalini	Yes
Motion Carried	

Commissioner Kusnir: Motion to approve the purchase of 2021 F250 SD Crew Cab from McCandless Ford for the Road Department for \$45,193.00 through a 3-year lease purchase KS State Bank.

Commissioner DiPietro: Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Force	Yes
Commissioner Ciccone	Yes
Commissioner DiPietro	Yes
Commissioner Kusnir	Yes
Commissioner Bufalini	Yes
Motion Carried	

Commissioner Force Motion to approve the purchase of 2021 John Deere



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Gator from Land Pro Equipment LLC for the Park for \$11,882.97.

Commissioner Bufalini: Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Force	Yes
Commissioner Ciccone	Yes
Commissioner DiPietro	Yes
Commissioner Kusnir	Yes
Commissioner Bufalini	Yes
Motion Carried	

Commissioner Bufalini: Motion to accept the resignation/retirement of Chief Brian Uhrmacher.

Commissioner Ciccone: Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Force	Yes
Commissioner Ciccone	Yes
Commissioner DiPietro	Yes
Commissioner Kusnir	Yes
Commissioner Bufalini	Yes
Motion Carried	

Commissioner Ciccone: Motion to approve the advertisement for Chief in the Beaver County Times.

Commissioner Kusnir: Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Force	Yes
Commissioner Ciccone	Yes
Commissioner DiPietro	Yes
Commissioner Kusnir	Yes
Commissioner Bufalini	Yes
Motion Carried	

Commissioner Kusnir: Motion to approve and pay S.C. Small Custom Homes for the repair of the Police Department roof at a cost of \$34,850.00.



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Commissioner DiPietro: Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Force	Yes
Commissioner Ciccone	Yes
Commissioner DiPietro	Yes
Commissioner Kusnir	Yes
Commissioner Bufalini	Yes
Motion Carried	

*Commissioner Force: Motion to approve Maintenance Seasonal Workers for the 2021 Season:
Edison Chen, \$10.00/hr and if he works 2021 events the rate will be \$8.50/hr.;
Kevin Kennelly, \$10.50/hr.;
Kevin Jones, \$10.50/hr.;
Brandon Wadding, \$10.00/hr.*

Commissioner DiPietro: Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Force	Yes
Commissioner Ciccone	Yes
Commissioner DiPietro	Yes
Commissioner Kusnir	Yes
Commissioner Bufalini	Yes
Motion Carried	

6:45 P.M.

Engineer's Report

Engineer's Report was Discussed, Submitted, and is on File.

6:55 P.M.

Solicitor's Report

No items to discuss at this time. Items to discuss during Executive Session include Zoning and Police issues.

6:55 P.M.

Items for Discussion

Manager, Jamie Yurcina discussed donating the Parks old John Deere Gator to Hopewell Youth Baseball.

Opening up the Municipal building to the public was discussed. Appointment only will continue at this time.

Controller, Barb Swearingen, discussed 2020 and 2021 Tax Credits from Families First.



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Solicitor, Mike Jones discussed a possible appeal to the request for return of funds.

Manager, Jamie Yurcina discussed a letter from Ashley Ellias asking for an exception in their sewer bill to not to get charged for filling up a new inground pool.

7:09 P.M.

Citizens Forum

Judy Vukelic, 401 Sharon Grange Rd., Hopewell Township.

Ms. Vukelic is concerned with a neighbor taking control over access of a Township road and cutting trees down on their property. Mr. Bufalini stated that our Zoning Officer, John Bates would look into property lines and address any unauthorized use.

Mike Wasik, Hopewell Volunteer Fire Department, Fire Chief

Mr. Wasik gave updates on how the fire department has responded to the community needs and the challenges that it faces operating with a small volunteer crew. A study to regionalize with Independence Twp., Raccoon, Center Twp. and Aliquippa is going to be held.

8:10 P.M.

New Business

No New Business

8:10 P.M.

Old Business

No Old Business

8:10 P.M.

Executive Session-Beginning

The Board of Commissioners entered into Executive Session to discuss police personnel and litigation.

9:53 P.M.

Executive Session Out

President Bufalini announce the following motions needed to be acted upon following Executive Session.

Commissioner Force: Motion to waive interest and/or penalties for local tax filings and payments for 2020 taxes that are made before May 17th, 2021, which is the extension for filing federal and state taxes.

Commissioner Kusnir: Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Force	Yes
Commissioner Ciccone	Yes
Commissioner DiPietro	Yes
Commissioner Kusnir	Yes
Commissioner Bufalini	Yes



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Motion Carried

Commissioner Kusnir: Motion to donate John Deere Gator from the park to Hopewell Youth Baseball.

Commissioner Ciccone: Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Force	Yes
Commissioner Ciccone	Yes
Commissioner DiPietro	Yes
Commissioner Kusnir	Yes
Commissioner Bufalini	Yes
Motion Carried	

Commissioner Bufalini: Motion to approve FMLA to Joe Daransky beginning 5/1/2021 ending date 7/1/2021 tentative, using vacation, personal and sick days.

Commissioner DiPietro: Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Force	Yes
Commissioner Ciccone	Yes
Commissioner DiPietro	Yes
Commissioner Kusnir	Yes
Commissioner Bufalini	Yes
Motion Carried	

9:53 P.M.

Adjournment

Commissioner Kusnir: Motion to Adjourn.

Commissioner Force: Second the Motion.

Voice Vote:

All in Favor

Motion Carried