

**TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL**  
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
Beaver County, Pennsylvania  
**April 22nd, 2019**  
**BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

7:05 P.M.      **Call to Order**  
Business Meeting Called to Order by President Richard Bufalini. President Bufalini indicated that the meeting is being recorded.

7:05 P.M.      **Pledge of Allegiance**

7:06 P.M.      **Roll Call**  
President Richard Bufalini –In Attendance  
Vice President Joe Kusnir – In Attendance  
Commissioner David Ciccone – Absent  
Commissioner Nick DiPietro – In Attendance  
Commissioner David Swihart – In Attendance (left at 7:50 PM)

**Others Present**  
Michael B. Jones (McMillen, Urick, Tocci & Jones), Township Solicitor

7:06 P.M.      **Public Comments**  
No Public Comments regarding the proposed Business Agenda.

7:06 P.M.      **Business Agenda**  
President Bufalini announced that the Treasurer’s Report is available for public inspection at the Municipal Building.

*Commissioner Kusnir:                      Motion to approve the March 25th, 2019 Business Meeting minutes.*

*Commissioner Swihart:                      Second the Motion.*

**Roll Call Vote:**  
Commissioner Swihart                      Yes  
Commissioner Ciccone                      Absent  
Commissioner DiPietro                      Abstain  
Commissioner Kusnir                      Yes  
Commissioner Bufalini                      Abstain  
Motion Tabled

*Commissioner Kusnir:                      Motion to approve the List of Bills dated April 22nd, 2019 as presented: General Fund \$115,371.55; Sewer Fund \$40,902.68; and State Fund \$14,584.35.*

*Commissioner Bufalini:                      Second the Motion.*

**Roll Call Vote:**  
Commissioner Swihart                      Yes  
Commissioner Ciccone                      Absent  
Commissioner DiPietro                      Yes  
Commissioner Kusnir                      Yes  
Commissioner Bufalini                      Yes  
Motion Carried

*Commissioner DiPietro:*

*Motion to approve the Tax Collector's Monthly Report for the month of March 2019 for the tax year 2018; The month of March for the tax year 2019; the corrected monthly report for the month of February 2019 for the tax year 2018; the corrected monthly report for January 2019 tax year 2018.*

*Commissioner Swihart:*

*Second the Motion.*

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Swihart	Yes
Commissioner Ciccone	Absent
Commissioner DiPietro	Yes
Commissioner Kusnir	Yes
Commissioner Bufalini	Yes
Motion Carried	

*Commissioner Kusnir:*

*Motion to approve contract #1 with A.R. Olistro Inc. (formally 2B) River Gravel at \$20.00 per ton delivered to the job site; Size 2A limestone at \$18.75 per ton delivered to the job site.*

*Commissioner DiPietro:*

*Second the Motion.*

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Swihart	Yes
Commissioner Ciccone	Absent
Commissioner DiPietro	Yes
Commissioner Kusnir	Yes
Commissioner Bufalini	Yes
Motion Carried	

*Commissioner DiPietro:*

*Motion to approve contract #1 with McClymonds Supply and Transit Company Inc., for size No. 1 (formally 4) limestone at \$20.53 per ton delivered to the job site; Size No. R-5 (Rip-Rap) limestone at \$28.23 per ton delivered to the job site; and natural sand at \$12.23 per ton delivered to the job site.*

*Commissioner Swihart:*

*Second the Motion.*

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Swihart	Yes
Commissioner Ciccone	Absent
Commissioner DiPietro	Yes
Commissioner Kusnir	Yes
Commissioner Bufalini	Yes
Motion Carried	

*Commissioner Kusnir:*

*Motion to approve contract #3 with Hanson Aggregates BMC, Inc., for Superpave HMA Wearing Course 9.5 mm, 0 – 0.3 million design ESAL's, PG 64-22, SRL-H Section 409 at \$64.00 per ton FOB plant.*

*Commissioner Swihart:*

*Second the Motion.*

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Swihart Yes  
Commissioner Ciccone Absent  
Commissioner DiPietro Yes  
Commissioner Kusnir Yes  
Commissioner Bufalini Yes  
Motion Carried

*Commissioner DiPietro: Motion to approve contract #3 with Russell Standard Corporation for FB-1 Modified Bituminous Cold Patch (Premium Grade) at \$83.75 per ton FOB plant.*

*Commissioner Bufalini: Second the Motion.*

Roll Call Vote:  
Commissioner Swihart Yes  
Commissioner Ciccone Absent  
Commissioner DiPietro Yes  
Commissioner Kusnir Yes  
Commissioner Bufalini Yes  
Motion Carried

*Commissioner DiPietro: Motion to approve contract #5 with Culverts, Inc., for type "M" Inlet frame and Grate Steel w/straight bars (bicycle safe) grates only (HS-20 loading) at \$223.00 each delivered to the job site and Steel Inlet Frame Only (HS-20 loading) at \$167.00 each delivered to the job site.*

*Commissioner Kusnir: Second the Motion.*

Roll Call Vote:  
Commissioner Swihart Yes  
Commissioner Ciccone Absent  
Commissioner DiPietro Yes  
Commissioner Kusnir Yes  
Commissioner Bufalini Yes  
Motion Carried

*Commissioner Kusnir: Motion to approve contract #6 with Culverts, Inc. for the 12" diameter HDPE smooth interior pipe at \$5.50 per foot delivered to the job site; 15" diameter HDPE smooth interior pipe at \$7.45 per foot delivered to the job site; and 18" diameter smooth interior pipe at \$10.10 per foot delivered to the job site.*

*Commissioner Swihart: Second the Motion.*

Roll Call Vote:  
Commissioner Swihart Yes  
Commissioner Ciccone Yes  
Commissioner DiPietro Yes  
Commissioner Kusnir Yes  
Commissioner Bufalini Yes  
Motion Carried

7:12 P.M. **Commissioner's Reports**  
No Commissioner Reports.

7:12 P.M. **Department Reports**  
The various Department Reports were given and are on file at the Hopewell Township Municipal Building.  
  
Police Chief Brian Uhrmacher, Road Department David Kriger, Planning and Zoning, John Bates and KCI Technologies Curtis Miller presented their respective reports.

7:20 P.M. **Old Business**  
No Old Business.

7:20 P.M. **New Business**  
No New Business

7:20 P.M. **Citizen's Forum**

*Sarah Pannell, 114 Fairview Ave., Ambridge*

Sarah Pannell introduced herself and announced she is running for Beaver County Controller using the slogan "Yell for Pannell"

*Donna Ritchie, 2001 Abbie Lane, Hopewell Township*

Donna Ritchie spoke regarding Beaver Lakes Blvd. and asked what can be done to address the road condition? She has called PennDot and Representative Matzie's Office about road conditions and stated she was happy with the guard rail that was installed on Golf Course Road. She also called the mayor of Aliquippa and was told that Aliquippa will gladly relinquish their part of the road to Hopewell Township. She has been waiting for Marie Hartman to provide paperwork for that to happen. Commissioner Bufalini explained that Marie Hartman is no longer with the township and introduced Curtis Miller, KCI Technologies Inc., our current engineer. The township is working to get Mr. Miller up to speed on current issues. Mr. Bufalini also stated that working in conjunction with the state takes time. Curtis Miller and Commissioner DiPietro discussed a temporary fix for the road. Commissioner Bufalini stated a temporary fix was needed due to upcoming construction. That project is currently under discussion between Commissioner Swihart, Curtis Miller and the developer.

*Val Tatalovich, 5004 Abbie Lane, Hopewell Township*

Val Tatalovich stated that Beaver Lakes Blvd. is in dreadful condition and this is the main route to the biggest hospitality venue in the Township. Commissioner DiPietro stated that this road is on the list to be fixed this year, however, it will be a temporary fix involving milling down the washboard problems. Mr. Bufalini confirmed that this temporary fix will be in the front of the road where the ripples are located to the top of the hill. Mr. DiPietro stated that the Township will work on the road in sections and will move forward as the budget allows.

*Erin Markum, 3013 Woodfield, 2011 Golfway, Hopewell Township*

Erin Markum stated that all 40 condo owners want to sign a petition to have Waste Management fees reevaluated. They are currently paying \$90/quarter but believe they should be billed for \$54/quarter. John Bates stated that he received a call from the Village on the Green's president today and confirmed that multi-unit dwellings are billed under the commercial rate. Mr. Bates will follow up. Commissioner Bufalini stated that Waste Management's contract was coming up for renewal this year and that the Township will look into this at that time.

Richard Fleis, 2438 Brodhead Rd., Hopewell Township

Richard Fleis asked for the decision on the sewer bill appeal for the above address. The bill was approximately \$1800 after a water leak. Chris Thompson, Sewer Department Superintendent and Jamie Yurcina, Field Technician inspected the area and confirmed that the leaked water did not enter into the sewer system. Commissioner Kusnir stated that the Commissioner's would discuss the situation and be in touch with their decision.

Jeremy Bain, 3002 Woodfield, Hopewell Township

Jeremy Bain addressed the condition of Woodfield stating that his son has broken wheels on his scooter and been in a bicycle accident due to the condition of the road. Dave Kriger, Road Department Superintendent will go to check out the area.

7:46 P.M.

**Announcements**

**Joe Craig Memorial Youth Fishing Derby will be held Sat. April 27, 8AM-Noon and the ADULT FISHING DERBY will be held Sun. April 28, 7AM-11AM**

**Earth Day Extravaganza is scheduled for Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M. All are welcome as we work to prepare the park and other areas throughout the township for the upcoming season.**

Please visit our website at [www.hopewelltp.com](http://www.hopewelltp.com), our Facebook page, and Twitter, for updates on Hopewell Township news and events.

7:47 P.M.

**Executive Session-Beginning**

The Board of Commissioners entered into Executive Session to discuss Police Department personnel issues (FMLA requests, Grievances issues).

8:25 PM

**Executive Session Out**

President Bufalini announced that the following motions need to be acted upon following Executive Session:

*Commissioner Bufalini: Motion to amend the FMLA leave for Officer David L. Bibbee II for the period of time encompassing May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019- June 13, 2019, with pay for 24 sick days.*

*Commissioner Kusnir: Second the Motion.*

**Roll Call Vote:**

Commissioner Swihart	Absent
Commissioner Ciccone	Absent
Commissioner DiPietro	Yes
Commissioner Kusnir	Yes
Commissioner Bufalini	Yes
Motion Carried	

*Commissioner Kusnir: Motion to hire Kim Petrina as Part Time Recreation Coordinator, with a maximum of 29 hours per week, at the rate of \$20.00 per hour to coordinate Rec on the Run and Camp Lakewood.*

*Commissioner DiPietro:* *Second the Motion.*

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Swihart	Absent
Commissioner Ciccone	Absent
Commissioner DiPietro	Yes
Commissioner Kusnir	Yes
Commissioner Bufalini	Yes
Motion Carried	

*Commissioner Kusnir:* *Motion to hire Jamie Yurcina as Township Manager commencing May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 at the annual rate of \$52,000 per year, with the customary manager benefits that will be set forth in a management agreement.*

*Commissioner Bufalini:* *Second the Motion.*

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Swihart	Absent
Commissioner Ciccone	Absent
Commissioner DiPietro	Yes
Commissioner Kusnir	Yes
Commissioner Bufalini	Yes
Motion Carried	

*Commissioner Bufalini:* *Motion to accept the appeal from Christina Tiemouri to accept minimum payment of \$21.66 for sewage usage rate.*

*Commissioner DiPietro:* *Second the Motion.*

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Swihart	Absent
Commissioner Ciccone	Absent
Commissioner DiPietro	Yes
Commissioner Kusnir	Yes
Commissioner Bufalini	Yes
Motion Carried	

8:30 P.M.

**Adjournment**

*Commissioner DiPietro:* *Motion to Adjourn.*

*Commissioner Kusnir:* *Second the Motion.*

Voice Vote:

All in Favor  
Motion Carried