



TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Beaver County, Pennsylvania
August 10th, 2020
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

6:30 P.M. The 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.

6:30 P.M. **Business Agenda**

Commissioner Force: Motion to approve the Workshop Meeting Minutes of July 13th, 2020.

Commissioner Ciccone: Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Commissioner Kusnir: Motion to approve the list of bills dated August 10th, 2020, as presented: General Fund \$9,471.99; Sewer Fund \$15,716.90; State Fund \$558.37.

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 DiPietro: Motion to approve July 2020 Financial Reports as presented.



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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 Kusnir: Motion to approve the Tax Collector's Monthly Report for the month of July, 2020 for the tax year 2020.

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 consent to the private offer to purchase Tax Parcel 65-018-0210.000, 65-018-0211.000 and 65-018-0212.000 on Buchanan Avenue, Hopewell Township from the Repository of unsold properties by Chris and Kathleen S. Yanko.

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 Force: Motion to appoint Rudy Zetz to the Planning Commission to fill the unexpired term of John Schafer.

Commissioner Bufalini: Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Commissioner Kusnir: Motion to approve the purchase of Tax Parcel 65-184-0104.002 from the Beaver County Repository of Unsold Property (reputed owners John and Rose Barkovich) for the sum of \$470.35 and to exonerate the Beaver County Tax Claim Bureau and Chief Assessor from the collection of back Taxes on said property for Hopewell Township and the Hopewell Area School District.

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.

6:36 P.M.

Engineer's Report

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

6:41 P.M.

Items for Discussion

Township Manager, Jamie Yurcina said that Dan Wolf reached out to him regarding putting the final Wearing Course on Clairmont and they will do a final walk through with the engineers.

Mr. Bufalini stated B.F. Jones reached out to him requesting the previously allocated funds for the year.

Excess charges in the Chirgott's last sewer bill were discussed. Confirmation was received that the leak which resulted in their large bill this month was from an external leak.

Commissioner Ciccone: Motion to relieve Mr. Chirgott of the additional sewer charges and accept his payment of \$121.00 on the \$329.00 bill.

Commissioner Kusnir: Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Force Yes
Commissioner Ciccone Yes



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

Commissioner Force: Motion to pay KCI up to contracted amount for task 1 of 2019 contracts in the amount of \$2,534.14.

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 Kusnir: Motion to pay KCI up to contracted amount for task 2 of 2019 contracts in the amount of \$1,580.05.

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.

6:56 P.M.

Additional Items for Discussion

Mr. DiPietro mentioned that the 1st Yard Crawl was a success and inquired if the Road Dept. has swept Webb St. as residents are complaining of pebbles/stones. The condition of Overlook Dr. was also discussed.

7:01 P.M.

Citizens Forum

Ben Crisi, 2158 Brodhead Rd., Hopewell Township

Mr. Crisi spoke to the Conditional Use of Crisi Lane and Miller Lane. Concerns continue over neighbor harassment.

Mr. Crisi also asked if the hours of Conditional Use be revisited to a more reasonable time frame.

Flood problems due to the Township's storm water catch basin in the area is also an issue.



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- 7:14 P.M. Dr. Nick Unis, 2158 Brodhead Rd., Hopewell Township
Dr. Unis owns the property adjacent to Mr. Crisi's and confirmed there has been no problem with the current use of the property.
- 7:18 P.M. George Glad, 3002 Wilson Ave., Hopewell Township
Mr. Glad stated that whenever he cuts the grass on Mr. Crisi's property that he has also been harassed by neighbors.

Mr. Glad also noted that repairs need to be made to Wilson Ave., where the sewer tap was installed weeks ago.
- 7:22 P.M. Lenny Belich, 2164 Brodhead Rd., Hopewell Township
Mr. Belich stated that he also has been questioned and harassed by the same neighbor as Mr. Crisi.

Mr. Belich also questioned the stability of the wall and the adjacent asphalt by the cemetery and Miller Lane and was concerned if Valley Waste's truck can safely access the road.

Solicitor, Mike Jones stated Mr. Crisi has filed appeal of the Township's decision in court. Mr. Jones will be in touch with Mr. Crisi's attorney to request documents to which he referred then the Board will discuss the findings.
- 7:48 P.M. **New Business**
No New Business
- 7: 48 P.M. **Old Business**
No Old Business
- 7:49 P.M. **Executive Session-Beginning**
The Board of Commissioners entered into Executive Session to discuss Mr. Crisi's request.
- 8:06 P.M. **Executive Session Out**
Mr. Bufalini stated there are no motions that need to be voted on following executive session.
- 8:07 P.M. **Adjournment**
Commissioner Kusnir: Motion to Adjourn.
Commissioner Ciccone: Second the Motion.

Voice Vote:
All in Favor
Motion Carried



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