

**TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL**  
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
 Beaver County, Pennsylvania  
 September 23rd, 2019  
**BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

7:08 P.M.      **Swearing In**  
 Swearing in of part-time officer Amber L. Chopin by District Magistrate Janet Swihart.

7:10 P.M.      **Call to Order**  
 Business Meeting Called to Order by President Richard Bufalini. President Bufalini indicated that the meeting is being recorded.

7:11 P.M.      **Pledge of Allegiance**

7:12 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**  
 Michael B. Jones (McMillen, Urick, Tocci & Jones), Township Solicitor

7:12 P.M.      **Public Comments**  
 No Public Comments regarding the proposed Business Agenda.

7:13 P.M.      **Business Agenda**  
 President Bufalini announced that the Treasurer's Report is available for public inspection at the Municipal Building.

*Commissioner Force:                      Motion to approve the August 26th, 2019 Business Meeting minutes.*

*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 DiPietro:                      Motion to approve the List of Bills dated September 23rd, 2019 as presented: General Fund \$598,387.29; Sewer Fund \$101,590.08; and State Fund \$16,855.92.*

*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

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*Commissioner Ciccone: Motion to approve the Tax Collector's Monthly Report for the month of August, 2019, for the tax year 2019.*

*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 Bufalini: Motion to approve payment of \$63,489.91 to the Hopewell Township Volunteer Fire Department per the Fire Relief from the State of Pennsylvania.*

*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 the 1 mil tax payment that is appropriated to the Hopewell Township Volunteer Fire Department for th year 2019 at \$171,476.00 as per budget line item 01-411-530. Paid 8/22/2019, Check #51528.*

*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 Force: Motion to accept Brian Smith to the Park Board.*

*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

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No Commissioner Reports.

7:17 P.M.

**Department Reports**

The various Department Reports were given and are on file at the Hopewell Township Municipal Building.

Police Chief Brian Uhrmacher, Sewer Dept Superintendent Chris Thompson, Road Department David Kriger, KCI Technologies Curtis Miller, and Planning and Zoning Officer John Bates presented their respective reports.

7:25 P.M.

**Old Business**

No Old Business.

7:25 P.M.

**New Business**

No New Business

7:25 P.M.

**Citizen's Forum**

Megan Smith, 3003 Crissman Dr. Hopewell Township PA 15001

Ms. Smith discussed possible problems associated with the quality of water from Aliquippa Water Authority. Mr. Bufalini stated he called Aliquippa Water Authority to see what issue is causing this problem. They stated that problems may be connected to a water main break.

Jo Galvan, 2388 Carmel St., Aliquippa PA 15001

Ms. Galvan, an Aliquippa resident, discussed additional problems with Aliquippa Water Authority that has been going on since the 1980's.

Heather Vono, 1816 Tyler St. Hopewell Township PA 15001

Ms. Vono discussed federal protocol that is not being used in sample testing.

Wanda Crosby, 346 Beaver Ave. West Aliquippa PA 15001

Stated that the materials given to residents from Aliquippa Water Authority to combat the water problems are full of chemicals and toxins.

Deanna Ribal, 2829 Patterson Dr. Hopewell Township PA 15001

Ms. Ribal stated that Patterson Dr. needs attention from the road crew as well as Aliquippa Water Authority.

Michelle Keeley 2823 Patterson Dr. Hopewell Township 15001

Ms. Keeley has dealt with 6 water main breaks since she moved back to the area. She quoted problems with the reports of the Aliquippa Water Authority.

Ed Burak 1105 Morrow Rd Aliquippa PA 15001

Mr. Burak is looking for updates regarding the VFW's gun range. Mr. Jones stated that there is a meeting tentatively scheduled for October 6<sup>th</sup>. Additional steps will be taken if they do not meet by October 10<sup>th</sup>.

John Janicki 141 Stone Quarry Rd. Hopewell Township PA 15001

Mr. Janicki stated that there has been continued occasional shootings. He also asked for a copy of the gun range rules and an update on the lead clean up.

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Chuck Shavolt 4401 Creese St. Hopewell Township, PA 15001

Mr. Shavolt stated that Mr. Miller came to his house and created a report regarding the safety of the road after a previous accident. He requested a copy of that report. Mr. DiPietro did state that we would not be able to move the road but would stop back out with Mr. Kriger and Mr. Miller to address if there is anything else that could be done to assure the safety of Mr. Shavolt and his family.

Sandy Giardano, Washington St., Hopewell Township, PA 15001

Ms. Giardano wanted to thank the road crew for fixing the potholes on Washington St. after she called in her concern.

8:06 P.M.

**Announcements**

**The Hopewell Township Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring the Hopewell Township BBQ and Blues Fest on Saturday, Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019 from 12:00 noon until 8:00 PM at the Hopewell Community Park.**

**Hopewell's Homecoming Parade is scheduled for Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019 At 6:30 PM and will travel from the Jr. High to the High School via Laird Ave., Maratta Rd. and Longvue Ave.**

**The Hopewell Township Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring the Hopewell Township Fall Fest on Sat. Oct 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019 from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM at Hopewell Community Park.**

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.

8:06 P.M.

**Adjournment**

*Commissioner Kusnir: Motion to Adjourn.*

*Commissioner Ciccone: Second the Motion.*

Voice Vote:

All in Favor

Motion Carried

Minutes Recorded By: Jamie Yurcina September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019  
Minutes Prepared By: Nora Janicki September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019