

TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
 Beaver County, Pennsylvania
 November 25th, 2019
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

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.

7:10 P.M. **Pledge of Allegiance**

7:10 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

7:11 P.M. **Public Comments**
 No Public Comments regarding the proposed Business Agenda.

7:11 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 October 28th, 2019 Business Meeting minutes.

Commissioner Kusnir: Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote:
 Commissioner Force Yes
 Commissioner Ciccone Abstain
 Commissioner DiPietro Abstain
 Commissioner Kusnir Yes
 Commissioner Bufalini Yes
 Motion Tabled

Commissioner Kusnir: Motion to approve the List of Bills dated November 25th, 2019 as presented: General Fund \$105,488.78; Sewer Fund \$33,702.54; State Fund \$23,645.98 and General Reserve Fund \$1,485.00.

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

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Commissioner Ciccone: Motion to approve Sandy Kotun as a new Part-Time Sewer Clerk at the rate of \$14.50/hour, start date 11/21/2019.

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 Bufalini: Motion to approve revised Minimum Municipal Obligation from Mockenhaupt for the 2020 Hopewell Township Police Pension Plan Financial Requirement \$391,012.00 based on the 2019 Actuarial Valuation (not 2017 Actuarial Valuation that was \$348,599.00)

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 Ordinance 2019-02 an Ordinance of the Township of Hopewell, Beaver County, Pennsylvania, appropriating monies from municipal taxes and revenues to defray expenses and liabilities of Hopewell Township for the calendar year ending December 31st, 2020. Ordinance 2019-02 was advertised in the Beaver County Times on October 14th, 2019.

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 approve Ordinance 2019-03 an Ordinance of the Township of Hopewell, Beaver County, Pennsylvania, fixing the tax rate at 16 mills to be required to defray specific expenditures and liabilities for operation of Hopewell Township government for the year ending December 31st, 2020. The tax rate for 2020 has increased

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16 mills. Ordinance 2019-03 was advertised in the Beaver County Times on October 23rd, 2019.

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	

7:17 P.M. Commissioner's Reports

Commissioner Bufalini stated that the paving company is currently out on the roads working.

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, KCI Technologies Curtis Miller, Road Department David Kriger, Planning and Zoning and Jim McClaren presented their respective reports.

7:20 P.M. Old Business

No Old Business.

7:20 P.M. New Business

No New Business

7:21 P.M. Citizen's Forum

7:22 P.M. Edward Burak, 1105 Morrow Way, Hopewell Township

He is concerned with ongoing problems with the VFW with no solution in sight.

7:26 P.M. John Janicki, 141 Stone Quarry, Hopewell Township

Mr. Janicki updated the Board regarding the lead base in the wells of VFW neighbors. He met with the DEP rep. The VFW has 5 days left on the extension to clean up. They have been ordered to cease and desist but they continue to add lead to the ground. He inquired if we use the cease and desist to enforce the end of the shooting?

Kevin Gallagher, 1131 Morrow Way, Hopewell Township

As another neighbor of the VFW Mr. Gallagher, while retaining due respect to the veterans, voiced his concerns regarding the excessive shooting of the gun range.

7:39 P.M. Announcements

The Township Municipal Offices and Public Works will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 28th and 29th, 2019 in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.

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Applications are now being accepted for seasonal park employment for the 2020 Summer Season. Applications are available at the Township Municipal Building and Hopewell High School Guidance Counselors Office and the Township website. Applications must be returned to the Director of Parks and Recreation at the Municipal Building no later than January 31st, 2020.

Hopewell Township is collecting Toys for Tots program again this Holiday Season. You Can drop off new unwrapped toys to the Hopewell Township Municipal Building During normal business hours, Monday-Friday, 8:30 am – 4:30 pm. You can also make A monetary donation online.

The Hopewell Township Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring Hopewell Township Holiday Express on Friday, December 6th, 2019 from 6:00 pm until 8:00 pm At the Hopewell Township Municipal Complex.

Hopewell Township's 3rd Annual Holiday Trail will be held Saturday, December 7th, and Sunday, December 8th, Noon to 4:00 pm.

Please visit our website at www.hopewelltp.com, our Facebook page, and Twitter, for updates on Hopewell Township news and events.

7:42 P.M.

Executive Session-Beginning

The Board of Commissioners entered into Executive Session to discuss the Summary of Benefits for Managerial and Supervisory Personnel, the VFW and the Garbage Contract.

8:55 PM

Executive Session Out

Mr. Jones spoke regarding the VFW issues. A notice of zoning violation will be issued to the VFW next week. It will require that they stop all shooting activities. It will be noted that they have 30 days to appeal this ruling. If they appeal it will go to a public hearing where neighbors will be asked to testify. There will be notification if things move in this direction. The letter will be sent from John Bates, Zoning officer next week.

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

Commissioner Force: Motion to accept Valley Waste Inc. bid for collection, removal and disposal of garbage, rubbish, bulky waste, yard waste and designated recyclable material for 3 years with an option on a fourth year for the total amount of \$3,293,028.48.

Commissioner Ciccone: Second the Motion.

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Roll Call Vote:

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

8:30 P.M.

Adjournment

Commissioner DiPietro: Motion to Adjourn.
Commissioner Force: Second the Motion.

Voice Vote:

All in Favor
Motion Carried

Minutes Recorded By: Jamie Yurcina 11/25/2019
Minutes Prepared By: Nora Janicki 11/26/2019