



TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Beaver County, Pennsylvania
December 14th, 2020
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

6:37 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.

6:37 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.

6:38 P.M.

Business Agenda

Commissioner Kusnir: Motion to approve the Workshop Meeting Minutes of November 9th, 2020.

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 approve the list of bills dated December 14th, 2020, as presented: General Fund \$45,957.22; Sewer Fund \$34,865.71; State Fund \$17,022.51; General Reserve Fund \$153.61.

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 the November 2020 Financial Reports as presented.



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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 Ciccone: Motion to approve the November 2020 Real Estate Reports as presented.

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 2020-03. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL, BEAVER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, APPROPRIATING MONIES FROM THE MUNICIPAL TAXES AND REVENUES TO DEFRAY EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES OF HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31ST, 2021

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 Kusnir: Motion to approve Ordinance 2020-04. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL, BEAVER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, FIXING THE TAX RATE REQUIRED TO DEFRAY SPECIFIC EXPENDITURES AND LIABILITIES FOR OPERATION OF HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP GOVERNMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31ST, 2021

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 Ciccone: Motion to approve Ordinance 2020-05. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL, BEAVER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, FIRST CLASS TOWNSHIP UNDER THE LAWS OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, ACCEPTING AND APPROVING TEE LINE DRIVE, CLAIRMONT COURT, AND CASEY DRIVE AS PUBLIC ROADS.

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 approve Resolution 2020-23 Amending the Non-Uniform Pension Plan from January 1, 2020-December 31, 2020 contributions at 4%. A RESOLUTION OF HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP,



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BEAVER COUNTY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, ELECTING TO AMEND ITS NON-UNIFORM PENSION PLAN ADMINISTERED BY THE PENNSYLVANIA MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM PURSUANT TO ARTICLE IV OF THE PENNSYLVANIA MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT LAW; AGREEING TO BE BOUND BY ALL PROVISIONS OF THE PENNSYLVANIA MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT LAWS AS AMENDED AND AS APPLICABLE TO MEMBER MUNICIPALITIES.

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 Resolution 2020-24 Amending the Non-Uniform Pension Plan from January 1, 2021-December 31, 2021 contributions at 4%. A RESOLUTION OF HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP, BEAVER COUNTY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, ELECTING TO AMEND ITS NON-UNIFORM PENSION PLAN ADMINISTERED BY THE PENNSYLVANIA MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM PURSUANT TO ARTICLE IV OF THE PENNSYLVANIA MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT LAW; AGREEING TO BE BOUND BY ALL PROVISIONS OF THE PENNSYLVANIA MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT LAWS AS AMENDED AND AS APPLICABLE TO MEMBER MUNICIPALITIES.

Commissioner DiPietro:

Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Force	Yes
Commissioner Ciccone	Yes
Commissioner DiPietro	Yes



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Commissioner Kusnir Yes
Commissioner Bufalini Yes
Motion Carried.

Commissioner Kusnir: *Motion to approve for sale from the Beaver County Repository of unsold properties Parcels 65-018-0106.000, 65-018-0105.000, and 65-018-0107.000 to Tom and Tracy Moses for the bid amounts of \$1954.00, \$1954.00 and \$1980.00 plus taxes and fees.*

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 REVISED RESOLUTION 2020-19*
Revised to reflect two authorized officials to execute documents.

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 REVISED RESOLUTION 2020-16*
Revised to reflect two authorized officials to execute documents.

Commissioner Ciccone: *Second the Motion.*

Roll Call Vote:



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

Commissioner Kusnir: Motion to grant discretionary leave (in excess of the 12 weeks already used in 2020) to Sergeant Ron McMasters under the Family Medical Leave Act on a one time only basis, without setting precedent or creating past practice, effective immediately and expiring on January 1, 2021.

Commissioner Ciccone: Second the Motion.

<u>Roll Call Vote:</u>	
Commissioner Force	Yes
Commissioner Ciccone	Yes
Commissioner DiPietro	Yes
Commissioner Kusnir	Yes
Commissioner Bufalini	Yes
Motion Carried	

6:48 P.M. **Engineer's Report**
Engineer's Report was Discussed, Submitted, and is on File.

6:58 P.M. **Solicitor's Report**
Mike Jones reported we received the deed back from the County Tax Claim Bureau pertaining to the Barkovich property the Township bought through the repository where the pump station is located. The deed has been recorded. He will move forward filing an exempt tax appeal.

7:01 P.M. **Items for Discussion**
Manager, Jamie Yurcina discussed the welder that Road Department Supervisor, Dave Kriger requested and the success of the Holiday Trail; highlighting the precautions taken to keep social distancing procedures in place with Santa and the Model Train exhibit.

7:05 P.M. **Citizens Forum**
No Citizens are present.

7:05 P.M. **New Business**
No New Business



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7:05 P.M. **Old Business**
No Old Business

7:05 P.M. **Executive Session-Beginning**
The Board of Commissioners entered into Executive Session to discuss KCI, Crissi, Westfield tax appeal and police arbitration.

7:30 P.M. **Executive Session Out**
Mr. Bufalini stated there are no motions needed to be acted on following the Executive Session.

7:30 P.M. **Adjournment**
Commissioner Kusnir: Motion to Adjourn.
Commissioner Force: Second the Motion.
Voice Vote:
All in Favor
Motion Carried

Minutes Recorded By: Jamie Yurcina 12/14/2020
Minutes Prepared By: Nora Janicki 12/15/2020