RESOLUTION R 2017-

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A CITIZENS COMMISSION FOR LEGISLATIVE AND CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING

WHEREAS, the citizens of the Township of Hopewell and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania deserve a fair, fully transparent, impartial and depoliticized process of the decennial drawing of state legislature and congressional districts of near equal population; and

WHEREAS, legislative and congressional redistricting has at times resulted in gerrymandered districts that favor one political party over others; and

WHEREAS, such gerrymandering of legislative and congressional districts has worked at times to the detriment of our representative democracy; and

WHEREAS, the creation of a truly independent citizens redistricting commission devoid of political motivation or partisanship will: ensure a fair, transparent, and accurate legislative and congressional redistricting process that respects political subdivisions; prohibit districts from being drawn to favor or discriminate against a political party or candidate; require the use of impartial and sound methodology when setting district boundaries; require public input; and fully comply with the constitutional requirement that "no county, city, incorporated town, borough, township or ward" be divided "unless absolutely necessary," and

WHEREAS, legislation to amend the Pennsylvania Constitution to reform the decennial legislative and congressional redistricting process with the intent of using fairness and sound methodology in a non-partisan fashion is required to ensure these reforms.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Hopewell Township does hereby support legislative efforts to amend the Pennsylvania Constitution to assign the decennial task of both legislative and congressional redistricting to an independent citizens redistricting commission; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we call upon all those elected officials and party leaders in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania who represent the citizens of the Township of Hopewell (see list below) to publicly announce their support of and commitment to work towards passage of such legislative efforts, and that a copy of this resolution be delivered to each of them.

Governor Tom Wolf

Lieutenant Governor Mike Stack

Attorney General Josh Shapiro

Secretary of State Pedro A. Cortés

United States Senator Bob Casey

United States Senator Pat Toomey

United States Representative

Pennsylvania Senator _____

Pennsylvania Representative _____

_____ County Commissioner

_____ County Commissioner

_____ County Commissioner

Mayor (if applicable)

Chairman, Democratic Party of Pennsylvania, Marcel Groen

Chairman, Republican Party of Pennsylvania, Val DiGiorgio

TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
Beaver County, Pennsylvania
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORKSHOP MINUTES

6:42pm President Bufalini introduced Sam Spanos and Russell Werme III, both Financial Advisors for Raymond James & Associates, Inc. out of Beaver, PA. The purpose of Mr. Spanos and Mr. Werme addressing the Board of Commissioners was to make a presentation with regards to the Hopewell Township Police Pension Plan. Currently Wells Fargo is the custodian for the Hopewell Township Police Pension Plan and CIM Investment Management, Inc., is the Fiancial Advisor to the township for the plan. Mr. Spanos asked for a moment of silence in honor of those that died in the 9-11 tragedy 16 years ago. Mr. Spanos pointed out that Raymond James & Associates, Inc. have twice the amount of regulatory capital when compared with most financial groups. Russ Werme addressed the transition that could possibly take place with the township moving to Raymond James from the current setup. Barb Swearingen asked if they (The Spanos Group of Raymond James) had any municipalities on their current client list. Mr. Werme said they have none currently, although they are speaking with a few other local municipalities in addition to Hopewell Township. Nationally, Raymond James has hundreds of municipalities under financial contract. Mr. Spanos said that currently, the township pension plan is getting billed on three different fees with Wells Fargo. Raymond James is proposing a one fee/ 60 basis points total service fee, for the opportunity to manager Hopewell Township's Police Pension Plan. When comparing asset to asset, Raymond James manages funds at a 49% active management status and 51% passive management status. Wells Fargo manages the current township pension plan at 100% active. Commissioner Kusnir asked how the Spanos Group of Raymond James & Associates, Inc. rates our current investment strategy and if we're solid. Mr. Spanos acknowledged they would have to look at actual closer numbers with Wells Fargo before making that determination. Manager Norm Kraus asked Russ Werme how long the process would take to make the transition to the Spanos Group from Wells Fargo if the BOC decided to go in that direction. Werme answered that it would be about a two week turnover. Furthermore, the township would not pay any commissions in kind to Spanos in the transfer period.

At this point, both parties agreed to get together in the future for further, more detailed discussions with regards to the township police pension plan.

7:35pm
ROLL CALL
President
Rich Bufalini- in attendance
Vice President
Joe Kusnir – in attendance (by phone conference)
Commissioners
Dave Ciccone- in attendance (by phone conference)
Nick DiPietro- present
Dave Swihart - present

Others Present
Norm Kraus, Jr., Township Manager

Marie Stratakis-Hartman, Township Engineer
Keith McMillen /McMillen,Urick,Tocci &Jones, Township Solicitor

7:35pm **ENGINEER'S REPORT** – Marie Stratakis Hartman (report is on file)
Engineer Hartman pointed out that the 2016-2017 Road Improvement Project (aka Paving Program) had been completed as of this past weekend by Youngblood Paving. Marie said she would provide a quantity and price breakdown by roadway as soon as she receives the final quantities. We are under budget for the project!! Marie also announced that the township's Notice of Intent (NOI) to renew our General NPDES Permit is due to de submitted to DEP on September 15th, 2017 (Friday of this week). We are finalizing the agreement. A $500.00 application fee is required. Marie or President Bufalini can execute the application and Mike Jones will need to sign off as Solicitor concerning the Ordinance review. The 2014 CDBG application for the Woodlawn Park Roadway resurfacing is complete and under budget. Marie will provide a quantity and price breakdown by roadway as soon as she receives the final quantities. Marie also started the 2018 Road Improvement Program discussion going by mentioning n several roadways in the township that could be under possible consideration. Further discussion will take place on 2018 later.

8:00pm **CITIZEN'S COMMENTS pertaining to the Business Agenda/ None**

8:05pm **BUSINESS AGENDA**

Mr. Swihart Motion to approve the Workshop Meeting minutes of August 14th, 2017
Mr. DiPietro Second the motion

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

Mr. Kusnir Motion to approve the list of bills dated 9-11-2017, as presented: General Fund; $5,965.69; Sewer Fund ; $15, 814.66 and State Fund; $259.89.
Mr. Swihart Second the Motion

Roll Call Vote
Mr. Swihart Yes
Mr. Ciccone Yes
Mr. DiPietro Yes
Mr. Kusnir Yes
Mr. Bufalini Yes
Motion Carried

Mr. DiPietro Motion to have Hopewell Township's Trick – Or – Treat be held on Tuesday, October 31st, 2017 from 6:00pm till 8:00pm.
Mr. Ciccone Second the Motion

Roll Call Vote
Mr. Swihart Yes
Mr. Ciccone Yes
Mr. DiPietro Yes
Mr. Kusnir Yes
Mr. Bufalini Yes
Motion Carried

Mr. Bufalini Motion to consent for a private offer to purchase from the repository of unsold properties, tax Parcel 65-004-0307.000 by Jared Rogers in the amount of $1,676.00.
Mr. Ciccone Second the Motion

Roll Call Vote
Mr. Swihart Yes
Mr. Ciccone Yes
Mr. DiPietro Yes
Mr. Kusnir Yes
Mr. Bufalini Yes
Motion Carried

Mr. DiPietro Motion to promote William Canter to Sewer Department Equipment Operator at an hourly rate of $27.64, in accordance with the current Public Works Collective Bargaining Agreement effective September 11th, 2017.
Mr. Ciccone Second the Motion

Roll Call Vote
Mr. Swihart Yes
Mr. Ciccone Yes
Mr. DiPietro Yes
Mr. Kusnir Yes
Mr. Bufalini Yes
Motion Carried

8:08pm **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

Administrative Assistant Nora Janicki addressed the BOC on a 2017 holiday marketing idea involving Hopewell Township businesses and citizens. The BOC thought Nora's idea was excellent and said for her to proceed with the holiday promotion. Manager Norm Kraus said there are funds available in his marketing budget for Nora to use to administer the program.

Engineer Marie Hartman brought the BOC "up to speed" with regards to the Dog Park in the adjacent piece of property at Hopewell Park. This project is being coordinated by Eagle Scout candidate Chandler Dameron. This project will fulfill his main project goal that must be completed in order for him to attain the highest ranking of Eagle Scout. Chandler and his family have visited 40 dog parks (United States and Tokyo, Japan) gathering information at each stop for his Eagle Scout project with Hopewell Park and a dog park. Chandler's project has been well thought out, planned and ready to be executed. The BOC was pleased to hear all is moving along well with Chandler's project and looking forward to this addition to the park when it's completed.

Barb Swearingen presented the BOC a bid to have a stairlift constructed at the adjacent set of steps (sewer department entryway) in the township building. A bid of $21,266.00 was submitted by 101 Mobility out of Pittsburgh. The board instructed Barb and Norm Kraus to seek a couple more bids as a comparative for the commissioners to use when determining what direction they wish to go in.

There was further discussion on two parking issues in the township. One is the "No Parking" signs posted at the beginning of Airport Road. Attorney Keith McMillen, filling in for township Solicitor Mike Jones, said an ordinance will need to be passed on those signs on Airport Road in order to enforce the signs. Secondly, the discussion with regards to signage and roads referred back to the discussion on the five way intersection at the high school, involving Washington Street, Longvue Avenue and other streets at the intersection. The Board wants Road Supervisor Chas Srafin to post signage saying "Opposing Traffic Does Not Stop" opposite of the stop sign on Longvue Avenue, where traffic does not stop in the opposite direction.

8:30pm **CITIZEN'S FORUM / NONE**

8:30pm **NEW BUSINESS/ NONE**

8:30pm **OLD BUSINESS**

Commissioner Nick DiPietro commented on the recently held Car Cruise at Hopewell park on Labor Day. It was by far, the most successful Car Cruise event yet that has been sponsored by our Parks and Recreation Department and our Park Board. Over 224 cars were registered for attending the event. Mr. DiPietro wanted to that the volunteers, the Park Board and Recreation Director Vicky Gill for a job well done by everyone.

8:32pm **EXECUTIVE SESSION - IN/ Discussion of Personnel**

8:52pm **EXECUTIVE SESSION/ OUT**

No action was taken on the personnel discussions that took place during the executive session.

8:52pm **Further Motions to be taken while BOC was in session**

Mr. DiPietro Make the motion to pass Resolution 2017-22, in support of a citizen's commission for legislative and congressional re-districting.

Mr. Swihart Second the nomination

Roll Call Vote

Mr. Swihart	Yes
Mr. Ciccone	Yes
Mr. DiPietro	Yes
Mr. Kusnir	Yes
Mr. Bufalini	Yes

Motion Carried

8:54pm **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Swihart Motion to adjourn
Mr. Ciccone Second the motion

Voice Vote
All in favor
Motion Carried

Minutes Recorded by: Norm Kraus, Jr. 9/11/2017

Minutes prepared by Norm Kraus, Jr. 9/12/2017