



RESOLUTION 2017-27

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL, BEAVER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT DATED JANUARY 1ST, 1987 BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL AND THE PENNSYLVANIA MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT BOARD TO REDUCE FOR 2018 ONLY THE REQUIRED MEMBER CONTRIBUTION TO THE MUNICIPAL PENSION PLAN.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED by the Commissioners of the Township of Hopewell

SECTION I. The proper officers of the Township of Hopewell are hereby authorized and directed to execute all documents and to do other acts that may be necessary and proper to amend the Agreement dated January 1st, 1987 between Hopewell Township and the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement Board to reduce, for 2018 only, the required member contribution to the municipal pension plan from 5.5% to 4.0%.

SECTION II. A duly certified copy of this Resolution shall be filed with the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement Board.

SECTION III. In the event any provision, section, sentence, clause or part of this Resolution shall be held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect or impair any remaining provision, section, sentence, clause or part of this Resolution, it being the intent of Hopewell Township that such remainder of this Resolution shall be and shall remain in full force and effect.

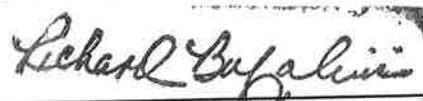
SECTION IV. This Resolution shall become effective January 1st, 2018.

DULY ADOPTED this 26th day of December, 2017, by the Board of Commissioners of Hopewell Township, Beaver County, Pennsylvania.

ATTEST:


Norm Kraus, Jr.
Hopewell Township Manager

TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS


Richard Bufalini, President
Hopewell Township Board of Commissioners

(Seal)

2017-27

**-TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
Beaver County, Pennsylvania
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

7:26pm Business Meeting Called to Order by Mr. Bufalini and he announced that the meeting will be recorded

7:27pm PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL 7:27pm

President Rich Bufalini In Attendance
Vice President Joe Kusnir In Attendance
Commissioner David Ciccone In Attendance
Commissioner Nick DiPietro Absent
Commissioner Dave Swihart Absent

OTHERS PRESENT

Norm Kraus, Jr./ Township Manager
Marie Stratakis Hartman/ P.E. , Engineer/Assistant Manager
Mike Jones (McMillen, Urick, Tocci, Fouse and Jones) Township Solicitor

7:28pm At this time, President Bufalini re-opened the continued hearing on the conditional use request of Blake Meehan.

Solicitor Mike Jones announced that the Board of Commissioners would receive the recommendation on the Blake Meehan request from the Hopewell Township Planning Commission. At the conditional use hearing that took place back in October/November of this year, the BOC asked that the Planning Commission review the conditional use request. At the December 18th, 2017 Planning Commission meeting, the Hopewell Township Planning Commission recommended approval of the conditional use request, with four considerations:

1. That a buffer be established, where deemed appropriate, to protect adjacent properties from airborne pollutants.
2. That hours of operation be designated so as not to disturb the peace & quiet of the Valleyview Neighborhood.
3. That any stormwater concerns be addressed at the site.
4. That any building construction and site improvements be aesthetically harmonious with the Valleyview Neighborhood.

Solicitor Jones then announced that the Board of Commissioners can close the record on the conditional use request and officially close the hearing. The BOC has 45 days to accept the Planning Commission recommendation or make other recommendations to the conditional use request. President Bufalini said the BOC would review the request at the January 8, 2018 workshop meeting.

Mr. Kusnir Motion to close the Blake Meehan Conditional Use Hearing
Mr. Ciccone Second the Motion

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Swihart Absent
Mr. Ciccone Yes
Mr. DiPietro Absent
Mr. Kusnir Yes
Mr. Bufalini Yes
Motion Carried

7:30 pm **CITIZEN COMMENTS PERTAINING TO THE BUSINESS AGENDA** **None**

7:31pm **BUSINESS AGENDA**

Mr. Bufalini Motion to approve the Business Meeting Minutes of November 27th, 2017.
Mr. Ciccone Second the Motion

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Swihart Absent
Mr. Ciccone Yes
Mr. DiPietro Absent
Mr. Kusnir Abstain (absent from the meeting)
Mr. Bufalini Yes
Motion Carried

Mr. Kusnir Motion to approve the list of bills dated December 26th, 2017, as stated; General Fund; \$30,099.94 ; Sewer Fund; \$12,799.41 and State Fund: \$14,707.74.
Mr. Ciccone Second the Motion

Roll Call Vote

Mr. Swihart Absent
Mr. Ciccone Yes
Mr. DiPietro Absent
Mr. Kusnir Yes
Mr. Bufalini Yes
Motion Carried

Mr. Ciccone Motion to approve the 2018 budget as proposed and advertised November 27th, 2017.. General Fund; \$6,035,083; Sewer Fund \$2,851,297; Sewer Construction Fund; \$45,000; Liquid Fuels Fund ; \$299,300, and Capital Improvements/General Reserve Fund; \$20,140. In addition, Line item 392-008 was \$150,000 and is now \$160,000.00. The reason for this adjustment is because

the original amount did not match the Sewer Fund. Also, Line Item 481-161 was \$173,120.00 and is now \$190,000.00. The difference of \$16,880.00 is because Social Security was not matching up with the employee raises.

Mr. Kusnir Second the Motion

Roll Call Vote

Mr. Swihart Absent

Mr. Ciccone Yes

Mr. DiPietro Absent

Mr. Kusnir Yes

Mr. Bufalini Yes

Motion Carried

Mr. Bufalini A Motion to approve Ordinance 2017-02, an ordinance of the Township of Hopewell, appropriating monies from municipal taxes and revenues to defray expenses and liabilities of Hopewell Township for the calendar year ending December 31st, 2018, as advertised on November 24th, 2017.

Mr. Kusnir Second the Motion

Roll Call Vote

Mr. Swihart Absent

Mr. Ciccone Yes

Mr. DiPietro Absent

Mr. Kusnir Yes

Mr. Bufalini Yes

Motion Carried

Mr. Ciccone A Motion to approve Ordinance 2017-03, an Ordinance of the Township of Hopewell, Beaver County, Pennsylvania, fixing the tax rate required to defray specific expenditures and liabilities for the operation of Hopewell Township Government for the calendar year ending December 31st, 2018. The rate has been fixed at 14 mills for the 2018 calendar year.

Mr. Kusnir Second the Motion

Roll Call Vote

Mr. Swihart Absent

Mr. Ciccone Yes

Mr. DiPietro Absent

Mr. Kusnir Yes

Mr. Bufalini Yes

Motion Carried

Mr. Kusnir Motion to approve Resolution 2017-26 for a committed fund balance for 2018 for Hopewell Township, Beaver County, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Ciccone Second the Motion

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

Mr. Kusnir Motion to approve Resolution 2017-27, a Resolution of the Township of Hopewell, Beaver County, Pennsylvania, authorizing an amendment to the agreement dated January 1st, 1987 between the Township of Hopewell and the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement Board to reduce for 2018 only, the required member contribution to the Municipal Pension Plan.

Mr. Ciccone Second the Motion

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

Mr. Ciccone Motion to approve the one year employment agreement with Marie Hartman as Township Assistant Manager and Engineer, effective January 1st, 2018 through December 31st, 2018.

Mr. Kusnir Second the Motion

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

Mr. Ciccone Motion to approve the one year employment agreement with Barb Swearingen as Township Controller, effective January 1st, 2018 through December 31st, 2018.

Mr. Bufalini Second the Motion

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

- Mr. Ciccone Motion to approve the one year employment agreement with Brian Uhrmacher as Township Police Chief, effective January 1st, 2018 through December 31st, 2018.
Mr. Kusnir Second the Motion

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

- Mr. Bufalini Motion to approve the one year employment agreement with Harry C. (Chris) Thompson as Township Sewer Department Supervisor, effective January 1st, 2018 through December 31st, 2018.
Mr. Kusnir Second the Motion

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

- Mr. Kusnir Motion to approve Diane Palsa as Delinquent Real Estate tax Collector for Hopewell Township for the 2017 property taxes covering the period of December 31st, 2017 through April 1st, 2018.
Mr. Ciccone Second the Motion

Roll Call Vote

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

- Mr. Bufalini Motion to approve the sale of township vehicle, a 2010 Chevy Impala, through the completed auction on Muncibid that concluded on 12/20/2017, in the amount of \$2,500.00.
Mr. Ciccone Second the Motion

Roll Call Vote

- Mr. Swihart Absent
Mr. Ciccone Yes

Mr. DiPietro Absent
Mr. Kusnir Yes
Mr. Bufalini Yes
Motion Carried

Mr. Ciccone Motion to approve the sale of township vehicle, a 1995 International Dump Truck, through the completed auction on Municibid that concluded on 12/20/2017, in the amount of \$7,006.00.
Mr. Kusnir Second the Motion

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

Mr. Kusnir Motion to approve the sale of township vehicle, a 1994 Dodge Cargo van, through the completed auction on Municibid that concluded on 12/20/2017, in the amount of \$800.00.
Mr. Ciccone Second the Motion

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

7:38 pm **COMMISSIONERS REPORTS** NONE

7:38 pm **THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENT REPORTS WERE GIVEN AND ARE ON FILE**

7:41pm **OLD BUSINESS** NONE

7:41pm **NEW BUSINESS** NONE

7:42pm **PUBLIC FORUM** NONE

7:43pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS :

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

7:43pm

Mr. Bufalini announced that the Board of Commissioners would be going into Executive Session to discuss Personnel issues with the Police Department.

7:50pm

Executive Session/ In

8:14pm

Executive Session/ Out

8:15pm

Mr. Bufalini announced there were no voting issues to be taken on the personnel matters that were discussed in Executive Session on the Police Department.

8:15pm

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Kusnir Motion to adjourn

Mr. Ciccone Second the motion

Voice Vote: All in favor

Motion Carried

Minutes Recorded by Norm Kraus:
12/26/2017

Minutes Prepared by: Norm Kraus:
12/27/2017