

TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Beaver County, Pennsylvania
October 24th, 2016
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

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

7:10 p.m. **Pledge of Allegiance**

7:11 P.M. **Roll Call**
President Richard Bufalini – In Attendance
Vice President Joe Kusnir – In Attendance
Commissioner David Ciccone – Absent
Commissioner Nick DiPietro – In Attendance

Others Present
Marie Stratakis Hartman, P.E., Engineer/Assistant Manager
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 Tax Collector and Treasurer's Reports are available for public inspection at the Municipal Building.

Commissioner DiPietro: Motion to approve the Business Meeting Minutes of September 26th, 2016.

Commissioner Bufalini: Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote:
Commissioner Ciccone Absent
Commissioner DiPietro Yes
Commissioner Kusnir Yes
Commissioner Bufalini Yes
Motion Carried

Commissioner Kusnir: Motion to approve the List of Bills dated October 24th, 2016 as presented: General Fund \$20,392.95; Sewer Fund \$9,851.13; and State Fund \$12,399.55.

Commissioner DiPietro: Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote:
Commissioner Ciccone Absent
Commissioner DiPietro Yes
Commissioner Kusnir Yes
Commissioner Bufalini Yes
Motion Carried

Commissioner Bufalini: Motion to hire Joseph J. Daransky, Kyle A Fabyanic, Brandon A. Fedorka, and Corey R. McNally as part-time police officers for Hopewell Township at a rate of \$16.79 per hour, pending completion of the testing process and the necessary pre-employment physicals. A tentative starting date of November 1st, 2016 will apply for all four part-time police officer hires.

Commissioner Kusnir: Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Ciccone	Absent
Commissioner DiPietro	Yes
Commissioner Kusnir	Yes
Commissioner Bufalini	Yes

Motion Carried

Commissioner Kusnir: Motion to approve Police Officer David Bibbee for requested Family Medical Leave, beginning on or around November 15th, 2016 and ending on or around December 1st, 2016 so that he may care for his wife and family while his wife is recovering from surgery.

Commissioner DiPietro: Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Ciccone	Absent
Commissioner DiPietro	Yes
Commissioner Kusnir	Yes
Commissioner Bufalini	Yes

Motion Carried

Commissioner Kusnir: Motion to hire Terry George as a full-time Road Department Laborer at a rate of \$15.81 per hour in strict accordance with the provisions of the current Collective Bargaining Agreement between Hopewell Township and Local Union 385 of the IBEW. The official date of hire for Terry George is October 31st, 2016.

Commissioner DiPietro: Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Ciccone	Absent
Commissioner DiPietro	Yes
Commissioner Kusnir	Yes
Commissioner Bufalini	Yes

Motion Carried

Commissioner Bufalini: Motion to hire Steve Barkovich as a full-time Road Department Laborer at a rate of \$15.81 per hour in strict accordance with the provisions of the current Collective Bargaining Agreement between Hopewell Township and Local Union 385 of the IBEW. The official date of hire for Steve Barkovich is October 31st, 2016.

Commissioner Kusnir: Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Ciccone	Absent
Commissioner DiPietro	Yes
Commissioner Kusnir	Yes
Commissioner Bufalini	Yes

Motion Carried

Commissioner DiPietro: Motion to accept the Tax Collector's Monthly Report for the Month of August, 2016 covering Tax Year 2016.

Commissioner Bufalini: Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Ciccone	Absent
Commissioner DiPietro	Yes
Commissioner Kusnir	Yes
Commissioner Bufalini	Yes

Motion Carried

Commissioner Kusnir: Motion to accept the Tax Collector's Monthly Report for the Month of September, 2016 covering Tax Year 2016.

Commissioner DiPietro: Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Ciccone	Absent
Commissioner DiPietro	Yes
Commissioner Kusnir	Yes
Commissioner Bufalini	Yes

Motion Carried

Commissioner Bufalini: Motion to approve Resolution No. 2016-23 – A Resolution of the Township of Hopewell, Beaver County, Pennsylvania, approving the Thomas Consolidation Plan of Lot Parcels #65-007-0908.000 and #65-007-0907.000 into one (1) parcel in accordance with Hopewell Township's Zoning and Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance for Subdivisions of Three (3) Lots or Less.

Commissioner Kusnir: Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Ciccone	Absent
Commissioner DiPietro	Yes
Commissioner Kusnir	Yes
Commissioner Bufalini	Yes

Motion Carried

Commissioner Kusnir: Motion to approve Resolution No. 2016-24 – A Resolution of the Township of Hopewell, Beaver County, Pennsylvania, approving the Land Development Plan of Lot Parcel #65-204-0154.000, situate at 2186 Brodhead Road, Hopewell Township, known as the Mount Olivet Catholic Cemetery Columbarium Land Development Plan in accordance with Hopewell Township's Zoning and Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance.

Commissioner DiPietro: Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Ciccone	Absent
Commissioner DiPietro	Yes
Commissioner Kusnir	Yes
Commissioner Bufalini	Yes

Motion Carried

7:18 P.M. **Commissioner's Reports**
No Commissioner's Reports.

7:18 P.M. **Department Reports**
The various Department Reports were given and are on file at the Hopewell Township Municipal Building.

Commissioner Bufalini explained to the public that the reason for hiring the four (4) part-time police officers was that Hopewell Township currently has no part-time police officers as they have either been promoted to full-time or taken full-time employment elsewhere. The reason for hiring two (2) full-time Road Department Laborers was to fill existing vacancies due to death and injury.

7:21 P.M. **Old Business**
No Old Business.

7:22 P.M. **New Business**
No New Business.

7:22 P.M. **Public Forum**

Virginia Rozman, 3420 Durr Drive

Ms. Rozman indicated that the condition of the roadways within the Bradbury Plan is poor and they need paved. The Board of Commissioners and Engineer are aware of the condition of the roadways within the Bradbury Plan and all other Hopewell Township roadways.

Phyllis Schiavo, 3273 Bradbury Drive

Ms. Schiavo questioned the \$60.00 per quarter sewage bill that she receives for a property that she owns at 1944 Maratta Road that is currently vacant. Ms. Schiavo does not believe that she should pay a sewage bill for a property that is unoccupied. Engineer Hartman explained that water service is still connected, and that the \$60.00 bill reflects only the Base Rate and does not include any consumption. The Base Rate applies to all properties, whether occupied or unoccupied, and is used to pay fixed costs incurred by Hopewell Township that are not related to consumption, such as debt service, capital costs, etc.

Ms. Schiavo also complained that Zoning Officer John Bates is "scaring people away" from renting her property at 1944 Maratta Road because the property was previously used as a flower shop and the prospective renter may propose a use that is non-conforming with the current Zoning regulations. Engineer Hartman will investigate this matter with Zoning Officer John Bates.

Joseph and Margaret Dornick

Joseph and Margaret Dornick also complained about Shell and their contractors parking equipment and trucks at the Tin Mill site.

Joseph and Margaret Dornick both spoke in opposition to the number of trucks that are passing through Hopewell Township from State Route 51 to State Route 151 to Interstate 376. The Board of Commissioners and Engineer Hartman informed that these roadways are State Roadways and Hopewell Township has no jurisdiction concerning the size and number of trucks that utilizes these roadways.

Cindy Murphy, B. F. Jones Memorial Library, Aliquippa, P.A.

Cindy distributed Library calendars and reported on the success of the "After Hours at the Library" event held on Saturday, October 15th, 2016 from 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM. This event included Wine, Hors d'Oeuvres, Martini Bar, Coffee, Desserts, Live Entertainment, 50/50 Raffle, Auctions for Baskets, Gifts and Treasures.

Cindy also distributed information concerning an upcoming event entitled "Johnny Angel and the Halos Holiday Concert" to be held at the Hopewell Senior High Auditorium from 6:00 P.M. until 8:30 P.M. on Saturday, November 19th, 2016. The cost of admission is \$20.00 per person.

7:33 P.M.

Announcements

A reminder that Hopewell Township's Trick-or-Treat will take place from 6:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M. on Monday, October 31st, 2016.

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

7:34 P.M.

Executive Session In

8:39 P.M.

Executive Session Out

Commissioner Bufalini Motion to approve the Private Roadway Maintenance Agreement for Andrews Alley (Between Brodhead Road and Wimpole Street).

Commissioner Kusnir: Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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

8:41 P.M.

Adjournment

Commissioner DiPietro: Motion to Adjourn.

Commissioner Kusnir: Second the Motion.

Voice Vote:

All in Favor
Motion Carried

Minutes Recorded By: Marie S. Hartman 10/24/2016
Minutes Prepared By: Marie S. Hartman 10/26/2016

RESOLUTION 2016-23

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL, BEAVER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA APPROVING THE THOMAS CONSOLIDATION PLAN OF LOT PARCELS #65-007-0908.000 AND #65-007-0907.000 INTO ONE (1) PARCEL IN ACCORDANCE WITH HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP'S ZONING AND SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE FOR SUBDIVISIONS OF THREE LOTS OR LESS

WHEREAS, on July 29, 2016 an application was submitted to the Hopewell Township Planning Commission by Christopher and Carla Thomas (hereinafter "Applicant") to consider the subdivision (Consolidation) of lot parcels #65-007-0908.000 and #65-007-0907.000 into one (1) parcel at 133 Beech Street; and

WHEREAS, the Beaver County Planning Commission rendered review comments in a letter dated August 2, 2016 stating no objection to the consolidation; and

WHEREAS, the Hopewell Township Planning Commission recommended approval of the consolidation application in a letter dated August 22, 2016 contingent upon compliance with the comments of the Township Engineer contained in correspondence dated August 15, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant has acknowledged that no land development is proposed at this time.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hopewell Township Board of Commissioners hereby approves the consolidation of lots for the Thomas Subdivision Plan conditioned upon the Applicant complying fully with the comments contained in the Hopewell Township Engineering review letter dated August 15, 2016 as well as the recommendations of both the Beaver County and Hopewell Township Planning Commission. This does not constitute approval for land development.

RESOLVED AND ENACTED this 24th the day of October, 2016

Attest:

Hopewell Township
Board of Commissioners

By: 
Norm Kraus, Township Manager

By: 
Richard Bufalini, President