

**HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REORGANIZATION MEETING**

The reorganization meeting of the Hopewell Township Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, January 3, 2012, at 7:00 P.M. at the Hopewell Township Municipal Building, Clark Boulevard, Aliquippa, PA 15001.

District Magistrate Janet Swihart swore in the newly elected Township Commissioners, Norm Kraus Jr. and Nickolas DiPietro.

7:10PM The meeting was called to order by Andy Brunette, Township Manager/Controller, who asked everyone to rise for the flag salute and opening prayer.

7:14PM **ROLL CALL - COMMISSIONERS**

Mr. Bufalini - Present
Mr. DiPietro - Present
Mr. Kraus - Present
Mr. Kusnir - Present
Mr. Rohm - Present

Manager: In accordance with the First Class Township Code, the township commissioners shall organize each even numbered year, at which time the Manager shall chair the meeting until such time as a President of the Board of Commissioners is nominated.

Manager: Is there a motion to appoint the President of the Board of Commissioners?

Mr. Bufalini: Motion to appoint Norm Kraus Jr. as President.

Mr. DiPietro: Second the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Mr. DiPietro - Yes
 Mr. Kusnir - Yes
 Mr. Rohm - Yes
 Mr. Bufalini - Yes
 Mr. Kraus – Abstained

Let the record reflect that Mr. Norm Kraus Jr. is President of the Hopewell Township Board of Commissioners

The chair will now be turned over to the President of the Board of Commissioners Norm Kraus Jr.

Mr. Kraus: Is there a motion to appoint the Vice President of the Board of Commissioners?

Mr. Kusnir: Motion to appoint Rich Bufalini as Vice President.

Mr. Rohm: Second the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Mr. DiPietro - Yes
 Mr. Kusnir - Yes
 Mr. Rohm - Yes
 Mr. Bufalini - Abstained
 Mr. Kraus – Yes

Let the record reflect that Mr. Bufalini is Vice President of the Board of Commissioners.

Mr. Bufalini: Motion to designate ESB Bank as primary bank depository.

Mr. Kusnir: Second the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Mr. DiPietro - Yes
 Mr. Kusnir - Yes
 Mr. Rohm - Yes
 Mr. Bufalini - Yes
 Mr. Kraus – Yes

Mr. Kraus: Motion to designate the Beaver County Times as the official primary newspaper for advertisements and notifications.

Mr. Kusnir: Second the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Mr. DiPietro - Yes
 Mr. Kusnir - Yes
 Mr. Rohm - Yes
 Mr. Bufalini - Yes
 Mr. Kraus – Yes

Mr. Bufalini: Motion to re-appoint McMillen, Urick, Tocci, Fouse & Jones as Township Solicitor.

Mr. Rohm: Second the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Mr. DiPietro - Yes
 Mr. Kusnir - Yes
 Mr. Rohm - Yes
 Mr. Bufalini - Yes
 Mr. Kraus – Yes

Mr. Bufalini: Motion to re-appoint Widmer Engineering, Connellsville Office as Township Engineer.

Mr. DiPietro: Second the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Mr. DiPietro - Yes
 Mr. Kusnir - Yes
 Mr. Rohm - Yes
 Mr. Bufalini - Yes
 Mr. Kraus – Yes

Mr. Rohm: Motion to re-appoint Daniel Baker as Township Septic Enforcement Officer (S.E.O.)

Mr. Kusnir: Second the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Mr. DiPietro - Yes
 Mr. Kusnir - Yes
 Mr. Rohm - Yes
 Mr. Bufalini - Yes
 Mr. Kraus – Yes

Mr. Bufalini: Motion to appoint Tim Force as Hopewell Township's Vacancy Board member for a two year term ending December 31, 2013.

Mr. Rohm: Second the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Mr. DiPietro - Yes
 Mr. Kusnir - Yes
 Mr. Rohm - Yes
 Mr. Bufalini - Yes
 Mr. Kraus – Yes

Mr. DiPietro: Motion to approve a one year contract with Triangle Pet Control Service Inc. for Hopewell Township Animal Control Services contract ending December 31, 2012.

Mr. Kraus: Second the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Mr. DiPietro - Yes
 Mr. Kusnir - Yes
 Mr. Rohm - Yes
 Mr. Bufalini - Yes
 Mr. Kraus – Yes

Mr. Rohm: Motion to approve a three year contract with Cottrill Arbutina to serve as Hopewell Township's independent auditors for a three year contract for auditing years 2011 to 2013.

Mr. Bufalini: Second the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Mr. DiPietro - Yes
 Mr. Kusnir - Yes
 Mr. Rohm - Yes
 Mr. Bufalini - Yes
 Mr. Kraus – Yes

Mr. Bufalini: Motion to designate Commissioner Joe Kusnir as Hopewell Township's C.O.G delegate and Commissioner Rich Bufalini as Alternate C.O.G. delegate.

Mr. DiPietro: Second the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Mr. DiPietro - Yes
 Mr. Kusnir - Abstained
 Mr. Rohm - Yes
 Mr. Bufalini - Abstained
 Mr. Kraus – Yes

Mr. Kusnir: Motion to approve and advertise the 2012 annual meeting notices for the Hopewell Township Board of Commissioners'

Mr. Bufalini: Second the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Mr. DiPietro - Yes
 Mr. Kusnir - Yes
 Mr. Rohm - Yes
 Mr. Bufalini - Yes
 Mr. Kraus – Yes

Mr. Kusnir: Motion to appoint Bob Williams and David Bufalini to the Hopewell Township Planning Commission to a four year term ending December 31, 2015.

Mr. DiPietro: Second the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Mr. DiPietro - Yes
 Mr. Kusnir - Yes
 Mr. Rohm - Yes
 Mr. Bufalini – Abstained
 Mr. Kraus – Yes

Mr. Kusnir: Motion to appoint Ron Constanza, David Leipchak, Dan Mraovich, and Jeff Mateer to Hopewell Township's Zoning Hearing Board for a three year term ending December 31, 2014.

Mr. DiPietro: Second the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Mr. DiPietro - Yes
 Mr. Kusnir - Yes
 Mr. Rohm - Yes
 Mr. Bufalini – Yes
 Mr. Kraus – Yes

Mr. Bufalini: Motion to appoint Robert Silvestri to Hopewell Township's Universal Construction Code Board of Appeals for a five year term ending December 31, 2016.

Mr. Kusnir: Second the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Mr. DiPietro - Yes
 Mr. Kusnir - Yes
 Mr. Rohm - Yes
 Mr. Bufalini – Yes
 Mr. Kraus – Yes

Mr. Rohm: Motion to appoint alternate Kevin Gurchak to Hopewell Township's Sewer Authority Board for a five year term ending December 31, 2016.

Mr. Kusnir: Second the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Mr. DiPietro - Yes
 Mr. Kusnir - Yes
 Mr. Rohm - Yes
 Mr. Bufalini – Yes
 Mr. Kraus – Yes

Mr. Bufalini: Motion to appoint William A. Pursutte as Hopewell Township's Creswell Water Authority Representative to a five year term ending December 16, 2016.

Mr. Rohm: Second the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Mr. DiPietro - Yes
 Mr. Kusnir - Yes
 Mr. Rohm - Yes
 Mr. Bufalini – Yes
 Mr. Kraus – Yes

Mr. Kusnir: Motion to appoint alternate Brad Batchelor as Hopewell Township's Parks and Recreation Board for a five year term ending December 16, 2016.

Mr. DiPietro: Second the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Mr. DiPietro - Yes
 Mr. Kusnir - Yes
 Mr. Rohm - Yes
 Mr. Bufalini – Yes
 Mr. Kraus – Yes

7:27 PUBLIC FORUM

Commissioner Kraus wanted to thank the former President Bufalini and congratulate him on a job well done over the last two years. Mr. Kraus also wanted to thank the Board for their confidence and support and that he looks forward to working with the current Board of Commissioners, moving ahead in the best interest of Hopewell Township. Mr. Kraus also wanted to thank his wife Margret Kraus on her continued support throughout the years and was very thankful to have her by his side. Mr. Kraus also thanked the current Township management staff for all of their hard work and dedication to the Township

Commissioner Bufalini thanked everyone for their confidence in him over the last two years and said that he looks forward to continue working with the current Board and President Mr. Kraus, and will continue to work towards improving our township. He also acknowledged Manager, Andy Brunette and his management team thanked them for his continued dedication to Hopewell Township, as well as thanking all the employees of the township for their hard work.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Bufalini: Motion to adjourn.
Mr. Kraus: Second the motion.

All voted in favor to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Minutes Recorder by Andy Brunette 1/3/2012
Minutes Prepared by Andy Brunette 1/4/2012