

RESOLUTION NO. 2011 - 09

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL, BEAVER COUNTY, A FIRST CLASS TOWNSHIP UNDER THE LAWS OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, PROVIDING FOR A CONTROLLED INTERSECTION THROUGH THE PLACEMENT OF STOP SIGNS AT THE INTERSECTION OF HARVEST AND AIRPORT ROAD

WHEREAS, the Township of Hopewell adopted Ordinance No. 96-7 to authorize the placement of stop signs on various Township streets and roadways to ensure the safety and welfare of motorists and pedestrians; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 7 of Ordinance No. 96-7, the Hopewell Township Board of Commissioners may from time to time amend, by Resolution, Ordinance No. 96-7, Exhibit "A", which lists the various stop sign placements within Hopewell Township; and

WHEREAS, the Hopewell Township Public Safety Committee, in accordance with Resolution 2009-15, has recommended that the Board of Commissioners designate the intersection of Harvest Road and Airport Road as a controlled intersection through the placement of stop signs; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Board of Commissioners of Hopewell Township, based upon the aforementioned recommendation, to properly regulate traffic at the Harvest Road and Airport Road intersection in order to ensure public safety.

AND NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL THAT STOP SIGNS BE PLACED AT THE INTERSECTION OF HARVEST ROAD AND AIRPORT ROAD AS ADOPTED AND MADE EFFECTIVE THIS 28th DAY OF February, 2011.

SEAL

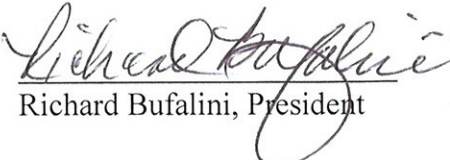
Township of Hopewell

Attest:



Andy Brunette, Township Manager

By:



Richard Bufalini, President

**HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

The regular monthly meeting of the Hopewell Township Board of Commissioners was held on Monday, February 28, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the Hopewell Township Municipal Building, Clark Boulevard, Aliquippa, PA 15001.

President Rich Bufalini presided and asked everyone to rise for the flag salute and announced that the meeting is being tape recorded.

The Opening Prayer was given by Andy Brunette, Township Manager/Controller.

ROLL CALL - COMMISSIONERS

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Andy Brunette - Township Manager/Controller
Marie Stratakis Hartman - Widmer Engineers
Chas Srafin - Public Works Superintendent - Absent
Patricia L. Owens - Recording Secretary
Diane Palsa - Treasurer/Tax Collector - Absent
John Bates - Zoning Officer
Michael Jones - Solicitor
Chief Gene Ungarean - Hopewell Police Department - Absent

Public Comments Regarding the Business Agenda Proposed Action

None

BUSINESS AGENDA

The Tax Collector and Treasurer's reports are available for public inspection at the municipal building.

BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Kraus : Motion to approve the business meeting minutes of January 24, 2011.

Mr. Rohm: Second the motion.

Board of Commissioner's Meeting
February 28, 2011
Page 2

Roll Call Vote: Mr. DiPietro – Absent for vote
 Mr. Kusnir- Absent for vote
 Mr. Rohm – Abstained due to absence from last meeting
 Mr. Kraus – Yes
 Mr. Bufalini - Yes

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Diane Palsa, township tax collector was absent from this meeting.

Mr. Bufalini : Motion to approve the tax collector's report for January, 2011.

Mr. Kraus: Second the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Mr. DiPietro – Absent for vote
 Mr. Kusnir- Absent for vote
 Mr. Rohm – Abstained due to absence from last meeting
 Mr. Kraus – Yes
 Mr. Bufalini - Yes

TREASURER'S REPORT

Diane Palsa, township treasurer, was absent from this meeting.

Mr. Kraus: Motion to approve the treasurer's report for the month of January, 2011.

Mr. Bufalini: Second the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Mr. DiPietro – Absent for vote
 Mr. Kusnir- Absent for vote
 Mr. Rohm – Abstained due to absence from last meeting
 Mr. Kraus – Yes
 Mr. Bufalini - Yes

LIST OF BILLS

Mr. Rohm: Motion to approve the List of Bills for February 28, 2011.

Mr. Kraus: Second the motion.

Board of Commissioner's Meeting

February 28, 2011

Page 3

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

Mr. Kraus: Motion to approve the hiring of David Alexander Part-Time Public Works Laborer at a rate of \$14.00/Hour.

Mr. Rohm: Second the motion.

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

Mr. Rohm: Motion to approve Manager Andy Brunette and Administration Manager Wendy Kasunic to attend the 2011 Logics Orientation and User Group Meeting in the amount of \$1,502.00 for registration and four nights lodging for two attendees. Additional expenses include \$350.00 for food per diems, fuel and toll expenses. All expenses allocated per budget line items 1-401-193 and 8-405.430.

Mr. Kraus: Second the motion.

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

Mr. Kraus: Motion to approve the Garvin Boward Beitko Engineering invoice #10065B in the amount of \$6,130.00 for the Laird Road repair as recommended by the Township Engineer.

Mr. Rohm: Second the motion.

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

Board of Commissioner's Meeting
February 28, 2011
Page 4

Mr. Kraus: Motion to approve Resolution R-2011-08 reappointing Mario Leone as Hopewell Township's Beaver County Tax Collection Committee Voting Delegate and Andy Brunette as first alternate.

Mr. Rohm: Second the motion .

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

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

None

MANAGER'S REPORT

Andy Brunette, Township Manager/Controller gave his report for the month of January, 2011.

ADMINISTRATION AND SEWER REPORTS

Mr. Brunette also gave the administrative and sewer reports for the month of January, 2011.

ENGINEERING REPORT

In addition to her written report, Mrs. Hartman briefly covered these items:

- (1) Laird Road – Retaining wall and Verizon pole location
- (2) Westfield Towers building project Verizon pole location

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL REPORT

Chas Srafin, the public works superintendent, was absent from this meeting.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Chas Srafin, the public works superintendent, was absent from this meeting.

POLICE REPORT

No one was present from the police department for this meeting.

PLANNING/ZONING REPORT

Mr. Bates, the planning and zoning officer gave a brief verbal update on his activities for the month of January, 2011.

The following reports are on file: Water Pollution Control, Road Report, Police Department, Hopewell Township Planning & Zoning Commission, Beaver County Planning Commission, Sewer Authority, Volunteer Fire Department, and Veteran's Service Center for the month of January, 2011.

OLD BUSINESS

Solicitor Mike Jones briefly explained Resolution 2011-09 pertaining to Harvest and Airport Road traffic control and Resolution 2011-10 regarding NAPA Auto Parts land development.

Commissioner Bufalini read Resolution 2011-09 and it was presented for vote as follows:

Mr. Kraus: Motion to approve Resolution 2011-09 providing for a controlled intersection through the placement of stop signs at the intersection of Harvest and Airport Road.

Mr. Rohm: Second the motion.

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

Commissioner Bufalini read Resolution 2011-10 and it was presented for vote as follows:

Mr. Rohm: Motion to approve Resolution 2011-10 approving the land development plan of lots parcel 65-204-0166.001-1 situate at 4356 Brodhead Road, Hopewell Township in accordance with subdivision and land development Ordinance No. 91-02 and known as NAPA Auto Parts Development Plan.

Board of Commissioner's Meeting
February 28, 2011
Page 6

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

Commissioner Rohm asked what the status of the traffic control lights were at the Five Points Intersection with regard to the green lights changing incorrectly. He was informed that this is a PennDot project, and they are waiting for a grant.

NEW BUSINESS

Eric David
Eagle Scout

Eric presented his eagle scout project plans to the board for building a pavilion at the campsite above pavilion #1. He stated that John Houston will be his mentor for the project.

Commissioner Bufalini said they will review the plans at the workshop meeting on March 14th and thereafter recommend approval.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

John Lopata
Woodlawn Park

Mr. Lopata questioned the absence of Nick DiPietro at this meeting, being as he was just appointed as the new commissioner on the board.

Commissioner Bufalini said that the commissioners do have jobs and are sometimes out of town on meeting nights.

Mr. Lopata also wanted to know how many people are residing down at the park. Mr. Brunette indicated that only the caretaker lives there. Mr. Lopata took exception to that saying that he thinks there is someone else living there also. Mr. Brunette said that the caretaker is permitted to have guests there and he doesn't have any knowledge that anyone else is living there.

Board of Commissioner's Meeting
February 28, 2011
Page 7

Suzanne Hallum
1409 Maratta Road

Mrs. Hallum expressed her concern over the fact that the township is considering taking over Veasy Road and yet the road her father lives on is in very bad condition and it never seems to get fixed.

The catch basins on Davidson Way need cleaned because it causes drainage onto Western Avenue which in turn causes icy conditions. The township does maintain Western Avenue, but she also salts the street herself from a salt box provided on the street.

Commissioner Bufalini said the road superintendent would take a look at it and take care of whatever needed done.

Robert Years
100 Grace Lane

This resident inquired about the status of the Veasy Road matter.

Luigi Rossi
5212 Webb Street

Mr. Rossi was concerned about the speeding on several streets in Clearview. Commissioner Bufalini said speed bumps cannot be used on these streets. During discussion it was decided that the speed sign used by the police department in different areas will be placed on the proper streets in Clearview to help with the speeding situation.

Also, Mr. Rossi said there is a lot of litter and trash on the lot by McIntosh. He was told that this would be owned by the civic league in Clearview and they would need to handle that.

Mr. Rossi also questioned the recent tax increase. Commissioner Bufalini explained that much work was done on the budget and no more cuts can be made. The township had been dipping into their reserves but that has run out. There has not been an increase since 1991. Also, our municipal taxes are among the lowest of the area.

Unidentified Resident
McIntosh Avenue

This resident suggested that the speed sign be placed on Clifton Street because that is where a lot of the speeding takes place.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Kraus: Motion to adjourn.

Mr. Rohm: Second the motion.

All present voted in favor to adjourn by voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Submitted By:
Patricia L. Owens
Recording Secretary