

**RESOLUTION NO. 2011-12**  
**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL, BEAVER COUNTY,  
PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING THE STANDARD FEE FOR THE DISPOSAL OF  
ACCEPTABLE YARD WASTE**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Hopewell, a Municipal Corporation situate in the County of Beaver and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and **IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED:**

SECTION 1 That the standard fee for use of the Township Depository for disposal of Acceptable Yard Waste is hereby amended as follows:

Pick-up Trucks and Trailers less than 15 feet in length	\$10.00
Dump Trucks and Trailers 15 feet or longer in length	\$30.00
Residents age Sixty-five (65) and older (Must be present)	No Charge

SECTION 2 It is hereby declared that the intent of this fee is to defray the operation costs of the Depository while enhancing Hopewell Township's recycling program.

SECTION 3 That compliance with all existing Rules and Regulations, to include lawful orders by the Depository Guard on duty, must be met. Anyone who fails to comply shall be subject to expulsion from future use of the Depository.

SECTION 4 Definitions: "Acceptable Yard Waste:" That yard waste which is deemed suitable for compost by the Depository Guard on duty.

SECTION 5 Any business, partnership, corporation or individual that engages in the collection, transportation, removal or disposal of Acceptable Yard Waste for profit is prohibited from using the Depository.

SECTION 6 Any Resolution or any provision of any Resolution conflicting with this Resolution and the fees established herein is hereby repealed.

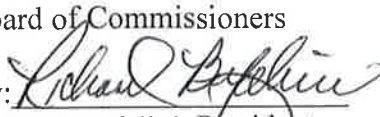
This Resolution shall be effective the 25<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2011.

**RESOLVED AND ENACTED** this 25th Day of April, 2011.

Attest:

  
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Andy Brunette, Township Manager

Hopewell Township  
Board of Commissioners

By:   
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Richard Bufalini, President

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

April 25, 2011  
Meeting in Session at 7:04 p.m.

**7:04pm: Business Meeting Called to Order by Mr. Bufalini and that the meeting will be recorded**

**ROLL CALL**

President

Richard Bufalini

Vice President

Norm Kraus

Commissioners

Nick DiPietro

Joe Kusnir

Brian Rohm

**7:05pm            CITIZEN COMMENTS PERTAINING TO THE BUSINESS AGENDA**

**John Lopatta Woodlawn Park**

Mr. Lopatta questioned the validity of the approval of the February minutes questioning whether absent Commissioners from the February meeting were allowed to vote on the minutes

**7:07pm            BUSINESS AGENDA**

Mr. Kraus            Motion to approve the Business Minutes of March 25, 2011  
Mr. Rohm            Second the motion

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. DiPietro        Yes  
Mr. Kusnir            Yes  
Mr. Rohm            Yes  
Mr. Kraus            Yes  
Mr. Bufalini        Abstain  
Motion Carried

Mr. Kusnir            Motion to approve the Tax Collector's Report for March 2011  
Mr. Kraus            Second the motion

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. DiPietro        Yes  
Mr. Kusnir            Yes  
Mr. Rohm            Yes  
Mr. Kraus            Yes  
Mr. Bufalini        Yes  
Motion Carried

Mr. Rohm            Motion to approve the Treasurers Report for February and March 2011  
Mr. Kusnir            Second the motion

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. DiPietro Yes  
Mr. Kusnir Yes  
Mr. Rohm Yes  
Mr. Kraus Yes  
Mr. Bufalini Yes

Motion Carried

Mr. Kraus Motion to approve the list of bills dated for April 25, 2011  
Mr. Kusnir Second the motion

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. DiPietro Yes  
Mr. Kusnir Yes  
Mr. Rohm Yes  
Mr. Kraus Yes  
Mr. Bufalini Yes

Motion Carried

Mr. Rohm Motion to approve Bill Fontana to M.C, Parkfest 2011 at the rate of \$400.00 for Saturday July 9<sup>th</sup> and Sunday July 10<sup>th</sup> between the hours of 3:45pm and 10:30pm per budget line item 1-454-470. Recommended by the Park Board unanimously  
Mr. Bufalini Second the motion

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. DiPietro Yes  
Mr. Kusnir Yes  
Mr. Rohm Yes  
Mr. Kraus Yes  
Mr. Bufalini Yes

Motion Carried

Mr. Kraus Motion to approve the payment of 100 block hours in the amount of \$8,500.00 to Independent Micro for information technology support and offsite back-up per budget line item 1-155-003  
Mr. Bufalini Second the motion

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. DiPietro Yes  
Mr. Kusnir Yes  
Mr. Rohm Yes  
Mr. Kraus Yes  
Mr. Bufalini Yes

Motion Carried

Mr. Rohm Motion to approve Resolution R-2011-12 repealing Resolution R-2011-01 Depository acceptable yard waste fees to include an exemption for residents 65 years of age and older from any acceptable yard waste fees  
Mr. Kusnir Second the motion

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. DiPietro Yes  
Mr. Kusnir Yes  
Mr. Rohm No  
Mr. Kraus Yes  
Mr. Bufalini Yes

Motion Carried

7:11pm COMMISSIONER REPORTS None

7:17pm OLD BUSINESS None

7:17pm NEW BUSINESS None

Commissioner Bufalini

Commissioner Bufalini reviewed the handout of the net income statements for the Depository with the public forum in attendance

7:23pm PUBLIC FORUM CITIZENS COMMENTS

Mike Ciccone 5013 Clifton Drive

Mr. Ciccone stated that he does not own a car that he only owns a truck; and he wanted to know why if someone had a car why there transported yard waste in a car it was no charge. Mr. Ciccone stated that he has personally witnessed people not from Hopewell enter the depository; and that the Depository Guards are not checking identification and allowing out-of- area residents into the depository Mr. Ciccone stated that he has seen local lawn care service companies in the depository such as "Martin Lawn Service" and the guards just letting them in. Mr. Ciccone also indicated that the depository guards have never asked for his identification. Mr. Ciccone also complained that there are no standard fees for collecting the construction material from the depository, and that the guards charge basically whatever they want. Mr. Ciccone also stated that he believes the depository is losing money on the recyclables; he stated the guards made him divide his stuff up and stack it in piles, plus they charged him for dropping off that material. Mr. Ciccone would like to know where that money goes and what it is used for. The Board advised him that the issue would be investigated. Mr. Ciccone also said that he informed Mr. Orsini years ago about people and the guards taking recyclable material out of our dumpsters and driving off with it.

Bernie Juth 1900 Truman Drive

Mr. Juth commented on the depository fees, as well as an issue of people driving thru the stop sign at Truman and McGee. Mr. Juth also questioned when the next tire collection was in Hopewell and asked if the Township will consider issuing an annual fee and identification card for the depository. Mr. Bufalini stated that is something that is going to be considered in the future. Mr. Juth also asked Mr. Bates about houses within the Township being properly identified. Mr. Bates advised Mr. Juth that there is an ordinance that enforces houses being properly identified, and that he is the person who enforces the ordinance. Mr. Juth also questioned Mr. Bates about the enforcement of the ordinance for sidewalk repair within the Township, specifically the sidewalks on Maratta Road. Mr. Juth also questioned the maintenance of alley ways within the Township. Mr. Juth stated that 30 years ago the Township maintained the alley. The Board advised Mr. Juth that the Township does not maintain any alleys. Mr. Bates advised Mr. Juth that he will investigate the sidewalk and his alley way ownership. Mr. Rohm advised Mr. Juth that the person who plowed his alley in the winter was probably a private contractor. Mr. Bufalini also stated the Township will run through alleys on time with a plow only when a state of emergency is declared for safety reasons. Mr. Juth also questioned if Ice Cream truck vendors need a permit to solicit in the Township. Mr. Bates advised him that the State of Pennsylvania does not require dairy product vendors to receive a permit to sale.

Bill West 3130 Bradbury Drive

Mr. West asked about how much money the Township received on recycling in the Township and at the depository. Mr. West said they separate the recycling material at the depository and claimed that we should be receiving money for those materials. Mr. West also complained about the guards charging different fees for construction material and asked the Board to come up with a solution to that problem. Mr. West also claimed that the depository guards are

not checking driver licenses of people entering the depository.

**Quincy Carnevale 3236 Bradbury Drive**

Mr. Carnevale just wanted to clarify that a car driven to the depository is not charged.

**John Adamski 4319 Beverly Drive**

Mr. Adamski complained about the traffic situation at Brodhead and Beverly Drive and asked if there could be a traffic light at that location. Assistant Police Chief advised Mr. Adamski that the Police Department will deploy its speed trailer at that location. Mr. Adamski stated that he has no problem paying the fees as long as it remains open.

**Claudette Zatezalo 2786 Johnson Street**

Ms. Zatezalo questioned why her water bill from Aliquippa was so much lower than her sewage bill from Hopewell. Ms. Zatezalo also complained about the cars not yielding at the Aliquippa exit; she also stated her displeasure with the Hopewell magistrate, stating "that she is not worth a piece \*\$%\*". Mr. Bufalini advised her that it was not a magistratal issue but a police issue, and that she should inform them about the yielding violations. Ms. Zatezalo also questioned Mr. Bates and the Board about any grant money for the alley that she lives on. Mr. Bufalini advised Ms. Zatezalo that the Township does not own any alleys, and the maintenance of those locations are the responsibility of the owners of the alleys. Ms. Zatezalo also complained about the Hopewell School District taxes that have been increasing.

**Amal Oros 2123 Ridgeview Avenue**

Mr. Oros questioned and wanted to know who takes the recycling material out of the depository, and what does that money pay for. Mr. Bufalini advised Mr. Oros that the Township will investigate that issue.

**Richard Deremer 2024 Timber Lane**

Mr. Deremer stated that he was concerned about waste management picking up the material at the curb one day a week, because of the convenience issue of now just being able to cut your grass and bring it to the depository three days a week compared to one. Mr. Deremer also questioned the logging off of Kane Road. Mr. Bates stated that the owners of the property have the proper permits that allow them to log. Currently the Conservation District is responsible for inspecting the logging site. Mr. Bates did advise the resident that the Township does have a proposed ordinance that will be considered on May 9<sup>th</sup> for passage. Until then the Conservation District is who monitors the loggers. Mr. Deremer also wanted to know what the Township was going to do about the property located on the corner of Laird Drive and Kane Road. Mr. Bufalini advised Mr. Deremer that the Township has been in contact with the owner and the property and that the property owner has advised the Township that it will be torn down. Mr. Deremer also wanted to state for the record that he would be in favor of a yearly card fee with positive identification for the depository.

**Rob Janicki 1133 Euclid Ave**

Mr. Janicki commented on the depository fees and about the scrap metal that gets deposited at the depository. Mr. Janicki also wanted to know what has happened to that money. Mr. Janicki also stated that he would be in favor of a yearly fee.

**Wayne Carson 110 Hoeveler Avenue**

Mr. Carson complained about the condition of Hoeveler Avenue, and that the road is washing away and ending up in his yard. Mr. Bufalini advised Mr. Carson that the Township will investigate his road issue. Mr. Carson also was in favor of having a card system and an annual fee for yard waste disposal by the residents. Mr. Carson stated that spending \$47,000 to run the depository to keep our community clean is a small price to pay for the convenience of the depository. Mr. Carson believes that it is a perk for the residents, and again it is worth the tax money of residents to subsidize the depository. Mr. Carson also complained about the Five Points intersection winter and summer maintenance of this intersection. Mr. Kraus advised Mr. Carson that the Five Points intersection is a state road and area, and that we are prohibited from doing any work in that area, and that the areas in other communities which intersect state roads are maintained by private organization that have permission from the state to maintain those areas. Mr. Carson also commented on the condition on the islands in the Clearview Plan; he stated that it is not maintained well and that the grass always looks bad. Mr. Bufalini advised Mr. Carson that the center island will be crown vetched to help with the grass cutting, but the land to the right of the island is private property. Mr. Brunette asked Mr. Carson if he would like to have his yard material picked up at the curb for a fee or pay a fee at the

depository. Mr. Carson responded that he would rather pay the fee to use the depository instead of curb pick-up because he claims it would too much of an inconvenience to put it out once a week for waste management to pick-up. Mr. Carson also wanted to know if Representative Christianna has ever been contacted in regards to maintaining the Five Point's intersection. The Board advised him that all local representatives are contacted when the Township needs help.

**Michelle Janicki 1133 Euclid Ave**

Mrs. Janicki stated that she has a property in Center Twp, and she claimed that waste management does not pick-up everything and that their depository is free. Mr. Brunette advised Mrs. Janicki that Center does indeed charge a fee for their depository but was not sure of the exact amount.

**Tom Rohm 225 Sharon Grange Road**

Mr. Rohm wanted to know who is was in charge of the depository. Mr. Brunette advised Mr. Rohm that the depository falls under the umbrella of the Road Department. Mr. Rohm wanted to know about all the other materials and recyclables that are set aside such as aluminum, copper and steal. Mr. Rohm stated that he has witnessed people and the guards taking these recyclable materials out of the bins and off the ground, load it in their trucks and drive away with it. Mr. Rohm stated that is money that the Township is losing by allowing this to happen. Mr. Bufalini asked Mr. Rohm if he had indeed seen people and the guards taking this material, and if so, why he did not report the incident to the proper Township representatives. Mr. Rohm stated he should not have to tell Township representatives what he saw , that we should be able to trust those people (the guards). Mr. Bufalini stated that is not the point, that we do trust our employees but if you see what you suspect is fraud, it should still be reported so that we could properly investigate the issue. Mr. Rohm also stated that he is not in favor of pickup of yard waste material at the curb, but would be in favor of a card system. Mr. Rohm also was not in favor of a combination system of both the curbside pickup and depository system. Mr. Rohm also complained about the gas company digging up Sharon grange road and requested the engineer take a look at what the gas company has done. Mr. Rohm asked the Board when the Board would consider or expect to hear if there is going to be any changes to the depository fees. Mr. Bufalini said that it would be discussed again in the next couple of weeks.

**Pat Mooney 5131 Wickham Street**

Mr. Mooney suggested that the Board should consider charging a dollar a bag, and that all grass should be bagged. Mr. Brunette said the current system is an interim system, and that all comments and input from this evenings meeting will be considered as the Township moves forward on this issue in the future.

**John Janciki 141 Stone Quarry Road**

Mr. Janicki questioned about the commercial companies using the depository. Mr. Bufalini stated that commercial vehicles are not permitted to use the depository; the dump truck fees are for residents who own and use dump trucks to transport material to the depository.

**Ron Orgrizovich 312 Monohan Street**

Mr. Orgrizovich questioned how the depository guards can determine Hopewell streets. Mr. Bufalini advised Mr. Orgrizovich that they have a Township map with our streets listed on it for them. Mr. Orgrizovich also asked if the Township kept track of all the local lawn mower services within the Township. Mr. Bufalini stated that we do not keep track of the home based businesses.

**Clint Mckee 3103 Harding Ave**

Mr. Mckee commented that he believes the depository is being taxed and abused by commercial contractors who are dumping their grass at the depository. Mr. Mckee asked if a price list would be available for the fees at the depository. Mr. Bufalini stated that the current yard waste fees are at the depository; and that any future fees will be posted there.

**John Lopata Woodlawn Park**

Mr. Lopatta questioned the engineer if the Verizon lines had been moved at Laird Drive; the engineer responded that they have been moved. Mr. Lopata also asked when the Laird Drive project will will start. Mrs. Hartman advised that after all the proper paper work is turned in, they have 90 days to start and that the contractor is aware of the Township wanting to get the road completed by July 1, 2011.

**8:41pm**            **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Hopewell Township's Park and Recreation Board invites the residents to our annual Youth and Adult Fishing Derby Saturday April 30 and May 1, 2011. The youth fishing derby on April 30<sup>th</sup> will begin at 8am, and the adult fishing derby on May 1, will begin at 6am. The fishing derby will be held at Hopewell Township Community Park. For more information please visit the Hopewell Township's website at [www.hopewelltp.com](http://www.hopewelltp.com).**

**8:42pm**            **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Kraus            Motion to adjourn  
Mr. Kusnir          Second the motion  
Voice Vote:        All in favor  
Motion Carried

Minutes Recorded by: Andy J. Brunette 04/25/11  
Minutes Prepared by: Andy J. Brunette 04/27/11