

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-28
RESOLUTION FOR COMMITTED FUND BALANCE
HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP, BEAVER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

WHEREAS, the Government Standards Accounting Board (GASB) has issued Statement No. 54 establishing a hierarchy clarifying the constraints that govern how a government entity can use amounts reported as fund balance; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners is the highest level of decision-making authority, and has the authority to commit, assign, or evaluate existing fund balance classifications and identify the intended uses of committed or assigned funds; and

WHEREAS, the committed fund balance classification reflects amounts subject to internal constraints self-imposed by the Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, once the committed fund balance constraints are imposed, it requires the constraint to be removed by the Board of Commissioners prior to redirecting the funds for other purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has determined it will continue to use Fund 17 and Fund 18 for the purpose of maintaining the Park Reserve Fund (17) and General Reserve Fund (18) programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved, that the Board of Commissioners of Hopewell Township, in accordance with the provisions of GASB 54 hereby commits, Fund 17 and Fund 18 fund balance for future capital projects within those funds, as indicated by the Committed Fund classification, and funds in Fund 17 and 18 cannot be used for any purpose other than directed above, unless the Board of Commissioners adopts another resolution to remove or change the constraint. In addition, general fund balance of Fund 1 will be unassigned and will be used to maintain general operations throughout the year.

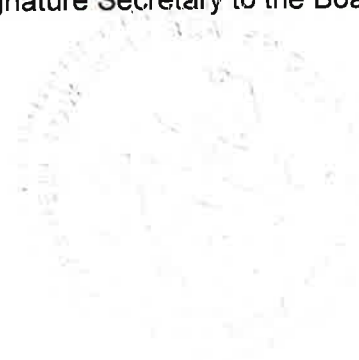
PASSED AND ADOPTED this 19th day of December, 2011, by the Board of Commissioners of Hopewell Township, Beaver County, Pennsylvania.



Signature Secretary to the Board



President, Board of Commissioners



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

December 19, 2011
Meeting in Session at 7:00 p.m.

The Business Meeting was called to order by Mr. Bufalini and that the meeting will be recorded. Everyone was asked to rise for the pledge of allegiance and the opening prayer.

ROLL CALL

President

Richard Bufalini - Present

Vice President

Norm Kraus - Present

Commissioners

Nick DiPietro - Present

Joe Kusnir – Present

Brian Rohm - Present

OTHERS PRESENT

Andy Brunette – Township Manager/Controller

Marie Stratakis Hartman – Widmer Engineers

Patricia L. Owens – Recording Secretary

Diane Palsa – Treasurer/Tax Collector - Absent

John Bates – Zoning Officer

Michael Jones – Solicitor

Gary Tranelli,- Assistant Chief of Police

Chas Srafin - Public Works Superintendent – Absent

CITIZEN COMMENTS PERTAINING TO THE BUSINESS AGENDA None

BUSINESS AGENDA

The tax collector and treasurer’s reports are available for public inspection at the municipal building.

Mr. Rohm: Motion to approve the Business Meeting Minutes of November 28, 2011.

Mr. Kraus: Second the motion

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. DiPietro Yes

Mr. Kusnir Abstained due to late arrival

Mr. Rohm Yes

Mr. Kraus Yes

Mr. Bufalini Yes

Motion Carried

Mr. Kusnir: Motion to approve the Tax Collector’s Report for November 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

Public hearing to consider the adoption of Ordinance 2011-10, an ordinance of the Township of Hopewell, Beaver County, Pennsylvania, a first class township under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, accepting and approving McKenna Drive as a public road was continued until January 9, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Kusnir: Motion to consider the adoption of Ordinance 2011-08 as advertised on December 6, 2011, an ordinance of the Township of Hopewell, Beaver County, Pennsylvania appropriating monies from municipal taxes and revenues to defray expenses and liabilities of Hopewell Township for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2012.

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. Kraus: Motion to consider the adoption of Ordinance 2011-09 as advertised on December 6, 2011, an ordinance of the Township of Hopewell, Beaver County, Pennsylvania, fixing the tax rates to be required to defray specific expenditures and liabilities for the operation of the township government at 14 mills for the year ending December 31, 2012.

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 Hopewell Township's 2012 annual budget as proposed on November 21, 2011 as advertised for public inspection on November 29, 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 Hopewell Township Beaver County annual meeting schedule for 2012.

Mr. DiPietro: Second the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Mr. Kusnir: Motion to approve Resolution R-2011-28 a resolution for committed fund balance within the General Fund for Hopewell Township.

Mr. DiPietro: Second the motion

Roll Call Vote:

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

Mr. Kusnir: Motion to approve Resolution 2011-29 a resolution of the Township of Hopewell, Beaver County, Pennsylvania, stating opposition to Pennsylvania proposed House Bill No. 1950.

Mr. DiPietro: Second the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Bufalini commented on the Visit with Santa held on December 17, 2011 and said it was a very successful event and Santa and his elf made a big hit with the children and he thanked Pam Fiejdasz for the great job she did on this event.

PUBLIC FORUM CITIZENS COMMENTS

Assistant Chief Tranelli stated that the police have been investigating the St. Michael's Club matter and are aware of the problems. It has not gone unnoticed or unaddressed. The State Police Bureau of Liquor Control are involved as well. So far they need to move forward cautiously because the club has not yet met the nuisance bar criteria and could claim discrimination. He encouraged the residents to call when there is a problem so a pattern can be established.

**Colleen O'Connor
Crestmont Drive**

Mrs. O'Connor had an issue with the St. Michael's Club located at the Crestmont Shopping Center. They play music until 3:00 am. and use loud profanity outside the club. She has heard gunshots coming from the shopping center and she fears for the safety of her family. She has reported it to the police department several times and they have checked into it and have been very cooperative.

Tamara McMasters
1312 Crestmont Drive

Mrs. McMasters reiterated everything that Mrs. O'Connor had reported. She said that she hasn't reported it to the police because she is fearful for the safety of her family and the police officers.

Commissioner Kraus suggested that Mr. Bates cite the owner under the zoning ordinance covering littering and let them know we are aware of this problem.

Commissioner Bufalini also requested a motion that the township draft a letter to the Bureau of Liquor Control advising them that they have the support of the township on following through with this situation.

Mr. Rohm: Motion to draft a letter to the Bureau of Liquor Control advising them of the concern of the residents and that they have the support of the township .

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

MANAGER'S REPORT

The Manager gave his report for November, 2011.

ADMINISTRATION AND SEWER REPORTS

The Manager gave the Administration and Sewer Reports for November, 2011.

ENGINEERING REPORT

Mrs. Hartman said she had nothing in addition to her written report..

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL REPORT

The water pollution control report for the month of November, 2011 prepared by Rich Boguszewski, operator in charge is on file at the municipal building.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

The road report for the month of November, 2011 is on file at the municipal building.

POLICE REPORT

Assistant Police Chief Gary Tranelli gave the police report for the month of November, 2011. He also commented on the fine job Pam Fiejdasz did on the Visit with Santa and that the police donated toward the cookies. The money for the cookies comes from the revenue for the Police Golf Outing.

PLANNING/ZONING REPORT

The zoning officer did not have a report for the month of November, 2011.

RECREATION REPORT

Pam Fiejdasz, Recreation Director, gave a brief report on the Visit with Santa held at the community park on December 17, 2011. Approximately 150 children attended and enjoyed refreshments, visit with a live reindeer, crafts and an overall enjoyable time.

The next Park Board meeting will be held on January 10, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.

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 November, 2011.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Rohm thanked everyone for coming and wished everyone a Merry Christmas

**Linda Helms, Librarian
B.F. Jones Memorial Library
Aliquippa, PA 15001**

Mrs. Helms distributed the calendar for January, 2012 and thanked the township for their participation in the activities being provided by the B.F. Jones Library.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hopewell Township Municipal offices and Public Works departments will close at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 22, 2011 and will be closed December 23, 2011 and December 26, 2011 for the Christmas Holiday.

Commissioner Bufalini recognized Patti Owens, Township Secretary who will be retiring at the end of the year, with over 13 years with the township. He said she will be missed and thanked her for her service. and wished her well.

Patti thanked him and said it has been a privilege and a pleasure to work for the township.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Kraus: Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Mr. Kusnir: Second the motion

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Minutes Recorded by: Patricia L. Owens 12/19/11
Minutes Prepared by: Patricia L. Owens 12/21/11

