

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

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

7:04pm PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL 7:03pm

President Rich Bufalini In Attendance
Vice President Joe Kusnir In Attendance
Commissioner David Ciccone In Attendance
Commissioner Nick DiPietro In Attendance
Commissioner Gary Tranelli In Attendance

OTHERS PRESENT

Norm Kraus, Jr./ Township Manager
Marie Stratakis Hartman/ P.E. , Engineer/Assistant Manager
Michael B. Jones (McMillen, Urick, Tocci, Fouse and Jones, P.C.) Township Solicitor

7:06 pm CITIZEN COMMENTS PERTAINING TO THE BUSINESS AGENDA None

7:06 pm BUSINESS AGENDA

Mr. Ciccone Motion to approve the Business Meeting Minutes of January 26, 2015.
Mr. Kusnir Second the Motion

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Tranelli Yes
Mr. Ciccone Yes
Mr. DiPietro Yes
Mr. Kusnir Yes
Mr. Bufalini Yes

Motion Carried

Mr. Tranelli Motion to approve the list of bills dated February 23, 2015 as presented. Sewer Fund: \$43,949.05;
State Fund; \$14,183.91; and General Fund \$65,906.28.

Mr. DiPietro Second the Motion

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Tranelli Yes
Mr. Ciccone Yes
Mr. DiPietro Yes
Mr. Kusnir Yes
Mr. Bufalini Yes

Motion Carried

Mr. Kusnir Motion to approve the January 2015 Tax Collector's report.

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Mr. Ciccone Second the Motion

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Tranelli Yes
Mr. Ciccone Yes
Mr. DiPietro Yes
Mr. Kusnir Yes
Mr. Bufalini Yes
Motion Carried

Mr. Kusnir Motion to approve the December 2014 Treasurer's report
Mr. Tranelli Second the Motion

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Tranelli Yes
Mr. Ciccone Yes
Mr. DiPietro Yes
Mr. Kusnir Yes
Mr. Bufalini Yes
Motion Carried

Mr. Kusnir Motion to approve the January 2015 Treasurer's Report
Mr. Bufalini Second the Motion

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Tranelli Yes
Mr. Ciccone Yes
Mr. DiPietro Yes
Mr. Kusnir Yes
Mr. Bufalini Yes
Motion Carried

Mr. Kusnir Motion to award a three-year contract for Hauling and Disposal of Dewatered Sludge from the Raccoon Creek Water Pollution Control Facility to Joseph J. Brunner, Inc., based upon their low Bid submitted of \$33.00 per Ton of Dewatered Sludge and \$155.00 per Rotation of the 30 cubic yard Dumpster for the period encompassing March 1st, 2015 through February 28th, 2018.

Mr. DiPietro Second the Motion

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Tranelli Yes
Mr. Ciccone Yes
Mr. DiPietro Yes
Mr. Kusnir Yes
Mr. Bufalini Yes
Motion Carried

Mr. DiPietro Motion to recognize Devin Patrick MacLaren for attaining the level of Eagle Scout with Boy Scout Troop 435, Hopewell Township, Beaver County, PA.

Mr. Ciccone Second the Motion

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Tranelli Yes
Mr. Ciccone Yes
Mr. DiPietro Yes
Mr. Kusnir Yes
Mr. Bufalini Yes

drop-offs and deep ruts on the sides of the road that could cause accidents. She also expressed a concern over the excessive speed and safety issues that is occurring on Airport Rd. with the school buses travel on Airport Rd. She added that these buses could also cause accidents on a road that already is in need of major repair. She claimed that township had not done any major repairs to Airport Rd. since the 1980s. Ms. Wilson also addressed the issue of the apartment condos at the end of Airport Rd. merging onto Kane Rd. Those residents have been parking their vehicles on Airport Rd., causing one lane traffic on the road and a possible accident waiting to happen. Mr. Bufalini assured Ms. Wilson that the police would address the residents of those condos with regards to the on-street parking issue. Marie Hartman told Ms. Wilson that the township plans on stabilizing Airport Rd. this year and addressing the drainage issues on the road. This will be done by the township road department as part of an in-house project this year.

Jim Verostek/ 1296 Airport Rd.

Mr Verostek is the owner of American Precision Powder Coatings located off Airport Rd. in the Old Industrial Park location. He stated he had called the township engineer last Fall to inquire what was to be done with the road conditions on Airport Rd. and if there were plans in the township budget to do work on the road. Mrs. Hartman told Mr. Verostek that the township has \$500,000 towards road projects in 2015 and that work would be bid out and contracted out to a road paving company. The township would be doing all road improvements on Airport Rd. with all in-house road department personnel. The stone, pipe and other materials would be covered in the township road repair budget. Mr. Verostek also wanted to point out the deep ditch that had developed due to no proper drainage about a mile up Airport Rd. from the school. Mr. Bufalini thanked Mr. Verostek for pointing that problem out and said to make sure and report similar road problems like that to Mrs. Hartman or others in the township administration building so it could be noted and addressed.

7:49pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Mr. Bufalini announced the Board was going into Executive Session to discuss personnel Issues and the public was welcome to stay around till the Board came out of Executive.

7:58pm

Executive Session In

An Executive Session was held to discuss Office Personnel issues

9:12pm

Executive Session Out

The Board of Commissioners came out of Executive Session and addressed the Snow Removal issues taking place in the township . The Board and Solicitor Mike Jones recommended that Police Chief Brian Uhrmacher be notified that his officers should proceed with enforcing Snow Removal Ordinance 2010-01 to the fullest extent. Manager Kraus told the Board he would notify the Chief Immediately. Officers would issue a written warning first, and if another violation were to occur, A \$50.00 fine would subsequently be assessed.

9:15pm

ADJOURNMENT

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

Minutes Recorded by: Norm Kraus 2/23/2015
Minutes Prepared by: Norm Kraus 2/24/2015