HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REORGANIZATION MEETING

The reorganization meeting of the Hopewell Township Board of Commissioners was held on Monday, January 6, 2014, 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, Rich Bufalini, David Ciccione, and Joe Kusnir. District Magistrate Janet Swihart also swore in newly elected Tax Collector Diane Palsa

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.

7:10PM **ROLL CALL - COMMISSIONERS**

Mr. Bufalini – Present
Mr. Ciccone - Present
Mr. DiPietro - Present
Mr. Kraus - Present
Mr. Kusnir - 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. Kusnir: Second the motion.

Roll Call Vote:
Mr. DiPietro - Yes
Mr. Kusnir - Yes
Mr. Ciccione- 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. Ciccione: Second the motion.

Roll Call Vote:
Mr. DiPietro - Yes
Mr. Kusnir - Yes
Mr. Ciccone - 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. DiPietro: Second the motion.

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

Mr. Kusnir: Motion to designate the Beaver County Times as the official primary newspaper for advertisements and notifications.
Mr. Ciccone: Second the motion.

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

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

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

Mr. Kusnir: Motion to re-appoint Daniel Baker as Township Septic Enforcement Officer (S.E.O.)
Mr. Bufalini: Second the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Mr. DiPietro - Yes
Mr. Kusnir - Yes
Mr. Ciccone - 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, 2015.
Mr. Ciccone: Second the motion.

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

Mr. Bufalini: Motion to appoint Cotrill Arbutina as Hopewell Township Independent Auditors
Mr. Ciccone: Second the motion.

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

Mr. Kusnir : Motion to designate Commissioner Norm Kraus 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. Ciccone - Yes
Mr. Bufalini - Abstained
Mr. Kraus – Yes

7:18 PUBLIC FORUM

Commissioner Kraus wanted to thank the past Board and congratulate the newly elected and the reelected Commissioners to the Board. 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 and looks forward to some exciting developments for the Township in the future. 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 and looks forward to continue working with the current Board and President Mr. Kraus, and will continue to work towards improving our township. Mr. Bufalini also acknowledged the Township employees and management team and thanked them for their continued dedication to Hopewell Township.

7:24 ADJOURNMENT:

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

All voted in favor to adjourn the meeting.

Minutes Recorder by Andy Brunette 1/6/2014
Minutes Prepared by Andy Brunette 1/7/2014