

**TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
Beaver County, Pennsylvania
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORKSHOP MINUTES**

6:35pm Workshop meeting called to order in main meeting room by Mr. Bufalini and the meeting will be recorded.

6:35pm Pledge of Allegiance followed by an Opening Prayer by Township Manager Norm Kraus

6:37pm Introduction of new Hopewell Township Chief of Police Brian Uhrmacher by Board of Commissioners President Rich Bufalini

6:40pm Swearing in of new Hopewell Township Chief of Police Brian Uhrmacher by District Magistrate Janet Swihart.

6:43pm Comments by newly sworn in Chief of Police Brian Uhrmacher to the estimated 60-65 people who came to witness the swearing in ceremony.

6:47pm

ROLL CALL

President

Rich Bufalini

Vice President

Joe Kusnir

Commissioners

Dave Ciccone

Nick DiPietro

Gary Tranelli

Others Present

Norm Kraus, Jr., Township Manager

Marie Stratakis-Hartman, Township Engineer and Assistant Manager

Michael Jones/McMillen, Urick, Tocci, Fouse & Jones, Township Solicitor

6:48pm Danny Palmer, an Eagle Scout with Boy Scout Troop 486 was introduced and made a report to the Board of Commissioners on the community Electronics recycling Program he had at the Township Municipal Building and Police Parking lot on October 25th, 2014. Danny announced the recycling program was a big success and presented a check for Rec-on-the-Run to Commissioner Nick DiPietro from funds he had left from his fundraiser for the recycling drive. Mr. DiPietro congratulated Danny and thanked him on behalf of the BOC and the township.

6:50pm **ENGINEER'S REPORT** Marie Stratakis Hartman **REPORT ON FILE**
Mrs. Hartman did comment that the 2014 road program is well underway and paving has been completed on Maple St., Shaker Heights and McKenna Drive.

6:51pm **CITIZEN'S COMMENTS PERTAINING TO THE AGENDA/ NONE**

6:52pm **BUSINESS AGENDA**

Mr. Kusnir Motion to approve the Workshop Minutes for October 13, 2014
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. Ciccone Motion to approve the list of bills dated 11/10/14 as presented. State Fund; \$505.98; General Fund; \$54,239.12; Sewer Fund; \$135,210.04.
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. Tranelli Motion to approve the Participation Agreement between Hopewell Township and the Communities of Distinction National television show at a cost of \$19,800.00 to the township. In return, the Communities of Distinction Program will produce a documentary on the township that will promote and market the township to a national television, as well as regional television audience.

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

6:53pm **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/ NONE**

6:53pm **CITIZEN'S FORUM**

Steve Rodich, 3195 Bradbury Drive, Serbian Club Representative

Mr. Rodich had addressed the Board of Commissioners at the August 11, 2014 workshop session on issues with regards to the ongoing water drainage problems occurring in the alley way behind the Serbian Club, as well as Martha St. Mr. Rodich said he returned tonight to address the BOC on the ongoing water runoff problem occurring on Martha St. along with the other issues he had addressed previously. He addressed his concerns to Township Engineer Marie Hartman, with regards to Martha St. and when some repairs would be made on it. Ms. Hartman deferred to Road Supervisor Chas Srafin, who told Mr, Rodich that repairs(an inlet for drainage) would be done,

depending on the weather situation. Mr. Rodich mentioned about the water draining into the alley and having no storm water drainage (no sewer), as he had mentioned previously to the BOC and Ms. Hartman. The subject of a spring running through the alley was also brought up by Mr. Rodich. Ms. Hartman and Zoning Officer John Bates stated they had checked this wet area out before as far as the spring goes, and verified one probably does exist and seen it wet and dry. Mr. Rodich brought up the case for the township to take over the alley way for maintenance and was told by Ms. Hartman that the alley is a private road and the township has not taken over it, and does not do maintenance on alleys and private roads. Mr. Rodich stated there are four or five families that live on the alley and they are taxpayers, thus, they should have their road maintained by the township. Ms. Hartman stated there are only three private alleys that the township currently services and maintains. Mr. Bufalini, speaking on behalf of the BOC, said the township would look into taking care of that alleyway once the private road agreement procedure worked on and cleared up. Mr. Bufalini stated there are legal problems with the current agreement and the BOC is looking to get the old form corrected legally and then the township can address the issue with Mr. Rodich and the issue with the alley behind the Serbian Club. Mr. Rodich concluded by saying that it is the responsibility of the township to make the alleyways passable and safe for the citizens.

7:00pm **OLD BUSINESS** None

7:00pm **NEW BUSINESS** None

7:00pm **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

President Bufalini announced that the Hopewell Midgets had won the Midget Football Championship by defeating Ellwood City 19-18. He congratulated them on the win and all in the audience applauded for the team.

10:06pm **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Minutes Recorded by: Norm Kraus, Jr. 11/10/14
Minutes prepared by Norm Kraus, Jr. 11/12/14