

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

7:05 pm: Business Meeting Called to Order by Mr. Kraus and that the meeting will be recorded

ROLL CALL 7:05pm

President

Norm Kraus Jr

Vice President

Rich Bufalini

Commissioners

David Ciccone Absent

Nick DiPietro

Joe Kusnir

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE FOLLOWED BY A PRAYER FOR
ANDY BRUNETTE, TOWNSHIP MANAGER WHO RECENTLY PASSED AWAY**

7:08 pm

**MIKE JONES/TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR – ANNOUNCEMENT:
PUBLIC MEETING FOR CITIZEN COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED
AMENDMENT TO THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP
OF HOPEWELL RE: 2405 BROADHEAD ROAD/RAINS-LEONE**

7:10 pm

Attorney Verlihay (representing Rains/Leone) asked that the commissioners look upon the amendment with favor and enact the change to C1 zoning since they have received the approval of the planning board.

7:12 pm

CITIZEN COMMENTS PERTAINING TO THE BUSINESS AGENDA None

7:13pm

BUSINESS AGENDA

Mr. Kusnir Motion to approve the Business Meeting Minutes dated February 24, 2014
Mr. Bufalini Second the motion

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Ciccone Absent
Mr. DiPietro Yes
Mr. Kusnir Yes
Mr. Bufalini Yes
Mr. Kraus Yes

Motion Carried

Mr. DiPietro Motion to approve the Treasurers Report for February 2014
Mr. Bufalini Second

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Ciccone Absent
Mr. DiPietro Yes
Mr. Kusnir Yes
Mr. Bufalini Yes
Mr. Kraus Yes

Motion Carried

Mr. Bufalini Motion to approve the Tax Collector's reports for February 2014
Mr. Kusnir Second

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Ciccone Absent
Mr. DiPietro Yes
Mr. Kusnir Yes
Mr. Bufalini Yes
Mr. Kraus Yes

Motion Carried

Mr. Kusnir Motion to approve the list of bills dated March 24, 2014 as presented, General Fund \$52,392.61,
Sewer Fund \$28,009.16 and State Fund \$85.34
Mr. DiPietro Second the motion

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Ciccone Absent
Mr. DiPietro Yes
Mr. Kusnir Yes
Mr. Bufalini Yes
Mr. Kraus Yes

Motion Carried

Mr. Kusnir Motion to appoint Mark Faiella to the Sewer Authority Board to fill the term ending 12/31/16
(position vacated by Kevin Gurchak)
Mr. Bufalini Second the motion

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Ciccone Absent
Mr. DiPietro Yes
Mr. Kusnir Yes
Mr. Bufalini Yes
Mr. Kraus Yes

Motion Carried

Motion Carried

7:16 pm COMMISSIONERS REPORTS AND DEPARTMENT REPORTS GIVEN ARE ON FILE

7:18 pm OLD BUSINESS
Commissioner DiPietro asked Marie Hartman, Township Engineer (in Chas Srafin's absence) about a stop sign that needs repaired on Woodbine and Wimpole. Mrs. Hartman stated that they were aware and it would be repaired.

7:18 pm NEW BUSINESS NONE

7:18 pm PUBLIC FORUM
Donna Richey 2017 Golfway Road
Mrs. Richey first wanted to thank the road department for the wonderful job they did this winter. Mrs. Richey would like to know when there will be road work scheduled for Beaver Lakes Boulevard. The condition of the road is deplorable and the ongoing issue with the drainage has now caused a sink hole. Mrs. Richey is also renewing her request for additional street lighting because the lighting is so poor in the neighborhood and wants to know when this might be able to be done as well. Mrs. Richey stated that her understanding was that there was an agreement when the development was being built (approximately

1996) that the roads were supposed to be resurfaced and that was never done.

Carol Locke 2013 Golfway Road

Mrs. Locke stated that there is a pot hole at the end of her driveway and that she is unable to try to avoid it, that it needs repaired. Mrs. Locke also expressed that she also understood that there was an agreement that the roads were supposed to be resurfaced.

Ann Marie Tejan 3020 Woodfield Drive

Mrs. Tejan stated that there was a large culvert replaced by the Township 3 or 4 years ago.

Marie Hartman/Township Engineer responded that she would work on the street lighting situation and explained that the Township has done all that they can do on the condition of Beaver Lakes Boulevard, and that the Township will do more once PENNDOT has completed some work that they are slated to do on the road, so that we don't incur expenses just to have to incur additional expenses to make repairs again once PENNDOT completed their work. Mrs. Hartman will get a list of resident names and email addresses for anyone that would like an update from her in reference to the lighting/road condition.

Commissioner Kraus stated that there are quite a few roads that have not been resurfaced and explained the process of how roads are chosen each year for paving.

Commissioner Kusnir assured Mrs. Richey that he did go to look at the road conditions when her original complaint was made to the Township.

Angela Stephens 2965 Kane Road

Mrs. Stephens wanted to thank the Township for referring the developer/Larry Dorsch to speak to her in reference to her property which is directly attached to the development he is planning for the drive-in property which was recently purchased.

Judy Matakovich 1019 Duke Street

Mrs. Matakovich would just like to ask if the Township is doing anything to have the property at 2107 Brodhead Road (Skeriotis property/used to be dry cleaner) cleaned up. It is an eyesore.

John Bates/Code Enforcement Officer

Mr. Bates responded that the Township has cited Mr. Skeriotis in reference to cleaning up the property, and that he is in the process of getting that property cleaned up.

7:53 pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Walk with Ease, a walking and fitness educational program developed by the Arthritis Foundation, will begin March 31st. Participants will meet at the Municipal Building on Mondays and Tuesdays from 11:30 to 12:30 and at Hopewell Community Park on Thursdays. The class will be led by Pam Fiejdasz, certified WWE instructor, and is free to the public. Registration forms are at www.hopewelltp.com and at the Municipal Building. Preregistration is not necessary.

Hopewell Township Parks and Recreation is sponsoring Pitch, Hit and Run, a Major League Baseball event, for all kids ages 7-14 at Kane Road Ball Fields on Saturday, April 5th, 2014. Registration forms are available at the Municipal Building or at www.hopewelltp.com or at the event. A copy of the child's birth certificate must accompany the registration. This program allows boys and girls to compete in the basic skills in order to advance to regional, state and national levels.

Spring Fest Easter Egg Hunt and Craft Show will be at the park on Saturday, April 12th from 11 am to 3 pm. In addition to the kids' activities, and Adult Egg Hunt will take place at

1 pm for great prizes. Free magic show is at 1:30, Bicycle and Basket Raffle tickets will be announced at 2:15.

Community Day Festival and Pie Fest will be held this year with Hopewell Youth Baseball and Softball Opening Day on Saturday, April 26th. The Parade begins at the High school at noon and travels to the Municipal Building where Opening Day Ceremonies will be held at the flagpoles and a festival continues until 3 pm.

The Township Municipal offices and Public Works will be closed on Friday, April 18th, 2014 in observance of Good Friday.

The Depository re-opens to residents on Monday, March 31st. Please make sure you have gotten your new 2014 Depository badge at the Municipal Building prior to attempting to use the Depository. The Depository is open March 31st through October 31st on Mondays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from 10 am to 6 pm and November 1st through December 6th from 9 am to 5 pm.

8:07 pm EXECUTIVE SESSION IN

9:30 pm EXECUTIVE SESSION OUT

Mr. Kusnir Motion to hire Norm Kraus as Hopewell Township Business Manager effective Monday, April 7th, 2014,(first day in the office to be Tuesday, April 8th) with the same employment agreement as Andy Brunette with the exception of a change of salary to be a base salary of \$60,000.00 per year with no health insurance. (Norm will have to tender his resignation as President of the Board of Commissioners on 4/4/14)

Mr. Bufalini Second the motion

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Ciccone Absent
Mr. DiPietro Yes
Mr. Kusnir Yes
Mr. Bufalini Yes
Mr. Kraus Abstain

Motion Carried

9:46 pm ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Bufalini Motion to adjourn

Mr. Kusnir Second the motion

Voice Vote: All in favor

Motion Carried

Minutes Recorded by: Wendy Kasunic 03/24/14

Minutes Prepared by: Wendy Kasunic 04/04/14