

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

6:35pm **Workshop meeting called to Order by Mr. Bufalini and the meeting will be recorded**

ROLL CALL

President

Rich Bufalini

Vice President

Joe Kusnir

Commissioners

Dave Ciccone

Nick DiPietro

Gary Tranelli - ABSENT

Others Present

Wendy Kasunic-Township Assistant Manager

Marie Stratakis-Hartman, Township Engineer

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

6:35pm **ENGINEERS REPORT** Marie Stratakis-Hartman (Report on File)

7:50pm **CITIZEN COMMENTS PERTAINING TO THE BUSINESS AGENDA** None

7:50pm **CITIZENS FORUM**

Steve Rodich, 3195 Bradbury Drive, Serbian Club Representative

Mr. Rodich is disappointed to have to be here this evening, he last spoke with the Board on June 9th regarding several problems, first he feels that the minutes from that meeting do not properly reflect the issues he brought up that evening. They stated that he addressed the board in regards to water problems in the alley behind the Serbian club. Mr. Rodich requested that the Township back drag and build up the road so the water would run off into the catch basin. That part is true, but the problem as stated then was two maybe three fold. Number one it's a water problem emanating from the back of the property on Kane Road, some people say it's a natural spring, it may be, but I believe it may be a broken line because there is constantly water running out of that property on to the alleyway which deteriorates the road , the road is full of pot holes. Then the water runs down through the Serbian club property, it doesn't bother the property, where the water runs down through the property they have placed gravel down, but once down through the property it ends up on Martha Street. There is constantly water down on Martha Street. Marie Hartman, Township Engineer asked to interject. Marie asked if Mr. Rodich had been contacted since approaching the Board with this issue on June 9th. Mr. Rodich stated that no one has contacted him on the issue. Marie was under the belief that John Bates, Township Zoning Officer, had contacted Mr. Rodich. Marie stated that she and John Bates did look at that wet area. Marie went out a few times, she has seen it both wet and dry. She has contacted the water company. The water company did come out and advised her that it is not their problem. This makes her believe that it must be a spring. Marie has seen it drain into the alley and she has seen where it misses the inlet and leaves a rutt. The wet area off of Martha Street between the Serbian clubs back area, the Township can put a drain there

and take that to the inlet, because there is an inlet on the corner there. Marie spoke with Chas Srafin, Road Superintendent about it and he has it on his work list, but won't be done until after the road program. However, that water down there may not be related to the water up top because she has been there when the lower area is marshy and the top area is dry. That may be a separate spring. There is a dip there so it doesn't have any way to drain down there. The clubs problem is for customers that come, they try to take a short cut instead of using the roadway, then the customers get stuck in that swamp area. Marie suggested putting an underdrain into that inlet in there and then filling that in, thereby prohibiting people from coming in that way. If that will take care of the problem, Mr. Rodich would welcome that. That is the Townships right of way. Another issue, we do know that there is a water problem, and that water problem is creating a problem for that roadway or alleyway. Mr. Rodich heard with interest that we now have a procedure with a form, which they didn't have back when he was a commissioner. There is 5 houses there on Kane Road and that alleyway is their access to their homes. You can call it a driveway, but the public uses that road, delivery trucks and garbage trucks go back there. People try to avoid traffic and cut through there. The condition is deplorable, and at the very least the potholes should be taken care of, that may eliminate the water issues.

One other thing to think about, standing water breeds mosquito's. You have standing water up there on Kane Road and on Martha Street, and as you know in Beaver County they have tested mosquito's for West Nile Virus, so those issues also pose a hazardous health condition in the Township and should be more of a concern then the roadway itself and this issue should be top priority.

Mr. Rodich has had contractors try to fill the dip at the entrance, coming out onto Brodhead, so it does need attention and anything the Township could do would be appreciated.

8:00 pm

Danny Palmer, Eagle Scout, 119 Sawyer Drive

Pam Fiejdasz, Recreation Director, introduced Danny Palmer to the Board of Commissioners. He came to ask for the Commissioners permission and approval to use the side parking lot of the Municipal building (behind the police department) as a drop off point for a community Electronics Recycling program he is working on as his Eagle Scout Service project. Danny outlined his project for the Commissioners and expects that there should be no cost incurred by the Township. He will get the materials provided by the hauling company and will get volunteers to handle any manpower needed. The Commissioners asked that Danny get a specific date and advise them and at that time they can make sure there are no scheduling conflicts and then they can approve the project and that the Township will also make sure the event is posted on our website and try to assist in advertising it perhaps on the Township facebook and twitter accounts as well.

Commissioner Bufalini commended Danny Palmer on his organized and informative presentation and thanked him for coming to the meeting.

8:15 pm

PARKS AND RECREATION REPORT Pam Fiejdasz (Report on File)

8:25pm

BUSINESS AGENDA

Mr. Kusnir Motion to approve the Workshop Minutes for July 14, 2014
Mr. Bufalini Second the motion

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Carried

Commissioner Bufalini tabled the motion on the agenda to approve the Business Meeting Minutes for June 23, 2014 due to Mr. Tranelli's absence tonight and the fact that both Mr. Bufalini and Mr. Kusnir were absent from the June 23rd meeting, they do not have a quorum to pass this motion this evening.

Mr. Ciccone Motion to approve the list of Bills dated August 11, 2014, General Fund \$37813.31, Sewer Fund \$121893.33 and State Fund \$252.99.

Mr. Kusnir Second the motion

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Tranelli Absent

Mr. Ciccone Yes

Mr. DiPietro Yes

Mr. Kusnir Yes

Mr. Bufalini Yes

Motion Carried

Mr. Kusnir Motion to approve police assistance with traffic safety for R.J. Di Giorno's senior project, pending review by the Board of Commissioners on Di Giorno's request.

Mr. DiPietro Second the motion

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Tranelli Absent

Mr. Ciccone Yes

Mr. DiPietro Yes

Mr. Kusnir Yes

Mr. Bufalini Yes

Motion Carried

Mr. DiPietro Motion to accept the bid from Central Salt LLC in the amount of \$84.42 per ton delivered as bid through BCRCOG.

Mr. Ciccone Second the motion

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Tranelli Absent

Mr. Ciccone Yes

Mr. DiPietro Yes

Mr. Kusnir Yes

Mr. Bufalini Yes

Motion Carried

Mr. Kusnir Motion to accept the Cottrill, Arbutina's real estate audit report drafts for 2010, 2011 and 2012.

Mr. DiPietro Second the motion

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Tranelli Absent

Mr. Ciccone Yes

Mr. DiPietro Yes

Mr. Kusnir Yes

Mr. Bufalini Yes

Motion Carried

Mr. Kusnir Motion to approve the execution of PennDOT form M-950AA Applicant's Authorization for Agent to Apply for Highway Occupancy Permit to authorize Hopewell Township to be listed as the co-applicant on HOP Application No. 53734 contingent upon review of the Highway Occupancy Permit Application package and associated drainage improvements.

Mr. Ciccone Second the motion

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Carried

Mr. DiPietro Motion to hire Erin Donnelly for the balance of the year at 24 hours per week (+events) until 12/31/14 at \$8.00 per hour (in line with the budget) to assist Pam Fiejdasz with recreation department activities.

Mr. Kusnir Second the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Carried

8:40pm ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

The Commissioner's requested that we remove the sale of Waste Management Bagsters from the Township website and return the bags purchased from Alam's. They feel that this involves the Township in something that should be between the residents and Waste Management directly. These bags are available at C&I, Alam's and Lowes, so there is no need for the Township to have to be involved in the process.

The Commissioner's would like me to check the Waste Management contract and verify that recycling (the hazardous waste pick up program) is supposed to be free of charge to residents and if verified then contact Waste Management and verify that the residents are not being charged for the service.

8:57 pm EXECUTIVE SESSION IN

9:20 pm EXECUTIVE SESSION OUT

Mr. Kusnir Motion to approve the promotion of Betty Otto, part time crossing guard to fill the full time crossing guard post at Brodhead and Woodbine due to the resignation of a full time crossing guard.

Mr. Ciccone Second the motion

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Carried

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Mr. Ciccone Motion to approve the promotion of Mary Ann Beder, part time crossing guard to fill the full time crossing guard post at Fatima and Gulf due to the retirement of a full time crossing guard.

Mr. Kusnir Second the motion

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Tranelli Absent

Mr. Ciccone Yes

Mr. DiPietro Yes

Mr. Kusnir Yes

Mr. Bufalini Yes

Motion Carried

9:16pm **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Kusnir Motion to adjourn

Mr. Ciccone Second the motion

Voice Vote: All in favor

Motion Carried

Minutes Recorded by: Wendy Kasunic 8/11/14

Minutes Prepared by: Wendy Kasunic 8/13/14