

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

7:02 pm Business Meeting Called to Order by Mr. Bufalini and he announced that the meeting will be recorded

7:03pm 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

7:04 pm CITIZEN COMMENTS PERTAINING TO THE BUSINESS AGENDA None

7:05 pm PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS Recreation Director Pam Fiejdasz introduced three people for special recognition. Board President Rich Bufalini read Resolution 2015-03 honoring Daniel James Palmer/ BSA-Eagle Scout, for his Electronic Waste Recycling Drive which benefitted the “Rec-on-the-Run” program for Hopewell Recreation. Mr. Bufalini then proceeded to read Resolution 2015-04 acknowledging Adam William Davenport/ BSA-Eagle Scout, for his construction of a gazebo at Hopewell Park for use by the residents. Mr. Bufalini then read Resolution 2015-05, honoring Lois Davie as Volunteer of the Year, receiving the Robert Steigerwald Volunteer of the Year Award” Ms. Davie received this award for the countless hours of volunteer work she has done through the years for Hopewell Park and the various events. Park Commissioner Nick DiPietro presented the resolutions to all three deserving individuals.

7:17 pm BUSINESS AGENDA

Mr. Kusnir Motion to approve the Business Meeting Minutes of December 22, 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. Tranelli Motion to approve the list of bills dated January 26, 2015 as presented. Sewer Fund: \$57,847.79;
State Fund; \$19,763.38 and General Fund \$58,627.98.

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. Ciccone Motion to approve the December 2014 Tax Collector's report.
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. Bufalini Motion to approve the estimate provided by Gregg's Heating & Cooling Co., in the amount of \$27,640.00 to replace the existing inoperable gas fired hot water boiler and gas fired hot water tank in the Municipal Building. This work is being performed as an emergency project, as the lower level of the Municipal Building has been without heat since the boiler became inoperable.

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

7:19 pm **COMMISSIONERS REPORTS** **NONE**

7:20 pm **THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENT REPORTS WERE GIVEN AND ARE ON FILE**

7:23 pm **OLD BUSINESS** **NONE**

7:23pm **NEW BUSINESS** **NONE**

7:24pm **PUBLIC FORUM**

Linda Davenport/ 2501 Wigwam Rd.

Mrs. Davenport brought up the issue of the danger on Route 51, which is a designated bike riding route. A friend of her children, Taylor Banks, was killed on that road riding his bike last November 14th. Route 51 has many speed changing zones throughout, that creates a danger for bike riders. Mrs. Davenport spoke with Representative Christiana and he said local municipalities need to actively speak to PennDOT about getting the mileage markers changed. Commissioner Kusnir questioned who designated Route 51 as a bike trail, as it is a very hazardous road.

Keith Black/ 1276 Vermont Ave.

Mr. Black addressed the board, saying the state designated Route 51 as a bike riding trail. He is an avid biker himself and is familiar with the issues with Route 51 for bike riders. Engineer Marie

Hartman said she would address the issue with PennDOT at her next meeting with them and Commissioner DiPietro mentioned about the Ohio River Trails Council that Manager Kraus sits on for the township and the County Trail tying in with the Montour Trail for bikers.

Robert Mueller/ 9 Glen Street

Mr. Mueller expressed concerns over major water runoff on the road near his residence. He has ice sheets the size of a car and several inches thick outside of his residence on the road. He said he had contacted the township on this issue before, with no results. He asked for a meeting with the Township Engineer and Road Supervisor. Mrs. Hartman said she and Chas Srafin will get in touch with Mr. Mueller to review the situation.

7:33pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pavilion Rental Day for Hopewell Community Park is Monday, February 16, 2015 at the Township Municipal Building. Numbers will be passed out at 6:00am and reservations begin at 8am. February 16th thru February 20th is for Hopewell Township residents only. All others may rent beginning February 23rd. You must bring current proof of residency and payment requires a separate check for deposit.

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

7:41pm

Executive Session In

An Executive Session was held to discuss Office Personnel issues

8:32pm

Executive Session Out

8:33pm

ADJOURNMENT

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

Minutes Recorded by: Norm Kraus 1/26/2015
Minutes Prepared by: Norm Kraus 1/27/2015