

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

7:13pm Business Meeting Called to Order by Mr. Bufalini and he announced that the meeting will be recorded

7:13pm PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL 7:04pm

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
Mike Jones (McMillen, Urick, Tocci, Fouse and Jones) Township Solicitor

7:13 pm CITIZEN COMMENTS PERTAINING TO THE BUSINESS AGENDA None

7:14 pm BUSINESS AGENDA

Mr. Kusnir Motion to approve the Business Meeting Minutes of November 23rd,2015.
Mr. Bufalini Second the Motion

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Tranelli Yes
Mr. Ciccone Abstain (Absent from meeting)
Mr. DiPietro Yes
Mr. Kusnir Yes
Mr. Bufalini Yes

Motion Carried

Mr. Tranelli Motion to approve the list of bills dated December 28th, 2015, as stated; General Fund; \$17,385.55 and Sewer Fund; \$20,283.45.

Mr. Ciccone Second the Motion

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

Mr. Kusnir Motion to continue the current contract with the Hopewell Township Police Department until January 30th, 2016, while current contract negotiations continue.

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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. Ciccone Motion to approve the November 2015 Tax Collector's Report for Tax Year 2015.
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. Kusnir Motion to approve a one year employment agreement with Barbara Swearingen as Township Finance/Accounting Administrator, effective January 1st, 2016 through December 31st, 2016.
Mr. Ciccone Second the Motion

Roll Call Vote

Mr. Tranelli Yes
Mr. Ciccone Yes
Mr. DiPietro Yes
Mr. Kusnir Yes
Mr. Bufalini Yes
Motion Carried

Mr. Kusnir Motion to approve the changes to the Hopewell Township Civil Service Rules and Regulations for approval by the Civil Service Commission.
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 A Motion to approve the 2016 budget as proposed and advertised on November 19th, 2015. General Fund; \$\$5,728,400; Sewer Fund \$2,916, 651; Liquid Fuels Fund \$306, 853 and Capital Improvements Reserve Fund \$42,000.
Mr. Kusnir Second the Motion

Roll Call Vote

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

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Motion Carried

Mr. Bufalini A Motion to approve Ordinance 2015-02, appropriating money from municipal taxes and revenues To defray expenses and liabilities of Hopewell Township for the calendar year ending December 31st, 2016, as advertised on December 2nd, 2015.

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. Kusnir A Motion to approve Ordinance 2015-03 fixing the tax rates at 14 mils to be required to defray Specific expenditures and liabilities for the operation of Township Government for the calendar year ending December 31st, 2016.

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 approver Resolution 2015-17 for a committed fund balance for 2016 for Hopewell Township, Beaver County, Pennsylvania.

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. DiPietro Motion to approve Hopewell Township's agreement with the ORTC (Ohio River Trails Council) Based on the Ohio River Greenway Trail North Shore Connector Feasibility Study, to install Signage provided by the TAP (Transportation Alternative Program) Grant on ORTC property located in the Township.

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. DiPietro Motion to appoint Don Wright to the Park Board, with his term to run five years, starting January 1st, 2016 and running through December 31st, 2020.

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. Ciccone Motion to reappoint Tim Force to the Vacancy Board for a two-year term running January 1st, 2016 through December 31st, 2017.

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

7:21 pm COMMISSIONERS REPORTS NONE

7:21 pm THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENT REPORTS WERE GIVEN AND ARE ON FILE

7:25pm OLD BUSINESS NONE

7:25pm NEW BUSINESS NONE

7:25pm PUBLIC FORUM NONE

**7:25pm ANNOUNCEMENTS :
Please check our website at www.hopewelltp.com, our Facebook page, and Twitter, for updates on Hopewell Township news and events.**

All Hopewell Township Municipal and Public Works offices will be closed on Friday, January 1st, 2016, in observance of the New Years Day holiday.

7:26pm ADJOURNMENT

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

