

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

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

7:05pm PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL 7:06pm

President Rich Bufalini In Attendance
Vice President Joe Kusnir In Attendance
Commissioner David Ciccone Absent
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

7:07 pm CITIZEN COMMENTS PERTAINING TO THE BUSINESS AGENDA None

7:07 pm BUSINESS AGENDA

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

Mr. DiPietro Motion to approve the Workshop Minutes of March 9th, 2015.
Mr. Bufalini Second the Motion

Roll Call Vote:

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

Mr. Tranelli Motion to approve the list of bills dated April 13th & April 27th, 2015. Sewer Fund; \$29,738.16; State Fund; \$14,432.36; and General Fund; \$46,747.20.

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Mr. DiPietro Second the Motion

Roll Call Vote:

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

Mr. Tranelli Motion to hire part-time Police Officers Nicollette Jena and Aaron Lopez, as Full-Time Police Officers effective April 27th, 2015, at the entry level pay according to the Police Contract, as well as benefits effective May 1st, 2015, according to the Police Contract.

Mr. Bufalini Second the Motion

Roll Call Vote:

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

Mr. Kusnir Motion to approve the March 2015 Tax Collector's Report for Tax Year 2015

Mr. Tranelli Second the Motion

Roll Call Vote:

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

Mr. DiPietro Motion to approve the March 2015 Tax Collector's Report for Tax Year 2014

Mr. Kusnir Second the Motion

Roll Call Vote:

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

Mr. Tranelli Motion to approve Resolution 2015-07, a Resolution of Hopewell Township, Beaver County, Pennsylvania, recognizing Deborah McGinnis, a Senior at Hopewell Area High School, completed her Senior Project by organizing and sponsoring a Trail Walk at Hopewell Community Park on Sunday, March 22nd, 2015, benefitting the D.A.R.E. Program in association with the Police Department

Mr. DiPietro Second the Motion

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Tranelli Yes
Mr. Ciccone Absent

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

Mr. Kusnir Motion to approve Resolution 2015-08, a Resolution of Hopewell Township, Beaver County, Pennsylvania, approving the Land Development Plan for Lot Parcel 65-213-0300.000, situate at 1393 Gringo Clinton Road, Hopewell Township, known as Cornerstone Christian Fellowship Land Development Plan in accordance with Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance 91-02.
Mr. Tranelli Second the Motion

Roll Call Vote:
Mr. Tranelli Yes
Mr. Ciccone Absent
Mr. DiPietro Yes
Mr. Kusnir Yes
Mr. Bufalini Yes
Motion Carried

Mr. Bufalini Motion to approve Resolution 2015-09, a Resolution of the Township of Hopewell, Beaver County, Pennsylvania, authorizing an amendment to the agreement dated January 1st, 1987 between the Township of Hopewell and the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement Board to reduce for 2015 only, the required member contribution to the municipal pension plan.
Mr. Kusnir Second the Motion

Roll Call Vote:
Mr. Tranelli Yes
Mr. Ciccone Absent
Mr. DiPietro Yes
Mr. Kusnir Yes
Mr. Bufalini Yes
Motion Carried

Mr. DiPietro Motion to increase the hourly wage of Depository Guards Benny Gianetti and Bernie Juth from Their current rate of \$11.00 per hour, to \$11.25 per hour, retroactive to the beginning of the 2015 Depository Season.
Mr. Tranelli Second the Motion

Roll Call Vote:
Mr. Tranelli Yes
Mr. Ciccone Absent
Mr. DiPietro Yes
Mr. Kusnir Yes
Mr. Bufalini Yes
Motion Carried

Mr. Tranelli Motion to increase the hourly wage of Depository Guard Ron Morris from his current rate of \$10.25 an hour to \$10.50 an hour, retroactive to the beginning of the 2015 Depository Season.
Mr. Bufalini Second the Motion

Roll Call Vote:
Mr. Tranelli Yes
Mr. Ciccone Absent
Mr. DiPietro Yes
Mr. Kusnir Yes
Mr. Bufalini Yes

Motion Carried

7:13 pm **COMMISSIONERS REPORTS** NONE

7:13 pm **THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENT REPORTS WERE GIVEN AND ARE ON FILE**
A couple comments to note from department heads. Road Supervisor Chas Srafin said the road Department was called out 5 times in March for snow removal. Engineer Marie Hartman noted that she has received the Beaver County COG bids and is reviewing them. Police Chief Brain Uhrmacher mentioned that firearms training had been completed for the police department. Zoning Officer John Bates mentioned that Hopewell follows the Pennsylvania Dog Rules & Laws in matters of dog issues in the township.

7:23pm **OLD BUSINESS** NONE

7:23pm **NEW BUSINESS** NONE

7:24pm **PUBLIC FORUM**

Larry Snodgrass/ 108 Buss Rd.

Mr. Snodgrass had a complaint about the dogs next door that are owned by Frank Taylor. These dogs bark incessantly, 24 hours a day. Zoning Officer John Bates explained that Mr. Taylor was cited before for the dogs and the case went before the Magistrate and then was appealed to Beaver County Court, which ruled in Mr. Taylor's favor. President Bufalini recommended that John Bates possibly go through the legal process again for Mr. Snodgrass versus Mr. Taylor.

Mr. Wogatowski/ 116 Buss Rd.

Mr. Wogatowski expressed disgust with the whole dog situation and said it is a major problem and has been a problem for many years. Mr. Bufalini commented again that Mr. Taylor should be cited and that the township and John Bates should consider going through the whole process again in an attempt to get a different ruling this time. Mr. Wogatowski wished that would be the case.

Mary Ellen Hornyak/ 182 Edgewood St.

Mrs. Hornyak inquired about Edgewood being paved this year. Engineer Marie Hartman said that indeed, Edgewood would be paved this year. She also inquired about Temple Rd. going into Aliquippa and the heavy brush growing over the guide rails. Road Supervisor Chas Srafin said the road department will spray and push the shrubs back. Ms. Hornyak next inquired about Township policy about damaged properties/houses. She mentioned two houses on Pearl St. John Bates has contacted the owners of both houses regarding the condition of the houses. Lastly, Ms. Hornyak commented on a neighbor housing two miniature horses and the foul smell that comes from them at their owner's property, that being Mr. Cavanaugh. John Bates explained the whole story about the miniature ponies and why they were allowed to reside at the house and how he constantly monitors horses and Mr. Cavanaugh does a good job maintaining the horses.

Earl Fluharty/ 158 North Bethlehem Church Rd/ Not a Hopewell Resident

Mr. Fluharty addressed the BOC about oil storage tanks and how they are a safety and environmental danger. He also pointed out the issue he is having with Rudy Marawski, a Hopewell Township resident and neighbor of his, for property violations (ie. overgrown shrubs and vines). John Bates aid he would follow up on this complaint.

Linda Helms/ B.F. Jones Librarian

Mrs. Helms brought greetings from the Aliquippa Library to the BOC. She hit on key dates for

Events, specifically the two May 2015 events. One is on May 20th with local author Paul Gentile. She reminded everyone that Fridays in May continue to be Humbugs Story Time held at the Hopewell Municipal Building.

7:48

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Annual Youth Fishing Derby will take place at Hopewell Community Park on Saturday, May 2nd, 2015, from 9AM to 1PM. Prizes will be awarded. Our Adult Fishing Derby takes place from 9AM to 1Pm on Sunday, May 3rd, 2015 at the Park.

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

7:58pm

Executive Session In

An Executive Session was held to discuss Office Personnel issues, Contract Negotiations and possible litigation.

9:05pm

Executive Session Out

No action was taken with regards to topics discussed in Executive Session

9:06pm

Discussions held after Executive Session

Commissioner Nick DiPietro brought up a few issues with regards to the park. The main topic of discussion was security clearances that park volunteers and full-time, as well as part-time employees, would have to secure in order to work or be around the children taking part in park activities. Solicitor Mike Jones addressed the BOC on the matter and specifies that anyone who would be working around the children at the park events would need proper security clearances, as specified by the state of Pennsylvania.

9:19pm

ADJOURNMENT

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

Minutes Recorded by: Norm Kraus 4/27/2015
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