

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

7:03 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 7:04pm

President Rich Bufalini In Attendance
Vice President Joe Kusnir In Attendance
Commissioner David Ciccone In Attendance
Commissioner Nick DiPietro In Attendance (Arrived at 8:45PM)
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

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

7:04 pm BUSINESS AGENDA

Mr. Ciccone Motion to approve the Business Meeting Minutes of May 18th, 2015.
Mr. Kusnir Second the Motion

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Carried

Mr. Tranelli Motion to approve the list of bills dated June 22nd, 2015as presented; Sewer Fund \$13,130.45;
General Fund \$3,879.61; State Fund; \$14,179.19. Mr. Bufalini abstained from 53-01-454-373
Mr. Ciccone Second the Motion

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Tranelli Yes
Mr. Ciccone Yes
Mr. DiPietro Absent
Mr. Kusnir Yes
Mr. Bufalini Yes (Except for 53-01-454-373/ Bufalini's Plumbing Solutions- He abstained)

Motion Carried

Mr. Kusnir Motion to hire William Kanter as a part-time laborer in the Sewer Department at an hourly rate of

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\$14.00 per hour, effective with his official hire date of June 15th, 2015.

Mr. Tranelli Second the Motion

Roll Call Vote:

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

Mr. Ciccone Motion to approve the March 2015 Treasurer's Report
Mr. Kusnir Second the Motion

Roll Call Vote:

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

Mr. Kusnir Motion to approve the April 2015 Treasurer's Report
Mr. Ciccone Second the Motion

Roll Call Vote:

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

Mr. Tranelli Motion to approve the April 2015 Tax Collector's Report for Tax Year 2015
Mr. Ciccone Second the Motion

Roll Call Vote:

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

Mr. Kusnir Motion to approve the April 2015 Tax Collector's Report for Tax Year 2014
Mr. Ciccone Second the Motion

Roll Call Vote:

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

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Mr. Tranelli Motion to approve the May 2015 Tax Collector's Report for Tax Year 2015
Mr. Kusnir Second the Motion

Roll Call Vote:

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

Mr. Tranelli Motion to approve the erection of "No Parking" signs on both sides of the street, on Estelle St.,
between Kane Rd. and Marion St. This recommendation is made by Police Chief Brian
Uhrmacher after following up on a citizen complaint of a parking problem in that area.
Mr. Ciccone Second the Motion

Roll Call Vote:

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

Mr. Bufalini Motion to authorize payment in the amount of \$2,144.50 and to execute a full release with Chuck
Piroli in settlement of a property damage claim.
Mr. Ciccone Second the Motion

Roll Call Vote:

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

Mr. Tranelli Motion to authorize the payment of Township retirement benefits to Officer Vince Cipolla in the
amount of \$20,600.00, pending Mr. Cipolla signing his pension approval benefit form.
Mr. Kusnir Second the motion

Roll Call Vote:

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

**THE FOLLOWING 22 MOTIONS NEED TO BE ACTED ON WITH REGARDS TO PARK FEST 2015.
THESE MOTIONS FOR PARK FEST 2015 ARE AS RECOMMENDED BY THE PARK BOARD FOR
PARK FEST PER BUDGET LINE ITEM 01-454-470.**

Mr. Tranelli Motion to hire Brodhead Beer as supplier of Yuengling Beer and miller Lite Beer and malt coolers
and the draft wagon rental for an estimated cost of \$2125.

Mr. Ciccone Second the Motion

Roll Call Vote:

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

Mr. Kusnir Motion to hire Beaver County Beverage as a supplier of water and soda for an estimated cost of \$1,000.00.
Mr. Bufalini Second the Motion

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

Mr. Ciccone Motion to hire Frank Capri for entertainment Friday night, July 10th, and Saturday, June 11th in the amount of \$500.00.
Mr. Kusnir Second the Motion

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

Mr. Ciccone Motion to approve the band, The Apparitions, for Friday, July 10th in the amount of \$200.00.
Mr. Tranelli Second the Motion

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

Mr. Kusnir Motion to approve Michael Paltuga of Michael Christopher Band for live music on Saturday, July 11th, in the amount of \$750.00.
Mr. Bufalini Second the Motion

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

Mr. Ciccone Motion to approve Steve Spear of Concrete Soul for live music on Friday, June 10th, in the amount of \$350.00.
Mr. Tranelli Second the Motion

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Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Carried

Mr. Kusnir Motion to approve Dave Charles of Jukebox Band for live music on Friday, July 10th in the amount of \$750.00.

Mr. Bufalini Second the Motion

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Carried

Mr. Kusnir Motion to approve Dena Allegra for live music on Friday, July 10th in the amount of \$150.00.

Mr. Ciccone Second the Motion

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Carried

Mr. Tranelli Motion to approve Richard Gercak of Smokin' Section for live music on Saturday, July 11th in the amount of \$700.00.

Mr. Bufalini Second the Motion

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Carried

Mr. Kusnir Motion to approve the Taylor Sisters for live music on Friday, July 10th, in the amount of \$150.00.

Mr. Ciccone Second the Motion

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Carried

Mr. Tranelli Motion to approve Signs Xpress for (2) 3' by 5' banners to advertise Park Fest, in the amount of \$150.00.

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Mr. Ciccone Second the Motion

Roll Call Vote:

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

Mr. Kusnir Motion to approve a donation to All Zen Fitness for a dance performance on Friday, July 10th in the amount of \$50.00.

Mr. Ciccone Second the Motion

Roll Call Vote

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

Mr. Ciccone Motion to approve the donation to BSA Pack 435/ Troop 486 for parking services at the park entrance, in the amount of \$335.00.

Mr. Tranelli Second the Motion

Roll Call Vote:

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

Mr. Bufalini Motion to approve Satin Sound to provide audio for the main stage for \$1,800.00 and a 24' by 20' stage with drum riser for \$1,350.00 for a total amount of \$3,150.00.

Mr. Ciccone Second the Motion

Roll Call Vote

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

Mr. Tranelli Motion to reimburse the Hopewell Township Police Department for road block service at Brodhead and Kane Roads in the amount of 24 hours times \$32.00 per hour.

Mr. Kusnir Second the Motion

Roll Call Vote:

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

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Motion Carried

Mr. Ciccone Motion to approve Hopewell Area School District for buses and drivers in the amount of \$42.00 an hour times \$15.00 per hour.

Mr. Tranelli Second the Motion

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Carried

Mr. Kusnir Motion to approve a donation to the Hopewell Band Boosters "Artist in Residence Program in the name of Dave Bufalini, who will provide announcing services as Master of Ceremonies, in the amount of \$300.00.

Mr. Tranelli Second the Motion

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Carried

Mr. Ciccone Motion to approve Mastro Ice for a freezer and 80 bags of ice for an estimated cost of \$500.00

Mr. Bufalini Second the Motion

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Passed

Mr. Kusnir Motion to approve T & P Supply for tents over picnic tables and a stage, at a cost of \$700.00 and a dunk tank at a cost of \$300.00 for an estimated total of \$1,000.00.

Mr. Ciccone Second the Motion

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Carried

Mr. Tranelli Motion to approve Dobish Signs to update last year's road signs for an estimated cost of \$250.00.

Mr. Bufalini Second the Motion

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Tranelli Yes
Mr. Ciccone Yes

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

Mr. Kusnir Motion to approve the donation to Arena Performing Arts Studio for dance performance in the amount of \$150.00.
Mr. Bufalini Second the Motion

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

Mr. Tranelli Motion to approve expenses related to the food booth provided by the Park Board for an Estimated cost of \$500.00.
Mr. Ciccone Second the Motion

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

7:20 pm COMMISSIONERS REPORTS NONE

7:20 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

Maryann Shriner/ 2737 Kane Rd.

Mrs. Shriner is quite concerned with the “junkyard” they have on Kane Rd. She is referring to the old Concrete Plant on the end of Kane Rd. heading out to Brodhead Rd. It is an “eyesore” as she sees it and has spoken to John Bates about it several times through the years. Mr. Bufalini commented that John will have to get to the owners and instruct them action will be taken against the owners. Mrs. Shriner produced pictures showing the clutter and junk in that area. Mr. Bufalini said the issue will be addressed.

Mr. Chris Arena/ 1152 Gringo Clinton Rd.

Mr. Arena was concerned about the hearing that was supposed to take place for the Storage Unit Facility on Gringo Clinton Rd, and the setback distance from the road. Mr. Kraus informed Mr. Arena that the variance hearing was cancelled and the developer’s allotted time to act on the property there under the previous variance granted expired. They will have to re-apply for another permit/variance. Mr. Kusnir commented to Mr. Arena that the Board of Commissioners was not inclined to grant the setback variance anyway on that property issue.

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). He has spoken to John Bates on a regular basis about the problem and feels there is "Room for improvement" as far as action being taken by Mr. Bates. Mr. Kraus commented that Mr. Bates is backlogged and quite busy with many issues on zoning and property issues and that he does his best to get to all problems. Mr. Bufalini said that he will speak with John about following up on Mr. Fluharty's issues.

Barb Arena/ 1780 Clark Boulevard

Mrs. Arena expressed concern about people speeding when coming around the bend from Truman Avenue onto Clark Boulevard. She mentioned that cars have run off the road into her yard because of speeding. Chief Uhrmacher asked Mrs. Arena if the speedwagon was ever placed there. To the best of her knowledge, she did not think so. The Chief said he will make sure it gets placed there and the police department can start monitoring the speeding there.

Chandler Dameron/ 1036 Lexington Drive

Chandler was in attendance with his mother and is currently a Star Scout with the Boy Scouts. He is looking for ideas for his Eagle Project. Mr. Kraus told him to come to the office and ask for him and he would discuss possible project ideas with him.

7:36pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Township offices and departments will be closed Friday, July 3rd, with regards to the 4th of July holiday.

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

7:42pm

Executive Session In

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

9:10pm

Executive Session Out

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

9:10pm

Action taken after Executive Session

The BOC made a motion on one action they needed to take after the Executive Session

Mr. Tranelli

Motion to decline the request to reduce the required right-of-way of Lexington Drive and Hamilton Drive in Independence Square from 50 feet to 30 feet, as requested by the Independence Square Homeowner's Association.

Mr. Ciccone

Second the Motion

Roll Call Vote

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

9:12pm

ADJOURNMENT

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

Minutes Recorded by: Norm Kraus 6/22//2015
Minutes Prepared by: Norm Kraus 6/23//2015