

**TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL**  
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**Beaver County, Pennsylvania**  
**July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016**  
**BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

7:06 P.M.     **Call to Order**  
Workshop Meeting Called to Order by President Richard Bufalini. President Bufalini indicated that the meeting is being recorded.

7:06 p.m.     **Pledge of Allegiance**

7:07 P.M.     **Roll Call**  
President Richard Bufalini – In Attendance  
Vice President Joe Kusnir – In Attendance  
Commissioner David Ciccone – In Attendance  
Commissioner Nick DiPietro – Absent  
Commissioner Gary Tranelli – Absent

**Others Present**  
Marie Stratakis Hartman, P.E., Engineer/Assistant Manager  
Michael B. Jones (McMillen, Urick, Tocci & Jones), Township Solicitor

7:07 P.M.     **Public Comments**  
No Public Comments regarding the proposed Business Agenda.

7:07 P.M.     **Business Agenda**  
President Bufalini announced that the Tax Collector and Treasurer's Reports are available for public inspection at the Municipal Building.

Commissioner Bufalini: Motion to promote Hopewell Township Police Officer Jill Banovsky to the rank of Sergeant in the Hopewell Township Police Department.

Commissioner Kusnir:    Second the Motion.

**Roll Call Vote:**  
Commissioner Tranelli            Absent  
Commissioner Ciccone            Yes  
Commissioner DiPietro           Absent  
Commissioner Kusnir            Yes  
Commissioner Bufalini           Yes  
Motion Carried

President Bufalini called upon Police Chief Uhrmacher to introduce Police Officer Jill Banovsky and swear her in a Sergeant Jill Banovsky. Police Officer Jill Banovsky is an 18-year member of the Hopewell Township Police Department; she has served as Officer-In-Charge for a number of years on the 3:00 P.M. to 11:00 P.M. shift; she is a graduate of CCAC with an Associate's Degree in Corrections Administration; and she has attended numerous continuing education classes.

Sergeant Jill Banovsky spoke briefly and thanked the Board of Commissioners and Chief Uhrmacher for the opportunity and indicated that she is looking forward to the new opportunities and challenges before her.

Commissioner Kusnir: Motion to approve the Business Meeting Minutes of June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

Commissioner Bufalini: Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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| Commissioner Tranelli | Absent |
| Commissioner Ciccone  | Yes    |
| Commissioner DiPietro | Absent |
| Commissioner Kusnir   | Yes    |
| Commissioner Bufalini | Yes    |

Motion Carried

Commissioner Ciccone: Motion to approve the List of Bills dated July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016 as presented: General Fund \$40,837.77; Sewer Fund \$12,600.74; and State Fund \$12,255.90.

Commissioner Kusnir: Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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| Commissioner Tranelli | Absent |
| Commissioner Ciccone  | Yes    |
| Commissioner DiPietro | Absent |
| Commissioner Kusnir   | Yes    |
| Commissioner Bufalini | Yes    |

Motion Carried

Commissioner Kusnir: Motion to appoint Dan Killian to the Sewer Authority Board as an Alternate, with his five (5) year term running through December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020.

Commissioner Bufalini: Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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|-----------------------|--------|
| Commissioner Tranelli | Absent |
| Commissioner Ciccone  | Yes    |
| Commissioner DiPietro | Absent |
| Commissioner Kusnir   | Yes    |
| Commissioner Bufalini | Yes    |

Motion Carried

7:12 P.M.

**Commissioner's Reports**

No Commissioner's Reports.

7:13 P.M.

**Department Reports**

The various Department Reports were given and are on file at the Hopewell Township Municipal Building.

7:19 P.M.

**Old Business**

No Old Business.

7:19 P.M.

**New Business**

No New Business.

7:19 P.M.

**Public Forum**

*Mr. Douglas Mawhinney, 1126 Euclid Avenue*

Mr. Mawhinney submitted a letter and supporting documents to John Bates, Marie Hartman, and Mike Jones concerning his request to erect a fence upon his property. Mr. Mawhinney's property is bordered in the front by Euclid Avenue (public roadway), on the side by Fiske Street (unopened in excess of 21 years), and in the rear by Wayne Avenue (unopened in excess of 21 years). The literal interpretation of the Zoning Ordinance required essentially a "front yard setback" on three sides of his property and provides location and height restrictions for the requested fence. Mr. Mawhinney would like to erect the six (6) foot privacy fence along the property line. Per research that Mr. Mawhinney has conducted, he opines that he now owns to the centerline of the unopened public roadway and the required "setback" distance is met if he erects the fence along his original property line for this reason. Mr. Mawhinney indicated that when he purchased the property, there was a six (6) foot high fence along the property line, a pool, and other structures that he removed in order to improve the property. Mike Jones suggested that Mr. Mawhinney apply to the Zoning Hearing Board for a variance. This matter was referred to John Bates, Marie Hartman, and Mike Jones for further discussion with Mr. Mawhinney for further discussion and investigation.

*Cindy Murphy, B. F. Jones Memorial Library, Aliquippa, P.A.*

Cindy distributed Library calendars and reported on the success of the Blues and Brews social event held at the B. F. Jones Memorial Library on July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

7:38 P.M.

**Announcements**

Please check our website at [www.hopewelltp.com](http://www.hopewelltp.com), our Facebook page, and Twitter, for updates on Township news and events.

7:38 P.M.

**Adjournment**

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| Commissioner Ciccone: | Motion to Adjourn. |
| Commissioner Kusnir:  | Second the Motion. |
| <u>Voice Vote:</u>    |                    |
| All in Favor          |                    |
| Motion Carried        |                    |