7:06pm  Business Meeting Called to Order by Mr. Bufalini and he announced that the meeting will be recorded

7:06pm  PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL 7:06pm
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 and Jones) Township Solicitor

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

7:07pm  PUBLIC HEARINGS  At this time, the Board of Commissioners and Solicitor Mike Jones began the meeting by holding public hearings to consider three zoning ordinance amendments and the DeMary conditional use request hearing. These hearings were advertised in the February 14th and 15th editions of the Beaver County Times. The hearings have been tape recorded and are available in the township archives.

7:15pm  Motion to pass Ordinance No. 2016-01, an ordinance of the Township of Hopewell, Beaver County, Pennsylvania, a First Class Township, under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending the Hopewell Township Zoning Map, Ordinance No. 2004-01. Article IV, Section 401 to rezone property identified as Tax Parcel No. 65-050-0101, the current site of the Hopewell Township Volunteer Fire Department, located at 1401 Gringo Road, SR 151, From C-1 (Commercial Highway) to I-P (Industrial Park); amending the Hopewell Township Zoning Ordinance text, Article XIV, “I-P Industrial Park District” to include Municipal facilities as permitted use under Section 14021; and amending Article XXII “Supplemental Regulations”Section 2205 (Height Regulation Exceptions) to clarify that the setback requirements set forth therein are in addition to those provided in the District in which the Building is located.

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
7:19 pm  BUSINESS AGENDA

Mr. Kusnir  Motion to approve the Business Meeting Minutes of January 25th, 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. Bufalini  Motion to approve the list of bills dated February 22nd, 2016, as stated; General Fund; $51,527.97; Sewer Fund; $25,733.96 and State Fund; $14,398.64.
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 January 2016 Tax Collector’s Report for Tax Year 2015.
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. Tranelli  Motion to authorize the execution of an Easement and Right-of-Way Agreement between Hopewell Township and Mark S. Gray and Heidi S. Gray, for consideration of $1.00, thereby granting a permanent twenty foot (20’) sanitary sewer right-of-way and easement across Tax Parcel No. 65-036-0100.000 and as described in Exhibit “A” of the Easement and Right-of-Way Agreement.
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 authorize the execution of an Easement and Right-of-Way Agreement between Hopewell Township and UBE Development, for consideration of $1.00, thereby granting a
permanent twenty foot (20’) sanitary sewer right-of-way and easement across Tax Parcel No. 65-036-0116.000 and as described in Exhibit “A” of the Easement and Right-of-Way Agreement.

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. Tranelli Motion to authorize the execution of an Easement and Right-of-Way Agreement between Hopewell Township and UBE Development, for consideration of $1.00, thereby granting a permanent twenty foot (20’) sanitary sewer right-of-way and easement across Tax Parcel No. 65-036-0115.000 and as described in Exhibit “A” of the Easement and Right-of-Way Agreement.

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. Kusnir Motion to authorize the execution of an Easement and Right-of-Way Agreement between Hopewell Township and Richard L. Kerlin and Sue E. Kerlin, for consideration of $1.00, thereby granting a permanent twenty foot (20’) sanitary sewer right-of-way and easement across Tax Parcel No. 65-036-0111.000 and as described in Exhibit “A” of the Easement and Right-of-Way Agreement.

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. Ciccone Motion to authorize the execution of an Easement and Right-of-Way Agreement between Hopewell Township and Larry E. Anderson, for consideration of $1.00, thereby granting a permanent twenty foot (20’) sanitary sewer right-of-way and easement across Tax Parcel No. 65-036-0117.000 and as described in Exhibit “A” of the Easement and Right-of-Way Agreement.

Mr. Bufalini

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 RESOLUTION NO. 2016-03, A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL, BEAVER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA APPROVING THE CONDITIONAL USE APPLICATION OF ANNE MARIE DEMARY, DOMINIC F. LEONE AND CATHERINE V. LEONE TO OPERATE A FITNESS STUDIO AT 2439 MILL STREET, ALIQUIPPA (HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP) AS A CONDITIONAL USE/NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENT.

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

7:25 pm  COMMISSIONERS REPORTS  NONE

7:25 pm  THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENT REPORTS WERE GIVEN AND ARE ON FILE

7:32 pm  OLD BUSINESS  NONE

7:32 pm  NEW BUSINESS  NONE

7:32 pm  PUBLIC FORUM

Mary Beth Gerard  3204 Cleveland Avenue
Mrs. Gerard is representing a group of citizens from the 3200 block of Cleveland Avenue. The problem is occurring in the 3100 block of Cleveland Avenue. A resident with a large, oversized van is parking on one side of the street while another person is parking their vehicle directly across from the van, making the road nearly impossible to drive through when this happens. The road is narrow at the point where both vehicles are parking, to begin with, as Mrs. Gerard said. She witnessed a school bus having to back up one day because it could not get through the space between the two vehicles. Mrs. Gerard’s husband, Rich, spoke to the resident with the van and was told by that resident that he could do as he pleases since there were no signs posted so he could park where he wants. President Bufalini asked that Police Chief Brian Uhrmacher and Zoning Officer John Bates look into this situation and get back to the Board of Commissioners with what was found out.

Linda Helms and Cindy Murphy  B.F. Jones Library, Aliquippa, PA.
Executive Director Linda Helms of the B. F. Jones Library addressed the Board with the Calendar of Events for March 2016 and other adult programs taking place at the library. Cindy Murphy addressed the Children’s portion of the library and the special programs and Events the library will be holding for the next month or so.

7:39 pm  ANNOUNCEMENTS :
Please check our website at www.hopewelltwp.com, our Facebook page, and Twitter, for updates on Hopewell Township news and events.

Our Parks and Recreation Department Spring Fest and Easter Egg Hunt will take place
Saturday, March 19th, from 11AM to 2PM.

7:40pm  At this time, President Bufalini announced that the Board of Commissioners would be going into an Executive Session on the police contract and police personnel issues

7:45pm  Executive Session Begins

8:35pm  Executive Session Ends/ President Bufalini announces there was no action taken with regards to the discussion held on personnel issues or police contract discussions.

8:45pm  **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Minutes Recorded by:  Norm Kraus  2/22/2016
Minutes Prepared by:  Norm Kraus  2/23/2016