

TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
 Beaver County, Pennsylvania
 February 24th, 2020
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

7:07 P.M. **Call to Order**
 Business Meeting Called to Order by President Richard Bufalini. President Bufalini indicated that the meeting is being recorded.

7:07 P.M. **Pledge of Allegiance**

7:08 P.M. **Roll Call**
 President Richard Bufalini –In Attendance
 Vice President Joe Kusnir – In Attendance
 Commissioner David Ciccone – Absent
 Commissioner Nick DiPietro – In Attendance
 Commissioner Tim Force – Absent

Others Present
 Jamie Yurcina, Township Manager
 Michael B. Jones (McMillen, Urick, Tocci & Jones), Township Solicitor

7:08 P.M. **Public Comments**
 Chandler Dameron, presented a check to the Township for the drainage work at the dog park in the amount of \$3,691.19. This is the left over funds from fundraising for his Eagle Scout project. He feels these funds will be sufficient to correct the drainage issue. Chandler thanked the Township for their support. Mr. Bufalini stated that Chandler has done a wonderful job and expressed the gratitude of the Township for his hard work.

Mr. Bufalini was pleased to announce our new full time Police Officer, Officer Joseph Daransky. Chief Uhrmacher stated that Officer Daransky is being reintroduced to the Hopewell Township Community as he has served as a part time officer for the Township in the past. He has also worked in Brighton Township, Leetsdale and Beaver. He is a graduate of the Police Academy at CCBC, has a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Penn State, and is a graduate of Center High School.

7:08 P.M. **Business Agenda**
 President Bufalini announced that the Treasurer's Report is available for public inspection at the Municipal Building.

Commissioner Bufalini: Motion to hire Joseph Daransky as a full time Police Officer for Hopewell Township. Mr. Daransky will be hired at a rate of \$21.44, in accordance with Hopewell Township's Police Collective Bargaining Agreement. His start date will be effective Sunday, March 1st, 2020.

Commissioner Kusnir: Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote:
 Commissioner Force Absent
 Commissioner Ciccone Absent
 Commissioner DiPietro Yes
 Commissioner Kusnir Yes
 Commissioner Bufalini Yes

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Motion Carried

Joseph Daransky was sworn into service by Chief Uhrmacher.
 Officer Daransky thanked his family and friends for their support and the Township for this opportunity.

Commissioner Kusnir: Motion to approve the January 6th, 2020 Organization Meeting minutes.

Commissioner DiPietro: Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Force	Absent
Commissioner Ciccone	Absent
Commissioner DiPietro	Yes
Commissioner Kusnir	Yes
Commissioner Bufalini	Yes
Motion Tabled	

Commissioner DiPietro: Motion to approve the January 20th, 2020 Business Meeting minutes.

Commissioner Bufalini: Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Force	Absent
Commissioner Ciccone	Absent
Commissioner DiPietro	Yes
Commissioner Kusnir	Yes
Commissioner Bufalini	Yes
Motion Tabled	

Commissioner Kusnir: Motion to approve the List of Bills dated February 24th, 2020 as presented: General Fund \$102,707.17; Sewer Fund \$39,123.16; State Fund \$37,915.59.

Commissioner DiPietro: Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Force	Absent
Commissioner Ciccone	Absent
Commissioner DiPietro	Yes
Commissioner Kusnir	Yes
Commissioner Bufalini	Yes
Motion Carried	

Solicitor Mike Jones confirmed that there are two ordinances that we need to open public hearing on tonight. Both have been advertised in the Beaver County Times on, or around, February 16th, 2020.

Ordinance 2020-01, which amends the Park Pavilion Rules and Regulations was explained and put forth for questions. No questions/comments followed.

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That closed the hearing on Ordinance 2020-01.

Commissioner DiPietro: Motion to approve Ordinance 2020-01, an Ordinance of the Township of Hopewell, Beaver County Pennsylvania, a First Class Township under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending ordinance 80-6 in connection with Hopewell Community Park, relating to the management thereof, prescribing regulations for the conduct of persons while in such park, and prescribing penalties for the violations of such regulations.

Commissioner Kusnir: Second the Motion.

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

*Ordinance 2020-02, which amends the Non-Uniform Pension Plan administered by Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System was explained and put forth for questions. No questions/comments followed.
 That closed the hearing on Ordinance 2020-02.*

Commissioner Kusnir: Motion to approve Ordinance 2020-02, an Ordinance of Hopewell Township, Beaver County Pennsylvania, electing to amend its Non-Uniform Pension Plan administered by Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System pursuant to Article IV of the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement Law: Agreeing to be bound by all provisions of the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement Law as amended and is applicable to member municipalities.

Commissioner DiPietro: Second the Motion.

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

Commissioner DiPietro: Motion to approve the installation of "No Standing No Stopping During School Hours/Events" signs on Laird Ave., in the vicinity of 1320 Laird (both sides of the street).

Commissioner Kusnir: Second the Motion.

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Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Force	Absent
Commissioner Ciccone	Absent
Commissioner DiPietro	Yes
Commissioner Kusnir	Yes
Commissioner Bufalini	Yes
Motion Carried	

7:21 P.M. **Commissioner's Reports**
 No Commissioner Reports

7:11 P.M. **Department Reports**
 The various Department Reports were given and are on file at the Hopewell Township Municipal Building.

 Police Chief Brian Uhrmacher, Sewer Department Supervisor Chris Thompson, Road Dept. Supervisor Dave Kriger, Planning and Zoning Officer John Bates and HRG Engineering presented their respective reports.

7:32 P.M. **Old Business**
 No Old Business.

7:32 P.M. **New Business**
 No New Business

7:32 P.M. **Citizen's Forum**

7:32 P.M. Sabrina Bellock, 1320 Laird Ave. Hopewell Township
 Ms. Bellock stated that there is a problem with Laird Ave sinking. She has complained to the Township for the last three years. Mr. Bufalini asked the Township engineer to look into the complaint. HRG confirmed that they would address the concerns.

7:34 P.M. Dave Alexander, 1221 Gringo Clinton Rd Hopewell Township
 Mr. Alexander expressed his concerns on things that are going on at 1224 Gringo Clinton Rd. Detective Durkos showed up at his house with a Megan's Law report regarding the residence and a sexually violent person residing there. He is looking for answers as to whom is residing at that address and if this something that will be allowed by the Township? Chief Uhrmacher stated that protocol was followed, and the Township even expanded the minimum requirements of the state police regarding notification. Concerns were brought up regarding group homes and zoning rules and regulations for neighborhoods. Solicitor Jones explained the limitations of the Township under the law. He will sit down with Zoning Officer John Bates to see if any violations are occurring.

7:44 P.M. Janice Gibson 2403 Woodbine Rd. Hopewell Township
 Ms. Gibson asked HRG Engineers to meet with the park board in regards to the amphitheater. HRG will attend a park board meeting to address any concerns.

7:45 P. M. Cindy Murphy, BF Jones Library, Aliquippa
 Ms. Murphy presented different programs going on at BF Jones library.

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7:47 P.M. **Announcements**
Please visit our website at hopewelltp.com, facebook and twitter for upcoming Township events.

7:47 P.M. **Executive Session-Beginning**
The Board of Commissioners entered into Executive Session to discuss Police negotiations and personnel.

8:55 PM **Executive Session Out**
President Bufalini announced that there are no new motions that need to be acted upon following Executive Session:

8:55 P.M. **Adjournment**
Commissioner Kusnir: Motion to Adjourn.
Commissioner DiPietro: Second the Motion.

Voice Vote:
All in Favor
Motion Carried

Minutes Recorded By: Jamie Yurcina 2/24/2020
Minutes Prepared By: Nora Janicki 2/25/2020