

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

7:20pm President Bufalini called the meeting to order and apologized for the late start, as the Board was meeting with the Park Board on a Park issue. Mr. Bufalini mentioned that the meeting was being tape recorded.

7:20pm PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL 7:06pm

President Rich Bufalini In Attendance
Vice President Joe Kusnir In Attendance
Commissioner David Ciccone Sick
Commissioner Nick DiPietro In Attendance
Commissioner Dave Swihart 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

7:22pm CITIZEN COMMENTS PERTAINING TO THE BUSINESS AGENDA
None

7:22pm BUSINESS AGENDA

Mr. Kusnir Motion to approve the Business Meeting Minutes of December 26th, 2017.
Mr. Bufalini Second the Motion

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Swihart Abstain/absent from meeting
Mr. Ciccone Absent
Mr. DiPietro Abstain/ absent from meeting
Mr. Kusnir Yes
Mr. Bufalini Yes

Motion Not Carried. Will carry over the motion to the next Board Meeting to vote on.

Mr. DiPietro Motion to approve the list of bills dated January 22nd, as stated; General Fund; \$35,842.11; Sewer Fund; \$34,083.78; and State Fund; \$33,516.50.

Mr. Kusnir Second the Motion

Roll Call Vote

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

Mr. Bufalini Motion to approve the Tax Collector's Monthly Report for November 2017 with regards to Tax Year 2017.

Mr. Kusnir Second the Motion

Roll Call Vote

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

Mr. DiPietro Motion to approve the Tax Collector's Monthly Report for December 2017 with regards to Tax Year 2017.

Mr. Swihart Second the Motion

Roll Call Vote

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

Mr. Bufalini Motion to reappoint Tim Force to the Vacancy Board for a two year term running January 1st, 2018 through December 31st, 2019.

Mr. Swihart Second the Motion

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

7:25pm **COMMISSIONERS REPORTS** **NONE**
President Bufalini did mention that he and Commissioner Joe Kusnir attended the Hopewell Township Volunteer Fire Department Officer Installation Dinner that was held this past Saturday at the Elks Club. President Bufalini pointed out that the members of the Volunteer Fire Department are aware of the help and support they get from the township and are very grateful for the support they receive. Everyone had a good time at the dinner.

7:26pm **THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENT REPORTS WERE GIVEN AND ARE ON FILE**
Reports were filed by Police Chief Brian Uhrmacher, WPCS Supervisor Chris Thompson, as well as Engineer Marie Hartman. Ms. Hartman pointed out that the township has received a \$95,000 DCNR Park Grant and all is in order with the process of working with the grant and Ms. Hartman will work with the Board of Commissioners and the Park Board as the implementation of the grant moves forward.

President Bufalini mentioned that WPCS Supervisor Chris Thompson and his department had to move lots of equipment and vehicles a few weeks ago when flood waters from Raccoon Creek rose above flood stage and threatened the Raccoon Sewage Plant. President Bufalini commended Mr. Thompson and his department on their quick action to make sure there was no damage to sewer department vehicles and equipment.

7:30 pm **OLD BUSINESS** **NONE**

7:30 pm **NEW BUSINESS** **NONE**

7:31pm **PUBLIC FORUM**

Cindy Murphy/ B.F. Jones- Aliquippa Library

Cindy mentioned there are four main fundraisers that the library will sponsor this year. The first will be with Dan Bubien in April. Cindy also wanted to pass thanks along to Dave Bufalini, who organized and put together the Holiday Program that was held at Hopewell High School in December and was a good fundraiser for the library.

7:32pm **ANNOUNCEMENTS : The Township Parks & Recreation Department is holding a Hopewell Park shelter sign-up on Monday, February 19th, 2018**

Beginning at 8:00AM at the Hopewell Township Municipal Building.

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

7:34pm President Bufalini announce that the Board of Commissioners would go into Executive Session to discuss the Betters Reassessment matter from the county, as well as personnel issues. The meeting would resume after the Executive session was completed.

8:10pm Executive Session/ IN
8:43pm Executive Session/ OUT

President Bufalini announced there were no voting issues that resulted from the Executive Session.

8:43pm **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Minutes Recorded by Norm Kraus 1/22/2018
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