

**TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
Beaver County, Pennsylvania
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORKSHOP MINUTES**

April 11, 2011
Meeting in Session at 6:33 p.m.

6:33pm: Workshop Meeting Called to Order by Mr. Bufalini and that the meeting will be recorded

ROLL CALL

President

Richard Bufalini

Vice President

Norm Kraus Excused at 8:03pm

Commissioners

Nick DiPietro Absent

Joe Kusnir

Brian Rohm Arrived at 6:37pm

Others Present

Andy Brunette, Township Manager/Controller

Mike Jones, Solicitor

Marie Stratakis-Hartman, Township Engineer

6:34pm ENGINEERS REPORT Marie Stratakis-Hartman (Report on File)

7:34pm CITIZEN COMMENTS PERTAINING TO THE AGENDA

7:35pm BUSINESS AGENDA

Mr. Kraus Motion to approve the Workshop Minutes of March 14, 2011

Mr. Rohm Second the motion

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. DiPietro Absent

Mr. Kusnir Yes

Mr. Rohm Yes

Mr. Kraus Yes

Mr. Bufalini Yes

Motion Carried

Mr. Kusnir Motion to approve the list of bills dated for April 11, 2011

Mr. Kraus Second the motion

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. DiPietro Absent

Mr. Kusnir Yes

Mr. Rohm Yes

Mr. Kraus Yes

Mr. Bufalini Yes

Motion Carried

Mr. Kraus Motion to award the low bid of \$237,800 to Carmen Paliotta Contracting Company for the Laird Drive Soldier Beam and Lagging Retaining Structure project

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Mr. Rohm Second the motion

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. DiPietro Absent
Mr. Kusnir Yes
Mr. Rohm Yes
Mr. Kraus Yes
Mr. Bufalini Yes

Motion Carried

Mr. Kraus Motion to approve the purchase of a 2011 Caterpillar hydraulic thumb to be installed on Hopewell Township's 304CR mini hydraulic excavator in the amount of \$3,455.00 per budget line items 1-430-260 and 8-429-261

Mr. Kusnir Second the motion

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. DiPietro Absent
Mr. Kusnir Yes
Mr. Rohm Yes
Mr. Kraus Yes
Mr. Bufalini Yes

Motion Carried

Mr. Rohm Motion to approve the purchase of one Speco Tech 16 position Digital Video Recorder with flash Drive burner and one Speco Tech Color Dome PTZ Exterior camera with 3.5-129.5mm Lens and Intensifier for Hopewell Township's Community Park in the amount of \$6,175, with off- site IP Camera view set-up for two computers per budget line item 1-454-750. Item was purchased through Costars State Contract #008-158

Mr. Kusnir Second the motion

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. DiPietro Absent
Mr. Kusnir Yes
Mr. Rohm Yes
Mr. Kraus Yes
Mr. Bufalini Yes

Motion Carried

Mr. Kusnir Motion to approve the purchase of one Speco Tech Exterior Color Dome Camera with 2.8-12mm Lens and Intensifier and one Speco Tech Color Dome PTZ Exterior camera with 3.5-129.5mm Lens and Intensifier for Hopewell Township's Raccoon Sewer Plant in the amount of \$8,345, with off- site IP Camera view set-up for three computers per budget line item 8-429-261. Item was purchased through Costars State Contract #008-158

Mr. Rohm Second the motion

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. DiPietro Absent
Mr. Kusnir Yes
Mr. Rohm Yes
Mr. Kraus Yes
Mr. Bufalini Yes

Motion Carried

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Mr. Kraus Motion to approve the purchase of two Speco Tech Color Dome PTZ Exterior camera with 3.5-129.5mm Lens and Intensifiers for Hopewell Township's Police Department in the amount of \$6,300, with off- site IP Camera view set-up for two computers per budget line item 1-410-260. Item was purchased through Costars State Contract #008-158

Mr. Bufalini Second the motion

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. DiPietro Absent
Mr. Kusnir Yes
Mr. Rohm Yes
Mr. Kraus Yes
Mr. Bufalini Yes

Motion Carried

Mr. Kusnir Motion to approve Resolution R-2011-11 a resolution of the Township of Hopewell, Beaver County, Pennsylvania approving the land development of the Daniel Govic Plan of Lots No 1, consolidation of tax parcels #65-004-0310 and 65-004-0311 being lots 77 and 78, located on Cedarcrest Street, Woodlawn Park, Hopewell Township in accordance with section 601 of the Hopewell Township Subdivision and Land Development ordinance for subdivisions of three lots or less

Mr. Rohm Second the motion

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. DiPietro Absent
Mr. Kusnir Yes
Mr. Rohm Yes
Mr. Kraus Excused
Mr. Bufalini Yes

Motion Carried

8:05pm **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

All items for discussion in regards to engineering were addressed in the engineers report and are on file at the Township Building.

Mr. Jones updated the Board on the ordinance for a reciprocal agreement with neighboring communities in regards to police service, the ordinance restricting parking during school hours along neighboring school streets, timbering harvesting, grading and filling updated ordinance and stated that he is continuing to work on these ordinances for the Board.

Mr. Jones advised the Board that the ordinance for oil and gas drilling has been advertised and will be considered for passage at May 9th workshop meeting

The Township Manager discussed with the Board the idea of replacing and installing new welcome signs and banners for Township entrances. Drafts of new Welcome Hopewell Township signs with State Champions on it was passed around for viewing to the Commissioners. Nancy Pajak will be designing the welcome banners. This issue will be considered at the May 9th workshop meeting.

The open Planning Board position was discussed and tabled until the May workshop meeting

The Board has directed Mike Jones to revise the Resolution R-2011-01 Depository Fees to allow for senior citizen residents only over the age of 65 to be exempt from paying for yard waste disposal at the Depository. Mr. Jones will have the revised Resolution for the April 25th 2011 Business Meeting.

The Manager explained to the Board that the complaint from Durr Drive sidewalk repair was investigated and determined by Hopewell Township's Public Works Supervisor that after videotaping the line under the sidewalk and manhole that the Township's line was intact and that the cause of the damage to the sidewalk was not any fault of the Township. The video tape is on file at the Township office.

The Manager asked the Board if they wanted to consider passing an ordinance to address vacant and abandoned structures within the Township. Currently these structures are covered by Pennsylvania building codes and the Township does not have any enforceable ordinances to force people to tear down structures. The Board discussed the issue and asked Solicitor Mike Jones to investigate other communities to see if there were any sample ordinances they could review, or if Mike could put a sample ordinance together.

8:32pm CITIZENS FORUM

Tom Rohm 225 Sharon Grange Road

Inquired about the Gas Company installing new lines on Sharon Grange Road and asked the Township Engineer about right of way issues. Mr. Rohm wanted to know how the Township would be impacted in regards to Sharon Grange Road repair after the new gas lines would be installed. Mr. Rohm questioned how much of the road has to be dug up before they are required to repave the entire road. Marie said she would look into the Township's current street opening permit to make sure the gas company is in compliance

8:39pm NEW BUSINESS

Brian Rohm Commissioner

Mr. Rohm wanted to update the Board on an email that he received from Mrs. Mcfarland from Kane Road in regards to her statement that Mr. Years is dumping leaves into the culvert at Kane Road and Veasey Lane.

8:41pm OLD BUSINESS

Brian Rohm Commissioner

Mr. Rohm inquired about the progress and the status of the demolition of the Duncan property on Laird Drive and Kane Road. The Manager advised Mr. Rohm that Mrs. Duncan has been contacted and will be contacted again to remind her of her verbal agreement to raise the property, when the Township purchased the adjacent land.

Mr. Rohm also questioned the status of the Lamar advertising sign tax. Mr. Jones advised Mr. Rohm that there has been no recent movement on that case, but he will keep Mr. Rohm advised as progress is made.

Mr. Rohm informed the Board on the status of the Napa Auto Land Development. Mr. Rohm told the Board that the owners of Napa Auto are now dealing with State issues in regards to the Napa Land Development which is holding up the start of construction on that project.

8:47pm EXECUTIVE SESSION IN

8:59pm EXECUTIVE SESSION OUT

9:00pm ADJOURNMENT

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

Minutes Recorded by: Andy J. Brunette 04/11/11
Minutes Prepared by: Andy J. Brunette 04/12/11