

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

July 11, 2011  
Meeting in Session at 6:32 p.m.

**6:32pm: Workshop Meeting Called to Order by Mr. Bufalini and that the meeting will be recorded**

**ROLL CALL**

President

Richard Bufalini

Vice President

Norm Kraus

Commissioners

Nick DiPietro

Joe Kusnir

Brian Rohm

Others Present

Andy Brunette, Township Manager/Controller

Marie Stratakis-Hartman, Township Engineer

Mark Faiella Park Board President

**6:37pm** A presentation was given by the company Abender for implementing solar power and new lighting at the Township's Raccoon Sewage Treatment Plant.

**7:14pm** **ENGINEERS REPORT** Marie Stratakis-Hartman (Report on File)

**8:06pm** **CITIZEN COMMENTS PERTAINING TO THE BUSINESS AGENDA**

**8:39pm** **CITIZENS FORUM**

**Linda Helms Director of the Aliquippa Memorial Library**

Mrs. Helms as director of the library wanted to introduce herself to the Board and gave an update on the current programs that the library offers. Mrs. Helms also wanted to thank the Board for the continual support of the Aliquippa Library. Mrs. Helms also informed the Board that she is currently working with the Township Manager and Recreation Director to bring more services to our youth camps and park recreation. Mrs. Helms plans to send staff to the children camps for story time as well as providing movies in the Park during the summer.

**8:06pm** **BUSINESS AGENDA**

Mr. Kusnir Motion to approve the Workshop Minutes of June 13, 2011  
Mr. DiPietro Second the motion

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Carried

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Mr. Kusnir Motion to approve the list of bills dated for July 11, 2011  
Mr. DiPietro Second the motion

Roll Call Vote:

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

Mr. Kusnir Motion to approve Garvin, Boward and Beitko invoices 10065E, and 10065D in the amounts of \$8,854.55, and \$5,270.25 respectfully for Laird Drive engineering services rendered between May 14<sup>th</sup> 2011, and July 6<sup>th</sup> 2011.  
Mr. DiPietro Second the motion

Roll Call Vote:

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

Mr. DiPietro Motion to approve Hopewell Fatima's Athletic Department use of Hopewell Community Park for its Cross Country program for home meets on September 1, 2011 and September 21, 2011 for the 2011 fall season  
Mr. Kusnir Second the motion

Roll Call Vote:

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

Mr. Kusnir Motion to approve Carmen Paliotta Contracting Invoice 117 payment request No. 1 for Laird Drive Soldier Beam construction in the amount of \$231,600.00  
Mr. DiPietro Second the motion

Roll Call Vote:

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

Mr. DiPietro Motion to approve Resolution R- 2011-20 approving the installation and maintenance of a small flow treatment facility on property 1264 and 1266 Gringo owned by Jason M. Simoni and Gary and Sandra D'Alessandris. Condition upon both property owners executing a small flow treatment facility maintenance agreement as well as a sewage easement agreement, and recording both agreements at the recorder of deeds

Mr. Kusnir        Second the motion

Roll Call Vote:

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

Mr. DiPietro     Motion to approve Resolution R-2011-21 for plan revision for new land development for Jason Simoni and Gary and Sandra D'Alessandris for their small flow facility treatment plant for D.E.P. submission

Mr. Kusnir        Second the motion

Roll Call Vote:

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

**8:51pm            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.

Mike Jones updated the Board on the site visit date for the drilling site visit. The visit will take place on July 26, 2011. Mike advised the Board that he will be setting up a meeting with Mr. Betters in regards to his subdivision submittal on July 25, 2011. Mike gave the manager the release maintenance agreements for McKenna Drive residents for signing. Mr. Jones passed out the no parking on the streets around the school ordinance for review. Mike Jones talked about exercising the option year with Waste Management garbage contract for 2012. The manager explained to the Board that Waste Management agreed that the Township's 2012 garbage rates will remain the same total cost that was paid in 2011. Waste Management in 2012 will pick-up grass and leaves at the curb for the residents under this agreement. Mr. Jones also discussed the issue of blighted properties within the Township and what the Township could do to address the blighted properties without adopting a property maintenance code ordinance.

Mr. Bates explained to the Board that the proper demo permit application has been submitted to demo the Duncan property.

The Manager advised the Board that he spoke with People's Natural Gas and they agreed to pave half of the road on Sharon Grange Road, because they were in violation of our current street opening ordinance. If the road does not get paved it then would be turned over to the Township Solicitor.

Park Board President Mark Faiella explained to the Board about his wishes to change the vending company from Ski's Vending to Eclipse Vending. Mark also explained the numerous problems he has had with Ski's vending at the Park.

The Board decided to table the planning Board vacancy position at this time.

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Mr. DiPietro Motion to approve solicitor Mike Jones to advertise ordinance 2011-06 establishing parking restriction on certain Township roads  
Mr. Kusnir Second the motion

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Carried

Mr. Kusnir Motion to approve the option year with Waste Management for 2012 to pick-up municipal waste and yard waste at the curb based on the total cost expensed at the end of 2011  
Mr. DiPietro Second the motion

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Carried

Mr. DiPietro Motion to authorize the executing of a storm water and best management practices operating and maintenance agreement with DG Strategic 2 LLC (Dollar Store)  
Mr. Bufalini Second the motion

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Carried

Mr. DiPietro Motion to execute a development improvement agreement with Zeremba Development LLC (Dollar Store)  
Mr. Bufalini Second the motion

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Carried

Mr. Kusnir Motion to approve changing vending companies from Ski's Vending to Eclipse Vending effective August 1, 2012, as recommended by the Park Board unanimously  
Mr. DiPietro Second the motion

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. DiPietro Yes  
Mr. Kusnir Yes  
Mr. Rohm Absent

Mr. Kraus Absent  
Mr. Bufalini Yes  
Motion Carried

**8:46pm**            **CITIZENS FORUM**

**Linda Helms Director of the Aliquippa Memorial Library**

Mrs. Helms dropped off the annual report for the Library and other miscellaneous items as well as telling the Board about a magician that they will be having at the Library Saturday afternoon on July 30, 2011. Mrs. Helms said the library had a booth at Parkfest and had a wonderful time passing out literature to residents.

**8:47pm**            **NEW BUSINESS**            **None**

**9:47pm**            **OLD BUSINESS**            **None**

**9:50pm**            **EXECUTIVE SESSION**    **IN**

**10:40pm**           **EXECUTIVE SESSION**    **OUT**

Mr. Kusnir        Motion to accept the resignation of Recreation Director Nancy Pajak effective July 12, 2011 paying Ms. Pajak the last two weeks in July as vacation pay  
Mr. DiPietro      Second the motion

Roll Call Vote:

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

Mr. Kusnir        Motion to temporarily upgrade Jason Heyman as Recreation Camp Director at a rate of \$12.00/hour until July 29, 2011  
Mr. DiPietro      Second the motion

Roll Call Vote:

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

Mr. DiPietro      Motion to authorize the advertisement for position of Hopewell Township Recreation Director  
Mr. Kusnir        Second the motion

Roll Call Vote:

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

Mr. Kusnir        Motion to authorize the advertisement for position of Hopewell Township part-time public works employee at a rate of \$13.40/hour  
Mr. Bufalini      Second the motion

Roll Call Vote:

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

Mr. Kusnir Motion to temporarily upgrade to full-time Public Works Employee Dave Alexander at his current rate

Mr. DiPietro Second the motion

Roll Call Vote:

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

**10:45m** **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Kusnir Motion to adjourn

Mr. DiPietro Second the motion

Voice Vote: All in favor

Motion Carried

Minutes Recorded by: Andy J. Brunette 07/11/11

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