

**HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

The regular monthly meeting of the Hopewell Township Board of Commissioners was held on Monday, March 31, 2008, at 7:00 P.M. at the Hopewell Township Municipal Building, Clark Boulevard, Aliquippa, PA 15001.

President Chuck Piroli presided and asked everyone to rise for the flag salute and announced that the meeting is being tape recorded.

Mr. Piroli announced that the Board would recognize the following Penn State Computer Information Systems personnel for creating a program that enables the township to accept on-line and office credit card payments: Professor Patrice Clemson, Christopher Lobozzo, Steven Strutt and Pete DeNardis. As a token of our appreciation, they were presented with gift cards from J.W. Hall's and Best Buy.

ROLL CALL - COMMISSIONERS

Mr. Bufalini - Present
Mr. Rohm - Present
Mr. Kraus - Present
Mr. Piroli - Present
Mr. Leone - Absent

OTHERS PRESENT

Jerry Orsini - Township Manager
David Widmer – Widmer Engineers - Absent
Chas Srafin - Road/W.P.C. Superintendent
Patricia L. Owens - Recording Secretary
Josephine Palsa - Treasurer/Tax Collector - Absent
Michael Jones - Solicitor
Assistant Chief Gary Tranelli - Hopewell Township Police Department

Public Comments Regarding the Business Agenda Proposed Action

None

TREASURER'S REPORT

Josephine Palsa, Township Treasurer, was absent from this meeting. The Treasurer's Report for February 2008 is made part of the record for anyone who wishes to read it.

Mr. Rohm: Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for February 2008.

Mr. Bufalini: Second the motion.

LIST OF BILLS

Mr. Rohm: Motion to approve the List of Bills as of March 31, 2008.

Mr. Kraus: Second the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Bufalini - Yes
 Mr. Rohm - Yes
 Mr. Kraus - Yes
 Mr. Piroli - Yes
 Mr. Leone – Absent for vote

Commissioner Rohm commented on one item under the General Fund, but dismissed it and confirmed his motion. Also, he took this opportunity to thank the park employees who worked on the sewer office downstairs and the exemplary job they did.

Mr. Bufalini: Motion to approve a request from the Chief of Police to attend the annual Pennsylvania Chief's and Education Conference in Lancaster PA at a cost of \$875.00.

Mr. Rohm: Second the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Bufalini - Yes
 Mr. Rohm - Yes
 Mr. Kraus - Yes
 Mr. Piroli - Yes
 Mr. Leone – Absent for vote

Mr. Kraus: Motion to purchase 28 Norway Spruce and 6 Cleveland Pear trees from the lowest bidder, Chioda Farms, to serve as a buffer at the depository. The total cost of \$5,400.00 will be paid with a DEP grant.

Mr. Bufalini: Second the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Bufalini - Yes
 Mr. Rohm - Yes
 Mr. Kraus - Yes
 Mr. Piroli - Yes
 Mr. Leone – Absent for vote

Mr. Bufalini: Motion to purchase one electric gate and operator, radio control and remote controls from the lowest bidder, Hoffman Fence, for the road department facility. The total cost of \$6,985.00 will be paid with a DEP grant.

Mr. Kraus: Second the motion.

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Roll Call Vote: Mr. Bufalini - Yes
 Mr. Rohm - Yes
 Mr. Kraus - Yes
 Mr. Piroli - Yes
 Mr. Leone – Absent for vote

Mr. Rohm: Motion to purchase an EX-Mark Z mower, 23 HP, 52” cut from Center Air Cooled Engine Service to replace the one destroyed in last year’s fire. Cost \$6,150/00, of which \$3,500.00 has been offset by insurance claim.

Mr. Bufalini: Second the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Bufalini - Yes
 Mr. Rohm - Yes
 Mr. Kraus - Yes
 Mr. Piroli - Yes
 Mr. Leone – Absent for vote

ADMINISTRATION AND SEWER REPORTS

Jerry Orsini, Township Manager gave the business office, sewer office and depository reports for the month of February, 2008.

POLICE REPORT

Assistant Chief Gary Tranelli from the Hopewell Township Police Department gave the police report for the month of February 2008.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

There were no commissioners' reports at this meeting.

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL REPORT

The water pollution control report for the month of February 2008 was read by public works superintendent Chas Srafin.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

The road report for the month of February 2008 was read by public works superintendent, Chas Srafin.

The following reports are on file: Water Pollution Control, Road Report, Police Department, Hopewell Township Planning & Zoning Commission, Beaver County Planning Commission, Sewer Authority, Volunteer Fire Department, and Veteran's Service Center for the month of February 2008.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

John Lopata
Woodlawn Park

Mr. Lopata commended the road department for their work on Woodlawn Park during the bad weather we had recently. He said many accidents were avoided due to their quick action when the snow made the roads dangerous.

Mark Thomas
2911 Brodhead Road

Mr. Thomas had a complaint about motorcycles without mufflers which traveled the main roads. It is clearly illegal, yet they seem to get away with it and the noise is very disturbing. He asked if anything could be done by the police to get it under control.

Chief Tranelli said although they have made efforts to control this situation, it is very difficult due to the time element, etc.

Mr. Williams
Mt. Vernon Home Association

Mr. Williams had a concern with the police patrol in the area. He said several times there were calls made and no one responded. This is very worrisome to the residents there.

Chief Tranelli said they will put this under consideration and there will be more police activity in that area in the future.

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Paul Ferrara
Ensign Drive

Mr. Ferrara had a complaint about a water drainage problem and the condition of the catch basin there. Mr. Srafin explained to him that the location of the gas line has prevented them from putting a proper storm sewer in to handle the problem.

Peggy Long
2226 Airport Road

Ms. Long had a definite concern with the speeding on the road and the fact that the amount of the traffic that travels the road creates a serious safety issue. She questioned whether speed bumps would be of any help, but there are many disadvantages to them as well.

Chief Tranelli said they could patrol the road more often and perhaps this would discourage speeders.

Mr. Alviani
Juanita Street

Mr. Alviani commented that he had not received a return call from Chas Srafin regarding his yard being fixed. Mr. Srafin reiterated that the grass is too wet at the present time to do any work on it.

Mr. Alviani said they do not want straw when the grass is planted, but he expects to have topsoil there when the grass is planted.

He also had copies of letters that Mr. Bates had sent to his neighbors citing violations, and provided them to the Board.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Piroli announced the resignation of Norman Clark from the Hopewell Township Sewer Authority. Due to the fact that Mr. Clark has been a member of the authority for many years, and has acquired much knowledge, the Board feels that it would be a big loss by accepting his resignation. Instead the Board has suggested a compromise whereas Mr. Clark could replace Joe Kusnir as an alternate and move Mr. Kusnir up as a regular member. This was agreeable to Mr. Clark and all concerned.

Mr. Bufalini: Motion to appoint Joe Kusnir as a regular member of the Hopewell Township Sewer Authority and Norman Clark as an alternate member.

Mr. Piroli: Second the motion.

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Roll Call Vote: Mr. Bufalini - Yes
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 Mr. Piroli - Yes
 Mr. Leone – Absent for vote

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Kraus: Motion to adjourn.

Mr. Bufalini: Second the motion.

All voted in favor to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Submitted By:

Patricia L. Owens
Recording Secretary