

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

November 12, 2007
Meeting in Session at 6:35 p.m.
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ROLL CALL

Present

Mario Leone, Jr., President

Commissioners

Rich Bufalini

Brian Rohm

Norm Kraus

Chuck Piroli

Others Present

Gerald G. Orsini, Township Manager

Dave Widmer, Engineer

Absent

Mike Jones, Solicitor

6:35pm **ENGINEER REPORT** David Widmer, Widmer Engineers. Report on file.

CITIZEN COMMENTS pertaining to the Business Agenda (none)

6:46pm **BUSINESS AGENDA**

Mr. Piroli Motion to approve the Workshop Minutes of October 22, 2007.

Mr. Rohm Second the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Bufalini yes

Mr. Rohm yes

Mr. Kraus yes

Mr. Piroli yes

Mr. Leone yes

Motion Carried

Mr. Kraus Motion to approve the List of Bills as of November 12, 2007.

Mr. Piroli Second the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Bufalini yes, abstaining from Line Item 01.409.373 in the amount of \$280.00 to Bufalini
Plumbing (owned by son).

Mr. Rohm yes

Mr. Kraus yes

Mr. Piroli yes

Mr. Leone yes

Motion Carried

In conjunction with approval of the Proposed 2008 Budget, Mr. Piroli motioned to reinstate Code Enforcement Officer John Bates to the planning duties he had been assigned prior to the hiring of a Planning Director, and to increase his annual salary according to the Board.

Mr. Bufalini Second the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Bufalini yes

Mr. Rohm no

Mr. Kraus no, citing for the record that he feels hiring a recent college grad to assume the duties in the Planning office would be in the Township's best interest.

Mr. Piroli yes

Mr. Leone no

Motion Failed.

Mr. Kraus Motion to approve the Proposed 2008 annual budget to be made available for public inspection.

Mr. Piroli Second the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Bufalini yes

Mr. Rohm yes

Mr. Kraus yes

Mr. Piroli yes

Mr. Leone yes, citing for the record that he is not 100% in favor of new hiring.

Motion Carried

Mr. Rohm Motion to approve the Pollack Subdivision Plan.

Mr. Bufalini Second the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Bufalini yes

Mr. Rohm yes

Mr. Kraus yes

Mr. Piroli yes

Mr. Leone yes

Motion Carried

Mr. Bufalini Motion to authorize the Solicitor to advertise the intent to rescind/amend Ordinance 2005-01, "EMS Tax Ordinance: and replace it with the Local Services Tax Ordinance as mandated by the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development.

Mr. Rohm Second the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Bufalini yes

Mr. Rohm yes

Mr. Kraus yes

Mr. Piroli yes

Mr. Leone yes

Motion Carried

Business discussed and recommended by the Engineer:

Mr. Kraus Motion to approve the bid from Bufalini's Plumbing Solutions to excavate the existing water line at Raccoon Water Control Plant, and to install a tee and shut off valve.

Mr. Rohm Second the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Bufalini abstain (owned by son).

Mr. Rohm yes

Mr. Kraus yes

Mr. Piroli yes

Mr. Leone yes

Motion Carried

Mr. Kraus Motion to approve Change Order #4 payment to Youngblood Paving in the amount of \$204.53 for final quantities.

Mr. Bufalini Second the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Bufalini yes

Mr. Rohm yes

Mr. Kraus yes

Mr. Piroli yes

Mr. Leone yes

Motion Carried

Mr. Rohm Motion to approve Final Invoice #2 payment to Youngblood Paving in the amount of \$20,869.04.

Mr. Kraus Second the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Bufalini yes

Mr. Rohm yes

Mr. Kraus yes

Mr. Piroli yes

Mr. Leone yes

Motion Carried

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

The Board directed the Solicitor to respond to the Village of Beaver Lakes request for a reduction in the sewer taps, noting that an exception would set a an unfavorable precedent.

Mr. Piroli Motion to approve the reappointment of Craig Baker, Michael Groves, Ronald Robinson and Jeffrey Winkle as Sewage Enforcement Officers for the year 2008, and the Fee Schedule for services (contract on file).

Mr. Kraus Second the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Bufalini yes

Mr. Rohm yes

Mr. Kraus yes

Mr. Piroli yes

Mr. Leone yes

Motion Carried

Mr. Piroli Motion to reappoint Cottrill, Arbutina & Associates to perform auditor services for the Hopewell Area Joint Tax Officer for the years ending 12/31/07, 12/31/07 and 12/31/07 (contract on file).
Mr. Rohm Second the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Bufalini yes
Mr. Rohm yes
Mr. Kraus yes
Mr. Piroli yes
Mr. Leone yes
Motion Carried

Mr. Rohm Motion to approve the bid from McCarl's Services in amount of \$7,530.00 to install a new custom curb adaptor on the Municipal Building rooftop HVAC unit. (The low bid of \$7,000 was rejected because of the poor performance record of the contractor)
Mr. Bufalini Second the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Bufalini yes
Mr. Rohm yes
Mr. Kraus yes
Mr. Piroli yes
Mr. Leone yes
Motion Carried

The Board agreed to postpone the acquisition of the Zernich property until after the land has been timber harvested (by Zernich) to ensure that there are no erosion issues.

CITIZEN FORUM

Mr. Rohm, Sharon Grange Road, asked the Board to consider an ordinance requiring that deteriorated sidewalks be replaced as a condition of sale of the property (in the event that the property owner fails to comply with timely repairs).

The Board stated the suggestion would be referred to the Solicitor.

8:05pm Executive Session called to discuss pending litigation.
8:20pm Executive Session ends.

Members of the Fire Department were present to discuss an audit of that department for moneys and services received from the Township. The Board agreed that the Township would pay for the audit. The Township's auditor will be notified to contact the Secretary of the Fire Department to make arrangements for an audit.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Piroli Motion to adjourn.
Mr. Kraus Second the motion.
Voice Vote: All in favor.
Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm