



TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Beaver County, Pennsylvania
February 22nd, 2021
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

7:00 P.M. **Call to Order**
Hopewell Township's Business Meeting, held in the Township Municipal Building, located at 1700 Clark Boulevard, Hopewell Township, was called to Order by Vice President Joe Kusnir. Vice President Kusnir indicated that the meeting is being recorded.

7:00 P.M. **Pledge of Allegiance**

7:01 P.M. **Roll Call**
President Richard Bufalini –Absent
Vice President Joe Kusnir – In Attendance
Commissioner David Ciccone – In Attendance
Commissioner Nick DiPietro – In Attendance
Commissioner Tim Force – In Attendance

Others Present
Jamie Yurcina, Township Manager
Michael B. Jones (McMillen, Urick, Tocci & Jones), Township Solicitor

7:01 P.M. **Public Comments**
No Public Comments regarding the proposed Business Agenda.

7:02 P.M. **Business Agenda**
Vice President Kusnir announced that the Tax Collector's Report and the Treasurer's Report is available for public inspection at the Municipal Building.

Commissioner Force: Motion to approve the January 25th, 2021 Business Meeting minutes.

Commissioner Ciccone: Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote:
Commissioner Force Yes
Commissioner Ciccone Yes
Commissioner DiPietro Yes
Commissioner Kusnir Yes
Commissioner Bufalini Absent
Motion Carried

Commissioner Ciccone: Motion to approve the List of Bills dated February 22nd, 2021 as presented: General Fund \$55,289.20; Sewer Fund \$12,330.79; State Fund \$16,83.65.

Commissioner DiPietro: Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote:
Commissioner Force Yes
Commissioner Ciccone Yes
Commissioner DiPietro Yes



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Commissioner Kusnir Yes
 Commissioner Bufalini Absent
 Motion Carried

Commissioner DiPietro: Motion to approve resolution 2021-01; A RESOLUTION of the Township of Hopewell, Beaver County, Pennsylvania approving authorization for Jamie Yurcina, Hopewell Township Manager to sign on behalf of the Hopewell Township Board of Commissioners regarding the Adjustment/Relocation Clearance agreements concerning PennDOT and the paving of Rt. 151.

Commissioner Force: Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote:
 Commissioner Force Yes
 Commissioner Ciccone Yes
 Commissioner DiPietro Yes
 Commissioner Kusnir Yes
 Commissioner Bufalini Absent
 Motion Carried

7:05 P.M. **Commissioner's Reports**
 No Commissioner Reports

7:05 P.M. **Department Reports**
 The various Department Reports were given and are on file at the Hopewell Township Municipal Building.

 Police Chief Brian Uhrmacher, Road Department Supervisor Dave Kriger, Sewer Department Supervisor Chris Thompson, HRG Engineering Jim Durkin, Planning and Zoning Officer John Bates, and Sewer Authority Board Chairman James McClaren presented their respective reports.

7:11 P.M. **Citizen's Forum**

Bridgette Abler, 3005 School St., Hopewell Twp. PA 15001
 Ms. Abler inquired about the sale pending sign at the property for sale on School Street known as the HAP Center. Zoning Officer, John Bates confirmed that the Township has not heard anything about the sale or whom may be purchasing the property. Ms. Abler also asked if/when debris from a tree that was cut down would be cleaned up? Mr. Bates said he would look into her complaint.

Ashley Campbell, 3131 Bradbury Dr., Hopewell Township PA 15001
 Ms. Campbell discussed the possibility of creating a Gardening Club within the Township to plant and maintain a community vegetable and herb garden along with manning crews



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to help maintain current beautification projects. Township Manager, Jamie Yurcina stated that this project may be something that we could do in conjunction with a Rain Garden, the project that was previously discussed to obtain MS4 credits. Vice President Joe Kusnir asked for additional information for further discussion.

Billy Wise, 5 Ross Drive, Hopewell Township, PA 15001

Mr. Wise commended the Road Department on the ongoing snow removal on his road this season. He presented pictures of the condition of the road and requested it be added to the list of roads to be paved in 2021. Township Manager, Jamie Yurcina confirmed that the Township would be working on pulling together the paving list for 2021 and would take his concerns into consideration.

7:26 P.M.

Old Business

No Old Business.

7:26 P.M.

New Business

No New Business

7:26 P.M.

Announcements

Online registration for Camp Lakewood starts March 1, 2021.

Please visit our website at hopewelltp.com, Facebook and twitter for upcoming Township events.

7:26 P.M.

Executive Session-Beginning

The Board of Commissioners entered into Executive Session to discuss the Police Contract and Personnel.

9:16 P.M.

Executive Session Out

Vice President Kusnir announced the following motions needed to be acted upon following Executive Session.

Commissioner Force:

Motion to grant discretionary additional leave to Sgt. Ron McMasters under the FMLA on a one-time only basis without setting precedence or creating a past practice, effective January 1st, 2021 and expiring March 31st, 2021.

Commissioner Ciccone:

Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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| Commissioner Force | Yes |
| Commissioner Ciccone | Yes |
| Commissioner DiPietro | Yes |
| Commissioner Kusnir | Yes |
| Commissioner Bufalini | Absent |
| Motion Carried | |



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Commissioner DiPietro: Motion to approve resolution 2021-02; A RESOLUTION of the Township of Hopewell, Beaver County, Pennsylvania approving a Mutual Aid Agreement by and among the County of Beaver, the Office of the District Attorney, Hopewell Township and the Hopewell Township Police Department.

Commissioner Force: Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote:
Commissioner Force Yes
Commissioner Ciccone Yes
Commissioner DiPietro Yes
Commissioner Kusnir Yes
Commissioner Bufalini Absent
Motion Carried

Commissioner DiPietro: Motion to approve the purchase of 18 Kenwood 5200's portable radios to replace the current Kenwood portable radios in the amount of \$14,166.00, using approximately \$4000 of the car radios funds currently budgeted.

Commissioner Ciccone: Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote:
Commissioner Force Yes
Commissioner Ciccone Yes
Commissioner DiPietro Yes
Commissioner Kusnir Yes
Commissioner Bufalini Absent
Motion Carried

9:19 P.M.

Adjournment

Commissioner Force: Motion to Adjourn.

Commissioner DiPietro: Second the Motion.

Voice Vote:
All in Favor
Motion Carried