



TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Beaver County, Pennsylvania
January 11th, 2021
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

6:36 P.M. Workshop Meeting, held in the Township Municipal Building located at 1700 Clark Boulevard, Hopewell Township, was called to Order by President Richard Bufalini. Mr. Bufalini announced that the meeting is being recorded.

6:36 P.M. **Roll Call**

President Richard Bufalini – In Attendance
Vice President Joe Kusnir – In Attendance
Commissioner David Ciccone – In Attendance
Commissioner Nick DiPietro – In Attendance
Commissioner Tim Force – Absent

Others Present

Jamie Yurcina, Township Manager, Michael B. Jones (McMillen, Urick, Tocci & Jones), Township Solicitor, HRG Inc. Engineers.

6:36 P.M. **Executive Session-Beginning**

Mr. Bufalini stated that the lineup for the meeting would be changed and The Board of Commissioners entered into Executive Session to discuss police arbitration.

7:02 P.M. **Executive Session Out**

Mr. Bufalini stated there are no motions needed to be acted on following the Executive Session and the meeting would now reopen.

7:02 P.M. **Business Agenda**

Commissioner Kusnir: Motion to approve the Workshop Meeting Minutes of December 14th, 2020.

Commissioner DiPietro: Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Commissioner Ciccone: Motion to approve the list of bills dated January 11th, 2021, as presented: General Fund \$38,715.22; Sewer Fund \$19,417.97; State Fund \$7,286.86; Sewer Construction Fund \$3,306.20.

Commissioner Bufalini: Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Force	Absent
Commissioner Ciccone	Yes



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Commissioner DiPietro Yes
Commissioner Kusnir Yes
Commissioner Bufalini Yes
Motion Carried.

Commissioner Kusnir: Motion to approve the December, 2020, Financial Reports as presented.

Commissioner DiPietro: Second the Motion.

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

Commissioner Ciccone: Motion to approve the December, 2020, Real Estate Reports as presented.

Commissioner Bufalini: Second the Motion.

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

Commissioner Kusnir: Motion to appoint Commissioner Nick DiPietro as the 2021 primary C.O.G. delegate and Commissioner Rich Bufalini as the 2021 alternate delegate to C.O.G.

Commissioner Ciccone: Second the Motion.

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



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Commissioner Kusnir: Motion to re-appoint Joann Gennaro and Michael Rice to the Planning Commission Board, with four (4) year terms commencing on January 1st, 2021 and concluding December 31st, 2024.

Commissioner Ciccone: Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Commissioner Bufalini: Motion to re-appoint Vic Gurinowitsch and Dan Killian to the Sewer Authority Board, with five (5) year terms commencing on January 1st, 2021 and concluding December 31st, 2025.

Commissioner Ciccone: Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Commissioner DiPietro: Motion to re-appoint Ron Costanza, David Leipchak and Jeff Mateer to the Zoning Hearing Board, with three (3) year terms commencing on January 1st, 2021 and concluding December 31st, 2023.

Commissioner Bufalini: Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Commissioner Kusnir: Motion to re-appoint Robert Silvestri to the Universal Construction Code Board, with a five (5) year term



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commencing on January 1st, 2021 and concluding December 31st, 2025.

Commissioner DiPietro: Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Force	Absent
Commissioner Ciccone	Yes
Commissioner DiPietro	Yes
Commissioner Kusnir	Yes
Commissioner Bufalini	Yes

Motion Carried.

Mr. Bufalini stated that the next agenda item, indefinitely postponing Resolution 2020-25, will not be adopted and removed from the agenda following confirmation from the Township Auditor that it is unnecessary.

7:08 P.M.

Engineer's Report

Engineer's Report was Discussed, Submitted, and is on File.

7:22 P.M.

Solicitor's Report

No items to discuss.

7:22 P.M.

Items for Discussion

Manager, Jamie Yurcina discussed a letter received from Mr. Robert Michalko, 1019 Crissman Dr., regarding Crissman and Patterson Dr. Mr. Michalko has requested Crissman Dr. be added to the paving list.

The Board of Commissioners agreed to Bryan Conforto, Hopewell Community Park's Caretaker's request to hold his marriage ceremony at the park on Saturday, October 16th, 2021.

The Township's Commissioner's Business Meeting in December, 2021 will be held on Tuesday, 12/28.

Nora Janicki's Spring Events; "Drive-by Scavenger Hunt" and "Bake-Off" were approved. Postcards received from the calendar insert were read and discussed.

7:32 P.M.

Citizens Forum

Recreation Director, Brad Batchelor stated the Friends of Hopewell Park would like to adopt The Perimeter Trail at the Park, including upkeep, signage, seating and marking.

Don Wright mapped the trail out, including parts of the trail that are already established due to the logging in the park. The Township would need to repair two established bridges on the trail. Commissioners approved moving forward with trail enhancement only. Solicitor Mike Jones will work on a resolution regarding the trail and structural maintenance including the trail and bridges.

Mr. Batchelor asked the Commissioners opinion on how to advance with Springfest



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scheduled for March 27th, 2021. With social distancing similar to the Christmas Event, it was approved to move forward.

Pavilion sign-ups are currently scheduled for February 15th, and will proceed following CDC guidelines.

7:43 P.M. **New Business**
No New Business

7:43 P.M. **Old Business**
No Old Business

7:43 P.M. **Adjournment**
Commissioner Kusnir: Motion to Adjourn.
Commissioner Bufalini: Second the Motion.

Voice Vote:
All in Favor
Motion Carried

Minutes Recorded By: Jamie Yurcina 1/11/2021
Minutes Prepared By: Nora Janicki 1/12/2021