

RESOLUTION NO. R-2012-02

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Hopewell, a Municipal Corporation situate in the County of Beaver and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED:

There is hereafter imposed a mandatory annual fee of \$20.00 for use of the Depository by any Township resident. Any Township resident wishing to use the Depository must personally go to the Municipal Building on an annual basis to obtain a photo identification card. This card must be renewed annually at the beginning of each calendar year. This card must be presented at the Depository each time that a resident seeks to enter the Depository to deposit yard waste or construction material. Residents who are 65 years of age or older are exempt from the annual \$20.00 fee but must nevertheless obtain a one-time photo identification which will reflect their exemption and which will not require annual renewal. No person will be permitted to enter the Depository without a photo identification card. The Township retains the right to suspend, terminate or revoke Depository privileges at any time.

Residents that bring contractor material to the depository will be charged as follows:

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| Pick-up-truck Small size | Fully loaded - \$20.00 |
|                          | Half loaded - \$10.00  |
| Pick-up-truck Large size | Fully loaded - \$40.00 |
|                          | Half loaded - \$20.00  |

All non-commercial dump trucks with yard waste or construction material - \$50.00

The amount loaded into pick-up-trucks will be determined by the depository guard.

No commercial vehicles are permitted to use the Depository. Residents may not use their privileges to deposit waste materials obtained as a result of commercial enterprise. If a resident is suspected of attempting to deposit such materials privileges will be suspended.

Recycling materials brought to the Depository by residents will be accepted free of charge.

This Resolution is resolved, enacted and shall be effective this the 13<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2012.

Attest:



Andy Brunette, Township Manager

Hopewell Township

Board of Commissioners

By: 

Norm Kraus, Jr., President

# **FEEES FOR ALL CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS**

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| <b>LARGE PICK-UP TRUCK</b> | <b>\$40.00 FULL<br/>\$20.00 HALF</b> |
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| <b>SMALL PICK-UP TRUCK</b> | <b>\$20.00 FULL<br/>\$10.00 HALF</b> |
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| <b>ALL DUMP TRUCKS<br/>CONSTRUCTION AND<br/>YARD WASTE MATERIAL</b> | <b>\$50.00</b> |
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**TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL  
Beaver County, Pennsylvania  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
WORKSHOP MINUTES**

February 13, 2012  
Meeting in Session at 6:35 p.m.

**6:35pm: Workshop Meeting Called to Order by Mr. Kraus and that the meeting will be recorded**

**ROLL CALL**

President

Norm Kraus Jr.

Vice President

Rich Bufalini

Commissioners

Nick DiPietro

Joe Kusnir

Brian Rohm

Others Present

Andy Brunette, Township Manager/Controller

Marie Stratakis-Hartman, Township Engineer

Mike Jones Township Solicitor

**6:35pm**            **ENGINEERS REPORT** Marie Stratakis-Hartman (Report on File)

**7:34pm**            **CITIZEN COMMENTS PERTAINING TO THE BUSINESS AGENDA**            None

**7:35pm**            **BUSINESS AGENDA**

Mr. Bufalini        Motion to approve the Workshop Minutes of January 9, 2012

Mr. Rohm            Second the motion

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. DiPietro        Yes

Mr. Kusnir            Yes

Mr. Rohm             Yes

Mr. Bufalini         Yes

Mr. Kraus            Yes

Motion Carried

Mr. Kusnir        Motion to approve the list of bills dated for February 13, 2012

Mr. DiPietro        Second the motion

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. DiPietro        Yes

Mr. Kusnir            Yes

Mr. Rohm             Yes

Mr. Bufalini         Yes

Mr. Kraus            Yes

Motion Carried

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Mr. Bufalini Motion to adopt Resolution R- 2012-02 a resolution of the Township of Hopewell, Beaver County, Pennsylvania establishing standard use fees for Depository usage  
Mr. DiPietro Second the motion

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Carried

Mr. Rohm Motion to adopt Resolution R-2013-03 a resolution of the Township of Hopewell Beaver County Pennsylvania establishing a Low Income Grant and application procedure for the provision of sewer service at reduced costs to eligible households being served by Hopewell Township  
Mr. Bufalini Second the motion

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Carried

Mr. DiPietro Motion to adopt Resolution R-2012-04 destroying Township records as listed in Appendix "A"  
Mr. Kusnir Second the motion

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Carried

Mr. Bufalini Motion to rehire the following seasonal recreation employees at a rate of \$7.50 per hour: Ashley Cameron, Megan Ciccarelli, Garrett Covalt, Erin Donnelly, Ben Galzerano, Sarah Homyk, Lacey Laurito, and Jenna Paul  
Mr. Kusnir Second the motion

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Carried

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Mr. Kusnir Motion to rehire seasonal recreation employee Tammy Slaiman as rec-on-the-run van driver at a rate of \$8.75 per hour

Mr. Bufalini Second the motion

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. DiPietro Yes

Mr. Kusnir Yes

Mr. Rohm Yes

Mr. Bufalini Yes

Mr. Kraus Yes

Motion Carried

Mr. Bufalini Motion to hire seasonal recreation employees at a rate of \$7.25 per hour: Amanda Alexander, Andrew Brunette, Carlie Critchlow, Matt Critchlow, Marissa Haney, Karen Langton, April Vandergrift, Desi Ritmiller, and Aly Santia pending receipt of their act 151 clearances

Mr. DiPietro Second the motion

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. DiPietro Yes

Mr. Kusnir Yes

Mr. Rohm Yes

Mr. Bufalini Yes

Mr. Kraus Yes

Motion Carried

Mr. Rohm Motion to rehire the following seasonal Park maintenance employees at a rate of \$7.50 per hour: Frankie DeRose, Ed Domitrovich, Robert Swan, Tyler Swihart, and Aaron Zimmerman

Mr. DiPietro Second the motion

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. DiPietro Yes

Mr. Kusnir Yes

Mr. Rohm Yes

Mr. Bufalini Abstain

Mr. Kraus Yes

Motion Carried

Mr. Bufalini Motion to hire seasonal Park maintenance employee Craig Fontana at a rate of \$7.25 per hour pending receipt of his act 151 clearance

Mr. Rohm Second the motion

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. DiPietro Yes

Mr. Kusnir Yes

Mr. Rohm Yes

Mr. Bufalini Yes

Mr. Kraus Yes

Motion Carried

Mr. Kusnir Motion to hire the following Park Maintenance employees as reserves on an on call basis: Dan Domsic at a rate of \$8.00 per hour, Brett Reisker and Tim Dousch at a rate of \$7.25 per hour  
Mr. Bufalini Second the motion

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Carried

**7:46pm CITIZENS FORUM**

**Paula Iacobucci 204 Morrow Way**

Mrs. Iacobucci wanted to discuss the Township taking over First Street as a Township road. Mrs. Iacobucci stated that Hopewell Township in the past had taken care of First and now the Township will not maintain her road. Mrs. Iacobucci wanted to know why the Township has stop maintaining her road. Mr. Kraus advised Mrs. Iacobucci that the Township does not maintain private roads and that after research done by the Township Manager that there are no records in any of the paving programs or Township minute's ever paving or adopting First Street as a Township Road. Mrs. Iacobucci submitted documents to the Township Solicitor for review. Mrs. Iacobucci stated that as long as Larry Picarrow lived on the street the street was maintained. Mrs. Iacobucci stated that she believed the road was paved in 1978. Mr. Kraus told Mrs. Iacobucci that the Township would review all of her documents and would discuss and wait for an opinion from the Township solicitor. Mr. Kraus also advised Mrs. Iacobucci that the Commissioners would next discuss this issue at March 12, meeting.

**Mrs. Thresa Kuhns 223 Gary Drive Sewickley, Pa**

Mrs. Kuhns stated that when she lived of Morrow Way that the road was gravel when she lived there and that it was maintained by the Township, then before she moved the road was paved.

**Gordon Hancock 207 Morrow Way**

Mr. Hancock wanted to reiterate both of what Mrs. Kuhns and Mrs. Iacobucci stated about First Street. Mr. Hancock also submitted documents for review in regards to First Street. Mr. Hancock stated that the First Street has been paved twice since 1987. Mr. Hancock also asked what the Township's legal position was on not taken care of the road. Mr. Kraus stated that the Township after researching has no documentation officially taking over the road. Mr. Hancock also asked the solicitor if Hopewell has sovereign immunity. The Township solicitor responded by answering yes. Mr. Hancock told the board that all the residents on the road would be entitled to \$60,000 a piece for compensation for the Township not taking over the road. Mr. Hancock stated that he will not sign any maintenance agreement. Mr. Kraus stated that the Board would take all of the material under advisement and that it would be his choice if he did or did not want to sing a maintenance agreement.

**Angela Snyder 427 Kingsbrook Drive McDonald, PA**

Mrs. Snyder questioned the written maintenance agreement and wanted to know why they never had to sign one. Solicitor Jones said about seven years ago the Board decided to start that procedure that all the private property owners will have to sign an agreement for periodic winter maintenance and periodic road maintenance and that everyone on the road would have to sign in order for the agreement to be valid.

**Don Snyder 427 Kingsbrook Drive McDonald, PA**

Mr. Snyder wanted to know because of the roads condition even if they signed a maintenance agreement would the Township be able to maintain the road. Solicitor Mike Jones replied that the Township would have to look at the current condition of the road and determine even if a maintenance agreement would be applicable.

**Mark Ross 5214 Webb Street**

Mr. Ross asked the Board of Commissioners for another chance for the Midget Football organization for use of the municipal building downstairs. Mr. Ross stated that he was not aware of the mess that the kids did when they were there at their last meeting. Mr. Kraus advised Mr. Ross that this was the third time that the Midget Football

Organization has left the room and municipal building a mess and that was their final warning, and because of the repeat problem with this organization the organization has lost its privileges for use of the municipal building. Mr. Ross stated that he was not part of the past organization and asked for another chance and whatever they would have to do to rectify the problem. Mr. Kraus advised Mr. Ross and Mr. Sarver that the Board will discuss the issue and consider what action they want to take place by the March 12, 2012 meeting.

**Mike Sarver Independence Road**

Mr. Sarver stated that he would like to get use of the room for Midget Football and that he would take personal responsibility for the room and would guarantee the cleanliness of the building. Mr. Sarver apologized for the organization and gave his word if the Board decides to let them have the municipal room that he would personally take responsibility. Again Mr. Kraus stated that Board would have to discuss the situation among themselves and after that discussion they would decide if Midget Football Organization would be permitted to use the Municipal Building again in the future.

**Pam Fiejdaz Hopewell Township Recreation Director**

Pam was at the celebrate Hopewell committee meeting and wanted the Board of Commissioners to authorize her to make a basket for the Chinese auction for the Celebrate Hopewell celebration from Hopewell Township. The Board agreed and gave Pam the go ahead on making the basket.

**8:43pm**                    **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

Mike Jones and the engineer are still working on revising the grading and filling ordinance and also the property maintenance ordinance. Discussed the Mixer land development plan and if it needed to have a new resolution. Mike Jones will have a new resolution adopting the new fees for open public record information. The board agreed to update the mechanical devise ordinance for 2013. The manager discussed the upcoming meetings with county and state representatives. The manager discussed the letter that Creswell sent to Township residents. The Board agreed to make sure that people holding large events at the park will be required to rent all pavilions and pay all deposits. The Board also discussed the school basketball courts and agreed that the Township was never involved in maintaining the Junior High School basketball courts. The manager also discussed the summer grant application program with the Board through Career Link in Beaver County that would reimburse the Township for its summer youth employment expenses that they received through a federal grant. The application process for the grant program is very extensive and required income verification from parents. The Board wanted the manager to double check with Career Link to see if the applicants for the summer grant program would be required to meet family income pre requisites in order to be eligible for the program. If family income verification and income levels are a pre-requisite for the grant program then the Board does not want to participate in the program.

**9:40pm**                    **NEW BUSINESS**

**Commissioner Bufalini**

Mr. Bufalini wanted to let the Board know if they read the rejection letter from Aliquippa Water in response to the letter from the manager asking Aliquippa Water for a reduction in their 25% sewer rate increase on the Township municipal bill.

**Commissioner Joe Kusnir**

Mr. Kusnir asked the manager on an update on the tree harvesting going on behind the Sweet Brier Plan. The manager advised Mr. Kusnir that Mr. Mixer is doing everything legal according to the ruling from Beaver county Court Judge Deborah Kunzelman. The Township tried to stop the harvesting and issued a stop work order against Mr. Mixer but it was overturned by Judge Kunzelman. Mr. Mixer does not have to follow our ordinance because he started it before our ordinance was in effect; all he has to do is follow his E&S plan.

**Commissioner Norm Kraus**

Mr. Kraus advised the Board about the letter he received from Mr. Davis in regards to the construction going on at Napa Auto Parts and his request for all records in regards to the Napa Land Development.

**9:44pm**            **OLD BUSINESS**

**Commissioner Brain Rohm**

Mr. Rohm asked Mr. Jones about Lamar advertising and bill board signs advertising and how that was coming along, Mr. Jones is still in the progress of reviewing the documentation submitted to him from the last meeting in regards to the enforcement of the Township ordinance in regards to assessing fees for bill boards. Mr. Rohm asked the engineer and the Board on what kind of ideas the Board has for the 17 acres across from the park and how the progress is going with the DCNR in acquiring a grant for the additions. The engineer did discuss the process.

**Commissioner Nick DiPietro**

Commissioner Nick DiPietro asked the board to consider renovating and updating the caucus room. The manager advised the Board that he would have Carl Wagner take a look at the room and see if he could determine what could be done to fix the room up.

Mr. Bufalini     Motion to authorize the Township solicitor to file a complaint against St. Michaels Club  
Mr. Rohm        Second the motion

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Carried

**9:52pm**            **EXECUTIVE SESSION IN**

**10:16pm**           **EXECUTIVE SESSION OUT**

**10:18pm**           **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Bufalini     Motion to adjourn  
Mr. Kusnir       Second the motion  
Voice Vote:      All in favor  
Motion Carried

Minutes Recorded by: Andy J. Brunette 02/13/12  
Minutes Prepared by: Andy J. Brunette 02/16/12