



TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Beaver County, Pennsylvania
NOVEMBER 8th, 2021
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

6:26 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.

6:26 P.M. **Roll Call**
President Richard Bufalini – In Attendance
Vice President Joe Kusnir – In Attendance
Commissioner David Ciccone – Absent
Commissioner Nick DiPietro – In Attendance
Commissioner Tim Force – In Attendance

Others Present
Jamie Yurcina, Township Manager, Michael Jones, Solicitor and HRG Inc. Engineers.

6:26 P.M. **Business Agenda**

Commissioner Force: Motion to approve the Workshop Meeting Minutes of October 11th, 2021.

Commissioner DiPietro: Second the Motion.

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

Commissioner DiPietro: Motion to approve the list of bills dated November 8th, 2021, as presented: General Fund \$26,972.26; Sewer Fund \$135,129.57; State Fund \$9,270.03, Sewer Construction Fund \$10,920.00.

Commissioner Kusnir: Second the Motion.

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

Commissioner DiPietro: Motion to approve the October 2021 Financial Reports as presented.

Commissioner Force: Second the Motion.



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Roll Call Vote:

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

Commissioner Bufalini: Motion to approve the October 2021 Tax Collector's Report as presented.

Commissioner DiPietro: Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Commissioner Bufalini: Motion to approve the October 2021 Organizational Flow Chart as presented.

Commissioner DiPietro: Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Commissioner Force: Motion to approve RESOLUTION NO, 2021-13 Amending the Non-Uniform Pension Plan from January 1, 2022 - December 31, 2022 contributions at 4%. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL IN THE COUNTY OF BEAVER, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, ELECTING TO AMEND ITS NON-UNIFORM PENSION PLAN ADMINSTERED BY THE PENNYLVANIA MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM PURSUIANT TO ARTICLE IV OF THE



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*PENNSYLVANIA MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT LAW;
AGREEING TO BE BOUND BY ALL PROVISIONS
OF THE PENNSYLVANIA MUNICIPAL
RETIREMENT LAW AS AMENDED AND AS
APPLICABLE TO MEMBER MUNICIPALITIES.*

Commissioner DiPietro: Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Carried.

Commissioner DiPietro: Motion to approve Invoice for Youngblood Paving Inc. for \$89,757.20 representing the balance of the 2020 paving project.

Commissioner Force: Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Carried.

Commissioner Kusnir: Motion to approve 2/3 of the purchase price for cameras for the Police Department and Park to Don Sanders. With the balance due after installation and approval.

Commissioner Force: Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Carried.

Commissioner Bufalini: Motion to approve \$1500 for addition of Crime Codes and Vehicles Codes to the Crimestar System.



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Commissioner DiPietro: Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Carried.

6:33 P.M. Presentation by Sue Trout of Mockenhaupt Benefit Groups, on the January 2021 Report.

6:51 P.M. **Engineer's Report**
Engineer's Report was Discussed, Submitted, and is on File.

7:10 P.M. **Items for Discussion**
Brad Batchelor, Recreation Director spoke on behalf of The Friends of Hopewell Park. The FOHP currently has financial resources and would like to work to grow those funds with the intention of replacing the current playground at the park. The FOHP would like approval of the project, have a letter drafted from the Commissioners outlining the project for potential donors as well as obtain the square footage of usable space for replacement equipment. Commissioner Bufalini agreed to the project and will make a motion to solidify support.

Manager Jamie Yurcina discussed Marondas continued interest on the property off of Airport Rd.

7:20 P.M. **Solicitor Report**
Solicitor Mike Jones discussed a request from our Forester, Tom Anundson. He recommends the Township amend the Timbering Ordinance to include marking the trees at eye level or below and to prohibit the use of portable sawmills. He also discussed meeting with Scott Baker, the Union Representative for the clerical and crossing guards contract. Public Works voted to approve their contract and the Police Department is ready to start talking about their contract.

7:28 P.M. **Citizens Forum**
No citizens present

7:28 P.M. **New Business**
Controller, Barb Swearingen discussed raising the cost of consumption of sewage since taxes have not been raised. HRG and Mike Jones confirmed a study would need to be conducted prior to this move. Mr. Bufalini confirmed that is something that the Township would like to consider. Mr. Kusnir requested more information/time to review.



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Commissioner Force: *Motion to approve a letter be sent to Friends of Hopewell Park, 501c3, to proceed with soliciting donations for the playground at Hopewell Community Park.*

Commissioner Bufalini: *Second the Motion.*

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

7:38 P.M. **Old Business**
No Old Business

7:38 P.M. **Executive Session**
Mr. Bufalini announced that no executive session was needed.

7:38 P.M. **Adjournment**
Commissioner Force: *Motion to Adjourn.*
Commissioner DiPietro: *Second the Motion.*
Voice Vote:
All in Favor
Motion Carried