RESOLUTION NO. R2010-27

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL, BEAVER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT DATED JANUARY 1, 1987 BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL AND THE PENNSYLVANIA MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT BOARD TO REDUCE FOR 2011 ONLY THE REQUIRED MEMBER CONTRIBUTION TO THE MUNICIPAL PENSION PLAN.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED by the Commissioners of the Township of Hopewell, as follows:

SECTION I. The proper officers of the Township of Hopewell are hereby authorized and directed to execute all documents and to do other acts that may be necessary and proper to amend the Agreement dated January 1987 between Hopewell Township and the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement Board to reduce for 2011 only, the required member contribution to the municipal pension plan from 5.5% to 4%.

SECTION II. A duly certified copy of this Resolution shall be filed with the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement Board.

SECTION III. In the event any provision, section, sentence, clause or part of this Resolution shall be held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect or impair any remaining provision, section, sentence, clause or part of the Resolution, it being the intent of this Township that such remainder of this Resolution shall be and shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION IV. This Resolution shall become effective January 1, 2011

DULY ADOPTED THIS 27th Day of September, 2010 by the Hopewell Township Board of Commissioners in lawful session duly assembled.

ATTEST:

Andy J. Brunette, Township Manager

HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Richard Bufalini, President of the Board

(seal)

Pension Non-uniform
4% contribution

HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Hopewell Township Board of Commissioners was held on Monday, September 27, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the Hopewell Township Municipal Building, Clark Boulevard, Aliquippa, PA 15001.

President Rich Bufalini presided and asked everyone to rise for the flag salute and announced that the meeting is being tape recorded.

The Opening Prayer was given by Andy Brunette, Township Manager/Controller.

ROLL CALL - COMMISSIONERS

Mr. Kusnir - Present
Mr. Rohm – Present
Mr. Kraus – Present
Mr. Piroli – Present
Mr. Bufalini - Present

OTHERS PRESENT

Andy Brunette – Township Manager/Controller
Marie Stratakis Hartman – Widmer Engineers
Chas Srafin – Public Works Superintendent - Absent
Patricia L. Owens - Recording Secretary
Diane Palsa - Treasurer/Tax Collector
John Bates – Zoning Officer
Michael Jones - Solicitor
Chief Gene Ungarean - Hopewell Police Department

Public Comments Regarding the Business Agenda Proposed Action

None

BUSINESS AGENDA

BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Kusnir: Motion to approve the business meeting minutes of August 23, 2010.
Mr. Kraus: Second the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Kusnir- Yes
Mr. Rohm – Yes

Mr. Kraus – Yes
Mr. Piroli – Yes
Mr. Bufalini - Yes

TREASURER'S REPORT

Diane Palsa, township treasurer gave the treasurer's report for the month of August 2010.

Mr. Piroli: Motion to approve the treasurer's report for August, 2010.
Mr. Rohm: Second the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Kusnir- Yes
Mr. Rohm – Yes
Mr. Kraus – Yes
Mr. Piroli – Yes
Mr. Bufalini - Yes

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

The tax collector's report is on file for the month of August, 2010.

Mr. Kraus: Motion to approve the tax collector's report for August, 2010.
Mr. Rohm: Second the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Kusnir- Yes
Mr. Rohm – Yes
Mr. Kraus – Yes
Mr. Piroli – Yes
Mr. Bufalini - Yes

LIST OF BILLS

Mr. Piroli: Motion to approve the List of Bills for September 27, 2010.
Mr. Kraus: Second the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Kusnir - Yes
Mr. Rohm – Yes
Mr. Kraus – Yes
Mr. Piroli – Yes
Mr. Bufalini - Yes

Mr. Piroli: Motion to approve Resolution R-2010-24 recognizing and paying tribute to the 2010 Hopewell High School W.P.I.A.L. AAA Champs.

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Kusnir - Yes
Mr. Rohm – Yes
Mr. Kraus – Yes
Mr. Piroli – Yes
Mr. Bufalini - Yes

Mr. Kraus: Motion to approve Resolution R-2010-25 recognizing and paying tribute to the 2010 Beaver County Legion Boys' Baseball Team District 6 Champions.
Mr. Kusnir: Second the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Kusnir - Yes
Mr. Rohm – Yes
Mr. Kraus – Yes
Mr. Piroli – Yes
Mr. Bufalini - Yes

Head Coach Joseph Colella and Assistant Coach Joe Rubino were present to accept the copies of the Resolutions for themselves and on behalf of the team players.

Mr. Rohm: Motion to approve Resolution R-2010-26 recognizing and paying tribute to Sergeant First Class Jason Kirk.
Mr. Kraus: Second the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Kusnir - Yes
Mr. Rohm – Yes
Mr. Kraus – Yes
Mr. Piroli – Yes
Mr. Bufalini - Yes

Sergeant Kirk's sister Stephanie was present to accept his copy of the Resolution on his behalf.

Mr. Piroli: Motion to approve Resolution R-2010-27 authorizing an amendment to the agreement dated January 1, 1987 between the Township of Hopewell and the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement Board to reduce for the year 2011 only, the required member contribution to the Municipal Pension Plan from 5.5% to 4%.
Mr. Kusnir: Second the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Kusnir- Yes
Mr. Rohm – Yes
Mr. Kraus – Yes
Mr. Piroli – Yes
Mr. Bufalini - Yes

Mr. Kraus: Motion to approve application one (1) for Skerlec Contracting, Inc. in the amount of $24,235.00 for the replacement of the Nature Center roof and chimney repair per budget line item 1-454-373.
Mr. Piroli: Second the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Kusnir - Yes
Mr. Rohm – Yes
Mr. Kraus – Yes
Mr. Piroli – Yes
Mr. Bufalini - Yes

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioner Bufalini stated that he attended the ground breaking ceremony at Westfield Towers. This 40 unit elderly housing facility will be completed the summer of 2011 and is for persons 62 and over. This is a very attractive and practical housing facility that will add to an already pleasantly developed residential area.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Andy Brunette, Township Manager/Controller gave his report for the month of August, 2010.

ADMINISTRATION AND SEWER REPORTS

Mr. Brunette also gave the administrative and sewer reports for the month of August 2010.

ENGINEERING REPORT

In addition to her written report, Mrs. Hartman briefly covered these items:

(1) The Raccoon solid receiving pad construction began and will be completed in one to two weeks.
(2) The nature center roof at the community park has been completed by Skerlec and it looks very nice.

(3) Geotech will be providing the township with several options to choose from on the Laird Road project.

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL REPORT

Chas Srafin, the public works superintendent, was absent from this meeting. This report is on file at the township office.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Chas Srafin, the public works superintendent, was absent from this meeting. This report is on file at the township office.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Gene Ungarean gave the police department report for the month of August, 2010.

PLANNING/ZONING REPORT

Mr. Bates, the planning and zoning officer submitted his report for the month of August, 2010.

The following reports are on file: Water Pollution Control, Road Report, Police Department, Hopewell Township Planning & Zoning Commission, Beaver County Planning Commission, Sewer Authority, Volunteer Fire Department, and Veteran's Service Center for the month of August 2010.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Bufalini asked for a motion to approve Resolution R-2010-28 granting a conditional use to Deborah A. McGraf as submitted at a public hearing held on July 8, 2010.

Mr. Kraus: Motion to approve Resolution R-2010-28 granting conditional use to Deborah A. McGraf as submitted at a public hearing held on July 8, 2010.
Mr. Piroli: Second the motion.

Roll Call Vote:
Mr. Kusnir - Yes
Mr. Rohm – Yes
Mr. Kraus – Yes
Mr. Piroli – Yes
Mr. Bufalini - Yes

NEW BUSINESS

None

Commissioner Kusnir had to leave the meeting at 7:50 p.m. due to another commitment.

C ITIZEN'S COMMENTS

John Lopata
Woodlawn Park

Mr. Lopata repeated his complaints about a fireworks display which was put on at a picnic on July 4, 2010 by Mr. Piroli. He still maintained that the proper rules were not followed as required for putting off fireworks.

Solicitor Jones said all township rules were followed and nothing was done illegally and he still stands by his original decision on this matter.

Mr. Lopata also questioned the 2011 Parkfest fireworks display and understands that A-1, a local business will be doing this display. He wanted to know if they will have all the required permits. Commissioner Bufalini told him that is to be understood and that the township would never do otherwise.

Bob Years
200 Grace Lane

Mr. Years and his wife were present to give their explanation as to why they have made several changes to the road since they moved in to that area. Their feeling is that it is private property and they are entitled to make any changes or improvements they feel necessary. They stated that PennDot has abandoned the road in question and they are only maintaining it in a manner suitable to them as property owners.

Carl Hughes
3054 Kane Road

Mr. Hughes spoke on behalf of some of the other residents who access the road to get to their residences. He also said that this is the main access to Veasy Cemetery. He stated that there was a right-of-way all these years and there is no reason to have the road blocked for their use. The road was always properly maintained by the township when needed in the past. He feels this is adverse possession and something needs to be done. He requested that the road be open for the residents to use as in the past and maintained by the township as an established legal precedent.

Barbara Mowad

Mrs. Mowad stated that she has resided there since 1944 and there has never been a problem before now. The township maintained the road when necessary and they were free to use the road when needed. She would request that the road remain open and accessible to the residents.

Cheryl McFarland
3037 Kane Road

Mrs. McFarland said her 15 year old son rides his bike on the road and he tried to move a few things around to bicycle, but there are trucks and other objects blocking his way.

Craig Barlow
3042 Kane Road

Mr. Barlow said that someone visiting the cemetery tore out the whole catalytic converter in their car because of the speed bumps and other things that were done on the road.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hopewell Township's Fallfest will take place October 9, 2010 between the hours of 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Hopewell Township's Community Park.

Hopewell Township will observe Halloween Trick-or-Treat on Thursday, October 28, 2010 between the hours of 6:00 and 8:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Piroli: Motion to adjourn the meeting.
Mr. Kraus: Second the motion.
All in favor by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Submitted By:
Patricia L. Owens
Recording Secretary