



TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Beaver County, Pennsylvania
June 27th, 2022
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 President Richard Bufalini. President Bufalini indicated that the meeting is being recorded.

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

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

7:01 P.M. **Business Agenda**
President Bufalini 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 May 23rd, 2022, Business Meeting minutes.

Commissioner Kusnir: Second the Motion.

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

Commissioner Bufalini: Motion to approve the List of Bills dated June 27th, 2022, as presented: General Fund \$200,760.55; Sewer Fund \$85,397.96; Bartolotta Fund \$250.00; Sewer Escrow \$676.00; and Sewer Construction Fund \$2,921.00.

Commissioner Michna: Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote:
Commissioner Michna Yes



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

Commissioner Kusnir: Motion to hire Greg Barlion as Seasonal Park Maintenance at a rate of \$12/hour pending pre-employment requirements.

Commissioner Force: Second the Motion.

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

Commissioner Force: Motion to hire Bruce Zavarello as an Alternate Depository Guard pending pre-employment requirements.

Commissioner Bufalini: Second the Motion.

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

Commissioner Michna: Motion to change wireless carriers from Verizon to TMobile.

Commissioner Force: Second the Motion.

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



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Commissioner Kusnir: Motion to increase the fee for recycle bins to \$15 each.

Commissioner Michna: Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Michna	Yes
Commissioner Force	Yes
Commissioner DiPietro	Absent
Commissioner Kusnir	Yes
Commissioner Bufalini	Yes

Motion Carried.

Michael Jones opened a public hearing to discuss Ordinance 2022-02 Timber Harvesting. The amendment to O2011-05 addresses section 4 dealing with general operation requirements. One adds language requiring that all trees to be harvested should be properly marked with tree marking paint at eye level, on two sides of the tree, and also below stump height. Upon the discovery of unmarked stumps, the Township may immediately cease operations. The other adds section R to that same part of the ordinance that prohibits portable sawmills at logging or timber harvesting operations sites.

This change was advertised in the Beaver County Times on June the 7th. Mr. Jones asked for any public comments to the amendments.

Michael Michalo, 1019 Crissman Dr., Hopewell Township PA

Mr. Michalko stated he disagreed with section R, prohibiting portable sawmills from the site. He feels that should be a choice of the property owner if they are using it for themselves.

Mr. Jones discussed the concern did not lie within personal use of portable sawmills but with commercial use.

Zoning Officer John Bates confirmed that past commercial timber harvesting in the Township has resulted in large scrap piles of debris left onsite.

Mr. Jones discussed that if it were to be used exclusively by the owner of the property it would be allowed and they would be able to amend the Ordinance to reflect that minor change.

The hearing was closed at 7:15 P. M.

Mr. Jones will draft language to reflect the amendment discussed and the vote will move forward.

Commissioner Force: Motion to approve Ordinance 2022-02. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF



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*HOPEWELL, A FIRST CLASS TOWNSHIP UNDER THE LAWS OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, **AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2011-05** REGULATING AND ESTABLISHING TIMBER HARVESTING PRACTICES TO ALLOW FOR AND ENCOURAGE PROPER FOREST MANAGEMENT WITHIN HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP.*

Commissioner Kusnir:

Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Michna	Yes
Commissioner Force	Yes
Commissioner DiPietro	Absent
Commissioner Kusnir	Yes
Commissioner Bufalini	Yes

Motion Carried.

Commissioner Kusnir:

Motion to approve Resolution 2022-10. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL, BEAVER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA APPROVING THE WILLIAM ANZUR PLAN INVOLVING A ONE LOT SUBDIVISION OF TAX PARCEL NO 65-204-0158.000 OWNED BY WILLIAM AND EVA ANZUR AND CREATING "PARCEL A" TO BE CONVEYED TO ADJACENT TAX PARCEL NO 65-204-0157.000 OWNED BY RUSS A. AND TONI A. MATEJKA IN ACCORDINACE WITH THE ZONING ORDINANCE AND SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE.

Commissioner Bufalini:

Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Michna	Yes
Commissioner Force	Yes
Commissioner DiPietro	Absent
Commissioner Kusnir	Yes
Commissioner Bufalini	Yes

Motion Carried.

Commissioner Michna:

Motion to approve Resolution 2022-11. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL, BEAVER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA



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APPROVING A FOUR LOT CONSOLIDATION OF PARCELS 65-029-1004.000, 65-029-1003.000, 65-029-1002.000 AND 65-029-1001.000 OF LAND OWNED BY MICHAEL W. AND TANYA M. RUCHTI INTO ONE 1.016 ACRE LOT OF LAND LOCATED ON ROYAL AND ELDORADO DRIVES IN THE R-2 ZONING DISTRICT OF THE SHEFFIELD HEIGHTS PLAN OF LOTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS AND PROVISIONS OF THE HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE NO. 91-2.

Commissioner Kusnir: Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Michna	Yes
Commissioner Force	Yes
Commissioner DiPietro	Absent
Commissioner Kusnir	Yes
Commissioner Bufalini	Yes

Motion Carried.

7:18 P.M.

Department Reports

The various Department Reports were given and are on file at the Hopewell Township Municipal Building.

Police Chief, Donald Sedlacek Road Department Supervisor Dave Kriger, Sewer Department Supervisor Chris Thompson, Planning and Zoning Officer John Bates ,and Fire Department Chief, Mike Wasik presented their respective reports.

7:27 A.M.

New Business

The board will review the following:

Grant Proposals from Jodi Janicki and a letter from Dan Zeljak.

7:27 P.M.

Old Business

No Old Business

7:28 P.M.

Citizen's Forum

No Citizen's Reports

7:27 P.M.

Commissioner's Reports

Mr. Kusnir asked if there had been any response from the Fire Department regarding the audit letter sent. Solicitor Mike Jones stated that he heard from VFD Vice President Mike New and it would take a little bit of time before they prepare their response.



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- 7:29 P.M. **Announcements**
Please visit our website at hopewelltp.com and Facebook for upcoming Township news events.
- 7:29 P.M. **Executive Session**
No Executive Session is Needed.
- 7:29 P.M. **Adjournment**
Commissioner Force:
Motion to Adjourn.
Voice Vote:
All in Favor
Motion Carried

Minutes Recorded By: Jamie Yurcina 6/27/2022
Minutes Prepared By: Nora Janicki 6/28/2022