

**ORDINANCE 2011-09**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL, BEAVER COUNTY,  
PENNSYLVANIA, FIXING THE TAX RATES TO BE REQUIRED TO DEFRAY SPECIFIC  
EXPENDITURES AND LIABILITIES FOR THE OPERATION OF THE TOWNSHIP  
GOVERNMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2012.**

**BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED**, by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Hopewell, Beaver County, Pennsylvania, a Municipal Corporation under the First Class Township Code of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

SECTION 1. That for and during the 2012 calendar year, a tax be and is hereby levied on all property within said Township of Hopewell, subject to taxation for Township purposes at the rate of FOURTEEN mills of each dollar, or the sum of one dollar and forty cents (\$1.40) on each hundred dollars, of assessed valuation.

SECTION 2. That the collection period shall be two percent (2%) Discount from March First through April Thirtieth; Face from May First through June Thirtieth, and Penalty of ten percent (10%) assessed after June Thirtieth.

SECTION 3. That the estimated expenses of Township government and the amounts appropriated therefore from the revenue estimated to be derived during the calendar year ending December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012 are fully set forth in the adopted Budget of the Township, a copy of which is on file in the office of the Township Manager, at the Municipal Building, 1700 Clark Boulevard, Aliquippa PA 15001.

**ADOPTED THIS 19<sup>th</sup> DAY OF December 2011.**

**ATTEST:**



**Andy J. Brunette** Manager



**Hopewell Township Board of Commissioners**  
**Rich Bufalini** President

(Seal)



**TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL  
Beaver County, Pennsylvania  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

December 19, 2011  
Meeting in Session at 7:00 p.m.

**The Business Meeting was called to order by Mr. Bufalini and that the meeting will be recorded. Everyone was asked to rise for the pledge of allegiance and the opening prayer.**

**ROLL CALL**

President

Richard Bufalini - Present

Vice President

Norm Kraus - Present

Commissioners

Nick DiPietro - Present

Joe Kusnir – Present

Brian Rohm - Present

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Andy Brunette – Township Manager/Controller

Marie Stratakis Hartman – Widmer Engineers

Patricia L. Owens – Recording Secretary

Diane Palsa – Treasurer/Tax Collector - Absent

John Bates – Zoning Officer

Michael Jones – Solicitor

Gary Tranelli,- Assistant Chief of Police

Chas Srafin - Public Works Superintendent – Absent

**CITIZEN COMMENTS PERTAINING TO THE BUSINESS AGENDA**      None

**BUSINESS AGENDA**

The tax collector and treasurer’s reports are available for public inspection at the municipal building.

**Mr. Rohm:**            Motion to approve the Business Meeting Minutes of November 28, 2011.

**Mr. Kraus:**            Second the motion

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. DiPietro        Yes

Mr. Kusnir         Abstained due to late arrival

Mr. Rohm            Yes

Mr. Kraus            Yes

Mr. Bufalini        Yes

Motion Carried

**Mr. Kusnir:**            Motion to approve the Tax Collector’s Report for November 2011.

**Mr. Kraus:**            Second the motion

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. DiPietro        Yes

Mr. Kusnir         Yes

Mr. Rohm            Yes

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Mr. Kraus Yes  
Mr. Bufalini Yes  
Motion Carried

Public hearing to consider the adoption of Ordinance 2011-10, an ordinance of the Township of Hopewell, Beaver County, Pennsylvania, a first class township under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, accepting and approving McKenna Drive as a public road was continued until January 9, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.

**Mr. Kusnir:** Motion to consider the adoption of Ordinance 2011-08 as advertised on December 6, 2011, an ordinance of the Township of Hopewell, Beaver County, Pennsylvania appropriating monies from municipal taxes and revenues to defray expenses and liabilities of Hopewell Township for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2012.

**Mr. Kraus:** Second the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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

**Mr. Kraus:** Motion to consider the adoption of Ordinance 2011-09 as advertised on December 6, 2011, an ordinance of the Township of Hopewell, Beaver County, Pennsylvania, fixing the tax rates to be required to defray specific expenditures and liabilities for the operation of the township government at 14 mills for the year ending December 31, 2012.

**Mr. Kusnir:** Second the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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

**Mr. Kraus:** Motion to approve Hopewell Township's 2012 annual budget as proposed on November 21, 2011 as advertised for public inspection on November 29, 2011.

**Mr. Kusnir:** Second the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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

**Mr. Rohm:** Motion to approve Hopewell Township Beaver County annual meeting schedule for 2012.

**Mr. DiPietro:** Second the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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

**Mr. Kusnir:** Motion to approve Resolution R-2011-28 a resolution for committed fund balance within the General Fund for Hopewell Township.

**Mr. DiPietro:** Second the motion

Roll Call Vote:

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

**Mr. Kusnir:** Motion to approve Resolution 2011-29 a resolution of the Township of Hopewell, Beaver County, Pennsylvania, stating opposition to Pennsylvania proposed House Bill No. 1950.

**Mr. DiPietro:** Second the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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

**COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

Commissioner Bufalini commented on the Visit with Santa held on December 17, 2011 and said it was a very successful event and Santa and his elf made a big hit with the children and he thanked Pam Fiejdasz for the great job she did on this event.

**PUBLIC FORUM CITIZENS COMMENTS**

Assistant Chief Tranelli stated that the police have been investigating the St. Michael's Club matter and are aware of the problems. It has not gone unnoticed or unaddressed. The State Police Bureau of Liquor Control are involved as well. So far they need to move forward cautiously because the club has not yet met the nuisance bar criteria and could claim discrimination. He encouraged the residents to call when there is a problem so a pattern can be established.

**Colleen O'Connor  
Crestmont Drive**

Mrs. O'Connor had an issue with the St. Michael's Club located at the Crestmont Shopping Center. They play music until 3:00 am. and use loud profanity outside the club. She has heard gunshots coming from the shopping center and she fears for the safety of her family. She has reported it to the police department several times and they have checked into it and have been very cooperative.

**Tamara McMasters**  
**1312 Crestmont Drive**

Mrs. McMasters reiterated everything that Mrs. O'Connor had reported. She said that she hasn't reported it to the police because she is fearful for the safety of her family and the police officers.

Commissioner Kraus suggested that Mr. Bates cite the owner under the zoning ordinance covering littering and let them know we are aware of this problem.

Commissioner Bufalini also requested a motion that the township draft a letter to the Bureau of Liquor Control advising them that they have the support of the township on following through with this situation.

**Mr. Rohm:** Motion to draft a letter to the Bureau of Liquor Control advising them of the concern of the residents and that they have the support of the township .

**Mr. Kusnir:** Second the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. DiPietro Yes

Mr. Kusnir Yes

Mr. Rohm Yes

Mr. Kraus Yes

Mr. Bufalini Yes

Motion Carried

#### **MANAGER'S REPORT**

The Manager gave his report for November, 2011.

#### **ADMINISTRATION AND SEWER REPORTS**

The Manager gave the Administration and Sewer Reports for November, 2011.

#### **ENGINEERING REPORT**

Mrs. Hartman said she had nothing in addition to her written report..

#### **WATER POLLUTION CONTROL REPORT**

The water pollution control report for the month of November, 2011 prepared by Rich Boguszewski, operator in charge is on file at the municipal building.

#### **ROAD DEPARTMENT**

The road report for the month of November, 2011 is on file at the municipal building.

#### **POLICE REPORT**

Assistant Police Chief Gary Tranelli gave the police report for the month of November, 2011. He also commented on the fine job Pam Fiejdasz did on the Visit with Santa and that the police donated toward the cookies. The money for the cookies comes from the revenue for the Police Golf Outing.

#### **PLANNING/ZONING REPORT**

The zoning officer did not have a report for the month of November, 2011.

**RECREATION REPORT**

Pam Fiejdasz, Recreation Director, gave a brief report on the Visit with Santa held at the community park on December 17, 2011. Approximately 150 children attended and enjoyed refreshments, visit with a live reindeer, crafts and an overall enjoyable time.

The next Park Board meeting will be held on January 10, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.

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 November, 2011.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioner Rohm thanked everyone for coming and wished everyone a Merry Christmas

**Linda Helms, Librarian  
B.F. Jones Memorial Library  
Aliquippa, PA 15001**

Mrs. Helms distributed the calendar for January, 2012 and thanked the township for their participation in the activities being provided by the B.F. Jones Library.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Hopewell Township Municipal offices and Public Works departments will close at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 22, 2011 and will be closed December 23, 2011 and December 26, 2011 for the Christmas Holiday.

Commissioner Bufalini recognized Patti Owens, Township Secretary who will be retiring at the end of the year, with over 13 years with the township. He said she will be missed and thanked her for her service. and wished her well.

Patti thanked him and said it has been a privilege and a pleasure to work for the township.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Mr. Kraus:** Motion to adjourn the meeting.

**Mr. Kusnir:** Second the motion

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Minutes Recorded by: Patricia L. Owens 12/19/11  
Minutes Prepared by: Patricia L. Owens 12/21/11