

Ordinance 2003-03

E.D. Tax Refersendum

ORDINANCE NO. 2003-03

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL, COUNTY OF BEAVER, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE BEAVER COUNTY BUREAU OF ELECTIONS TO PLACE ON THE NOVEMBER, 2003, GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT FOR HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP THE FOLLOWING REFERENDUM ITEM PURSUANT TO SECTION 1502, XVII. FIRE HOUSES. 53 P.S. § 56517 OF THE PENNSYLVANIA FIRST CLASS TOWNSHIP CODE: "ARE YOU IN FAVOR OF THE HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVING A ONE-HALF (1/2) MILL TAX INCREASE TO BE USED SOLELY AS A CONTRIBUTION TO THE HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP VOLUNTARY FIRE DEPARTMENT TO CONSTRUCT AN ADDITION TO THE FIRE HOUSE AT 1401 GRINGO ROAD, HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP, PENNSYLVANIA, TAX PARCEL NO. 65-050-0101-000-2, NECESSITATING THE SECURING OF APPROPRIATE FINANCING SUBJECT TO THE PENNSYLVANIA LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT DEBT ACT, 53-PA. CONS. STAT. §§ 8001, ET SEQ., AS AMENDED?"

WHEREAS, the Hopewell Township Volunteer Fire Department intends to build an addition to its fire house at 1401 Gringo Road to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the Hopewell Township citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the approximate cost of such an addition will be \$1.2 million; and,

WHEREAS, the Fire Department will contribute \$200,000.00 toward this construction; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners will contribute the balance in the amount of \$1 million; and,

WHEREAS, the Hopewell Township Board of Commissioners will have to approve a one-half (1/2) mill tax increase to be used **solely** as a contribution to the Hopewell Township Volunteer Fire Department to construct this addition to the aforementioned fire house which will necessitate the securing of appropriate financing subject to the Pennsylvania Local Government Unit Debt Act, 53 Pa. Cons. Stat. §§ 8001, *et seq.*, as amended; and,

WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania First Class Township Code at 53 P.S. § 56517, Section 1502, XVII. Fire Houses. recites:

Section 1502. The corporate power of a township of the first class shall be vested in the board of township commissioners. The board shall have power

XVII. Fire Houses To provide and maintain suitable places for the housing of engines, hose carts, and other apparatus for the extinguishment of fire. No such building shall be erected or maintained without obtaining the assent of the electors thereof, expressed at an election to be held at the place, time, and under the same regulations as provided by law for the holding of municipal elections.

BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDAINED, and it is hereby resolved and ordained by the Board of Commissioners of Hopewell Township, Beaver County, Pennsylvania, as follows:

SECTION 1. Referendum.

The Hopewell Township Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Beaver County Bureau of Elections to place on the November, 2003 general election Hopewell Township ballot the following referendum item pursuant to **Section 1502, XVII. Fire Houses.**, 53 P.S. § 56517 of the Pennsylvania First Class Township Code:

Are you in favor of the Hopewell Township Board of Commissioners approving a one-half (1/2) mill tax increase to be used solely as a contribution to the Hopewell Township Volunteer Fire Department to construct an addition to the firehouse at 1401 Gringo Road, Hopewell Township, Pennsylvania which will necessitate the securing of appropriate financing under the Pennsylvania Local Government Unit Debt Act?

SECTION 2. Severability.

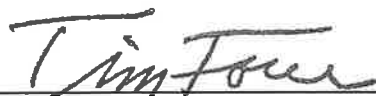
The provisions of this ordinance are severable. If any sentence, clause or section of this ordinance is for any reason found to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, such unconstitutionality, illegality or invalidity shall not affect or impede any of the remaining provisions, sentences, clauses or sections of this ordinance. It is hereby declared to be the intent of the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Hopewell that this ordinance as adopted contain no unconstitutional, illegal or invalid sentence herein.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED into an ordinance this 25th day of August, 2003.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP


Gerald G. Orsini, Manager

By: 
Tim Force, President

(SEAL)