

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL, BEAVER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, IN CONNECTION WITH THE TOWNSHIP'S OPPOSITION TO THE PENALTY PROVISIONS AND PURPOSES OF THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT ACT KNOWN AS HOUSE BILL 1840.

WHEREAS, the Township of Hopewell has through the years implemented and maintained a high quality water pollution control system within the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government has enacted the Federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, which Act provides for certain requirements which are applicable in connection with the operation and regulation of local municipal water and sewerage systems; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, is considering the enactment of House Bill 1840, being the Solid Waste Management Act, which Act seeks to provide for the State compliance of the mandates set out in the Federal Conservation and Recovery Act; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of the Federal Act and the proposed State Act, would impose a catastrophic financial burden upon local municipalities, and Hopewell Township particularly, by requiring that the various sewerage treatment plants and water pollution control systems be radically modified to treat hazardous wastes as that term has been defined in the Federal Act and the intended State Act; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Hopewell voices strong objection to the definition being given to the term "hazardous wastes" and to the attendant penalties in the above acts and the resultant treatment plant and control system modifications that would be required to treat materials reclassified as hazardous wastes; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Hopewell believes that an ongoing review and re-examination of the House Bill 1840 should be undertaken in light of the objections and inquiries raised by this Resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Hopewell, a municipal corporation under the First Class Township Code of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, located in Beaver County, Pennsylvania, and IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED:

1. That the Township of Hopewell hereby voices strong objection to House Bill 1840, known as the Solid Waste Management Act for the reason that the Act will impose catastrophic financial burdens upon local municipalities in undertaking compliance with said Act due to the treatment plant modification mandates required by the Act because of the definition ascribed to the term "hazardous wastes."

Adopted this 10th day of May, 1980.

Board of Commissioners
of Hopewell Township

By James Albert
President

Witness:

Evelyn Shade
Secretary