



TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Beaver County, Pennsylvania
April 10th, 2023
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

6:38 P.M. Workshop Meeting, held in the Township Municipal Building located at 1700 Clark Boulevard, Hopewell Township, was called to Order by President Richard Bufalini, Mr. Bufalini announced that the meeting is being recorded.

6:38 P.M. **Roll Call**
President Richard Bufalini – In Attendance
Vice President Joe Kusnir – In Attendance
Commissioner Nick DiPietro – In Attendance
Commissioner Tim Force – In Attendance
Commissioner Barbara Michna – In Attendance

Others Present
Jamie Yurcina, Township Manager, Michael Jones, Solicitor and HRG Inc. Engineers.

6:38 P.M. **Citizens Comments on Agenda Items**
None

6:39 P.M. **Business Agenda**

Commissioner Kusnir: Motion to approve the Workshop Meeting Minutes of March 13th, 2023.

Commissioner DiPietro: Second the Motion.

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

Commissioner Force: Motion to approve the list of bills dated April 10th, 2023, as presented: General Fund \$35,448.66; Sewer Fund \$34,427.97; Sewer Construction Fund \$2,397.50; ARPA Police Fund \$18,720.00; ARPA State Fund \$18,325.90; DUI Reimb \$141.36; and Development Escrow \$527.50.

Commissioner Bufalini: Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote:
Commissioner Michna Yes
Commissioner Force Yes
Commissioner DiPietro Yes



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Commissioner Kusnir Yes
Commissioner Bufalini Yes
Motion Carried.

Commissioner Kusnir: Motion to approve the March 2023 Financial monthly report as presented.

Commissioner Bufalini: Second the Motion.

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

Commissioner DiPietro: Motion to approve the March 2022, and March 2023, Tax Collector's monthly reports as presented.

Commissioner Force: Second the Motion.

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

Commissioner Kusnir: Motion to approve Resolution 2023-05. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL, BEAVER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING DARREN CARUSO AND BRANDON FEDORKA AS PROJECTS DIRECTORS FOR THE BEAVER COUNTY HIGHWAY SAFETY TASK FORCE GRANT FOR A PERIOD OF ONE (1) YEAR.

Commissioner Bufalini: Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote:
Commissioner Michna Yes



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

Commissioner Bufalini: Motion to renew the Cannon scanner/plotter lease for 60 months at a cost of \$179/mo.

Commissioner Force: Second the Motion.

<u>Roll Call Vote:</u>	
Commissioner Michna	Yes
Commissioner Force	Yes
Commissioner DiPietro	Yes
Commissioner Kusnir	Yes
Commissioner Bufalini	Yes
Motion Carried.	

Commissioner DiPietro: Motion to amend the agenda to include motions #8 and #9.

Commissioner Force: Second the Motion.

<u>Roll Call Vote:</u>	
Commissioner Michna	Yes
Commissioner Force	Yes
Commissioner DiPietro	Yes
Commissioner Kusnir	Yes
Commissioner Bufalini	Yes
Motion Carried.	

Commissioner Force: Motion to recommend change of Hopewell Township COG delegate to Commissioner Michna, and Commissioner Kusnir as alternate delegate.

Commissioner DiPietro: Second the Motion.

<u>Roll Call Vote:</u>	
Commissioner Michna	Yes
Commissioner Force	Yes
Commissioner DiPietro	Yes
Commissioner Kusnir	Yes
Commissioner Bufalini	Yes



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Motion Carried.

Commissioner Kusnir: Motion to accept the purchase of parcel 65-001-0903.000 to Walter Gray from the Repository, forgiving all taxes prior to and including 2022.

Commissioner DiPietro: Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Carried.

6:50 P.M.

Solicitor's Report

Mr. Jones would like to address the Police CBA and the Public Works CBA in executive Session as well as address the reassessment with the Board.

6:51 P.M.

Engineer's Report

Engineer's Report was Discussed, Submitted, and is on File.

7:02 P.M.

Old Business

Manager Jamie Yurcina readdressed the probability of increasing building permit fees to keep up with costs and will follow up with an email to the commissioners with a new rate proposal.

7:04 P.M.

New Business

No new business

7:05 P.M.

Items for Discussion

Mr. Bufalini discussed the tree that fell onto pavilion #2 at the park during the windstorm. The contractor that replaced the roof was called upon for repairs and the insurance company was contacted. Other trees in the vicinity that pose a risk of coming down were also discussed.

7:04 P.M.

Citizens Forum

Don Wright, Friends of Hopewell Park, 3002 Park Ave. Hopewell Township

Mr. Wright, along with Eric Small, his colleague from U.S. Steel, presented a proposal for the restoration and improvements for the Sensory Awareness Trail in Hopewell Community Park. U.S. Steel has committed to providing \$3,000 toward the project. Mr. Wright will price out materials needed.



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- 7:27 P.M. **Executive Session**
Executive session is needed to discuss Police and Public Works CBA.
- 8:14 P.M. **Executive Session Out**
President Bufalini announced there are no items that need to be acted upon following executive session.
- 8:14 P.M. **Adjournment**
Commissioner Kusnir: Motion to Adjourn.
Commissioner Michna: Second the Motion.
- Voice Vote:
All in Favor
Motion Carried

Minutes Recorded by: Jamie Yurcina 4/10/2023
Minutes Prepared by: Nora Janicki 4/11/2023