



**TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL**  
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
Beaver County, Pennsylvania  
**May 8th, 2023**  
**WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES**

6:36 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.

6:36 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.

6:36 P.M. **Citizens Comments on Agenda Items**  
None

6:30 P.M. **Business Agenda**

*Commissioner Force: Motion to approve the Workshop Meeting Minutes of April 10th, 2023.*

*Commissioner Michna: 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 the list of bills dated May 8th, 2023, as presented: General Fund \$40,109.84; Sewer Fund \$138,287.11; State Fund \$6,056.34; Sewer Construction Fund \$3,941.00; General Reserve Fund \$4,681.98; ARPA Fund \$27,413.00; DUI Reimbursement Fund \$4,679.52; and Golf Fund \$58.14.*

*Commissioner DiPietro: 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 Force:                      Motion to approve the April 2023 Financial monthly report as presented.*

*Commissioner Kusnir:                    Second the Motion.*

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

*Commissioner Bufalini:                  Motion to accept the purchase of parcels 65-011-1216.000 and 65-011-1219.000 to Aliquippa Bucktails from the Repository, forgiving all taxes prior to and including 2022.*

*Commissioner Michna:                  Second the Motion.*

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

*Commissioner Bufalini:                  Motion to approve Resolution 2023-07. A RESOLUTION OF HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP, A FIRST-CLASS TOWNSHIP UNDER THE LAWS OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWNSHIP OF CENTER FOR THE COOPERATIVE MAINTENANCE OF GOLF COURSE ROAD THAT EXISTS ALONG AND/OR ACROSS THE GEOGRAPHICAL MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL AND THE TOWNSHIP OF CENTER.*

*Commissioner Kusnir:                    Second the Motion.*



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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 Resolution 2023-08. A RESOLUTION OF HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP, A FIRST-CLASS TOWNSHIP UNDER THE LAWS OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, APPROVING THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE ALIQUIPPA LODGE NO. 26 FOR A TERM COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2023, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025.*

*Commissioner Kusnir:*

*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 Resolution 2023-09 A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL, BEAVER COUNTY PENNSYLVANIA APPROVING THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE HOPEWELL AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT RELATIVE TO A SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER COPS GRANT.*

*Commissioner Kusnir:*

*Second the Motion.*

Roll Call Vote:

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 hire John Keck as Part-Time Park Maintenance at a rate of \$14.00/hr.*

*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 Force: Motion to approve contract #3 with Lindy Paving for Superpave wearing course 0 to .03 mil at \$90.10 per ton delivered.*

*Commissioner Michna: 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 contract #3 with Russell Standard for FB-1 modified bituminous cold patch at \$102.25 per ton delivered.*

*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 contract #6 with Chemung Supply Corp. for 12" diameter HDPE smooth interior pipe at \$10.32 per foot delivered, 15" diameter HDPE smooth interior pipe at \$13.96 delivered, 18" diameter HDPE smooth interior pipe at \$18.96 delivered, and 24" diameter HDPE smooth interior*



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*Commissioner Force:* pipe at \$30.69 delivered.  
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 contract #8 with A.R. Oliastro for anti-skid type 3A/ASI at \$24.99 a ton delivered.

*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.

6:45 P.M. Solicitor's Report  
No Solicitor Report

6:45 P.M. Engineer's Report  
Engineer's Report was Discussed, Submitted, and is on File.

6:50 P.M. Items for Discussion  
No items for discussion

6:50 P.M. Citizens Forum  
Brigette Omlor, 3005 School Rd. Hopewell Township  
Ms. Omlor lives next door to the former HAP Center on School St. She is concerned with vandalism.  
Police Chief Sedlacek addressed prior juvenile incidents at the property.  
Mr. Bufalini stated that action regarding this complaint will be discussed in executive session.  
Ms. Omlor will also provide Mr. Yurcina photos of erosion on her property she believes has been caused by neighboring construction.

Don Wright 3002 Park Ave. Hopewell Township  
Mr. Wright asked for updates regarding the Sensory Awareness Trail funded by US Steel. The excavator is scheduled to be onsite beginning Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. Additional scheduling and ordering will be coordinated by Brad Batchelor, and Dave Kriger.



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Mr. Yurcina will follow up with Mr. Kriger as well.

Bill Gartley, 1701 Mercer St. Hopewell Township

Mr. Gartley handed out information regarding the condition of Corporation Dr. Petitions have been passed out to employers and employees in the Industrial Park asking for road repairs.

Mr. Bufalini reported that they would investigate their concern.

7:06 P.M.

**New Business**

No new business

7:06 P.M.

**Old Business**

No old business

7:06 P.M.

**Executive Session**

Executive session is needed to discuss police and park personnel.

8:32 P.M.

**Executive Session Out**

President Bufalini announced the following items need to be acted upon following executive session.

*Commissioner Kusnir: Motion to amend the agenda to add two additional items.*

*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 Michna: Motion to rehire Seasonal Park Employee Kevin Jones at \$12.00/hr.*

*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 Michna: Motion to adjust Derek Merendo's pay rate to*



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*Commissioner DiPietro:* *\$16.25/hr.*  
*Second the Motion.*

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

8:35 P.M.

**Adjournment**

*Commissioner Force:* *Motion to Adjourn.*  
*Commissioner Michna:* *Second the Motion.*

Voice Vote:  
All in Favor  
Motion Carried

Minutes Recorded by: Jamie Yurcina 5/8/2023  
Minutes Prepared by: Nora Janicki 5/9/2023