



TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Beaver County, Pennsylvania
June 26th, 2023
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

7:10 P.M. **Call to Order**
Hopewell Township's Business Meeting, held in the Township Municipal Building, located at 1700 Clark Boulevard, Hopewell Township, was called to Order by President Richard Bufalini. Mr. Bufalini indicated that the meeting is being recorded.

7:10 P.M. **Pledge of Allegiance**

7:11 P.M. **Roll Call**
President Richard Bufalini – In Attendance
Vice President Joe Kusnir – Joined Meeting at 7:28 P.M. via phone.
Commissioner Nick DiPietro – In Attendance.
Commissioner Tim Force – In Attendance
Commissioner Barbara Michna – In Attendance

Others Present
Michael B. Jones (McMillen, Urick, Tocci & Jones), Township Solicitor
HRG Inc., Engineering

7:11 P.M. **Public Comments on Agenda Items**
No Public Comments

7:12 P.M. **Business Agenda**
President Bufalini announced that the Tax Collector's Report and the Treasurer's Report is available for public inspection at the Municipal Building.

Commissioner Force: Motion to approve the May 22nd, 2023, Business Meeting minutes.

Commissioner Michna: Second the Motion.

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

Commissioner DiPietro: Motion to approve the List of Bills dated June 26th, 2023, as presented: General Fund \$45,561.14; Sewer Fund \$21,142.92; K-9 Fund \$440.73; Bartolotta Grant \$173.85; and State Fund \$5,074.44.

Commissioner Bufalini: Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote:



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Commissioner Michna	Yes
Commissioner Force	Yes
Commissioner DiPietro	Yes
Commissioner Kusnir	Absent
Commissioner Bufalini	Yes
Motion Carried	

7:13 P.M. Solicitor Mike Jones explained Ordinance 2023-01 regarding solicitation in the Township and confirmed the advertisement and filing of the Ordinance.

Commissioner Force: *Motion to approve Ordinance 2023-01. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL, SITUATE IN BEAVER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, REGULATING AND PROHIBITING PEDDLING AND SOLICIATION ON THE PUBLIC ROADWAYS AND INTERSECTIONS OF HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP FOR THE PROTECTION AND HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELFARE OF PEDESTRIANS AND MOTOR VEHICLE OPERATORS.*

Commissioner Michna: *Second the Motion.*

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Michna	Yes
Commissioner Force	Yes
Commissioner DiPietro	Yes
Commissioner Kusnir	Absent
Commissioner Bufalini	Yes
Motion Carried	

7:17 P.M. Solicitor Mike Jones explained Ordinance 2023-02 regarding solicitation in the Township and confirmed the advertisement and filing of the Ordinance.

MaryBeth Gerard, Resident, Hopewell Township, PA

Ms. Gerard inquired about calls regarding violations to this ordinance. Police Chief Sedlacek said that residents will be required to adhere to state laws.

Commissioner DiPietro: *Motion to approve Ordinance 2023-02. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL, SITUATE IN BEAVER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, REGULATING THE USE OF CONSUMER AND DISPLAY FIREWORKS WITHIN HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP PURSUANT TO ACT 74 OF 2022 KNOWN AS THE "FIREWORKS LAW"*



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Commissioner Force: Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Michna	Yes
Commissioner Force	Yes
Commissioner DiPietro	Yes
Commissioner Kusnir	Absent
Commissioner Bufalini	Yes
Motion Carried	

7:23 P.M. Solicitor Mike Jones explained Ordinance 2023-03 regarding the Commissioner's pay adjustment. The last increase was in 2000. The Ordinance has been advertised and filed.

Commissioner Bufalini: Motion to approve Ordinance 2023-02. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL, SITUATE IN BEAVER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE IN SALARY FOR A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TOWNSHIP COMMISSIONERS TO FIVE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED AND FIFTY (\$5,450.00) DOLLARS PER YEAR AND PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF SAID INCREASE.

Commissioner Michna: Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Michna	Yes
Commissioner Force	Yes
Commissioner DiPietro	Yes
Commissioner Kusnir	Absent
Commissioner Bufalini	Yes
Motion Carried	

Commissioner DiPietro: Motion to accept the Deed of Dedication of Parcel A-R in the Clairmont Manor Phase 1 – Revised Plan.

Commissioner Force: Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Michna	Yes
Commissioner Force	Yes
Commissioner DiPietro	Yes
Commissioner Kusnir	Absent
Commissioner Bufalini	Yes
Motion Carried	

Commissioner Kusnir joined the meeting via phone.

Commissioner DiPietro: Motion to amend the agenda to include item #7 regarding Nathan Fletcher's proposed Eagle Scout Project.



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Commissioner Bufalini: Second the Motion.

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

Mr. DiPietro explained Nathan's Eagle Scout Project of rebuilding & repairing the dock at the far end of the lake.

Commissioner DiPietro: Motion to approve the Eagle Scout Project of Nathan Fletcher, 1022 Sweet Briar Dr. at Hopewell Community Park. Mr. Fletcher will be repairing and rebuilding the dock at the far end of the lake.

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

7:34 P.M.

Department Reports

The various Department Reports were given and are on file at the Hopewell Township Municipal Building.

Police Chief Donald Sedlacek, Chris Thompson Sewer Department Supervisor, Road Department Supervisor, Dave Kriger, HRG Engineering, Planning and Zoning John Bates, Parks and Recreation, and Hopewell Volunteer Fire Department, Jonathan Cochran.

7:47 P.M.

Solicitor's Reports

No Commissioner Reports

7:47 P.M.

Commissioner's Reports

No Commissioner Reports

7:47 P.M.

New Business

Victor Wetzel from Scarnazzi Homes' gave the final presentation on the PRD Courtyards at Legends, the 48 lot plan which will be accessed from Airport Rd.

7:31 P.M.

Old Business



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No Old Business.

7:31 P.M.

Citizen's Forum

John Fudurich, 2615 Linden Ave. Hopewell Township, PA

Mr. Fudurich addressed the problems with neighbors burning trash and yard waste. Zoning Officer John Bates stated that he has talked to Mr. Fudurich in the past but this has not been brought to his attention lately. Chief Sedlacek addressed the process of how they address complaints.

MaryBeth Fetkovich, 34 Maple Ave. Hopewell Township, PA

Ms. Fetkovich concerns regarding driver's turning left onto Mill St. from in front of home where it is clearly marked no left turn was discussed. Speeding is also a concern.

Police Chief Sedlacek stated that they have placed their speed board in the area, which electronically records specific information on drivers so it is monitored when the officers are not able to be in the area. They will once again place the sign in the area.

Megan Stidham, 1008 Maine Ave., Hopewell Township, PA

Ms. Stidham is questioning why Hopewell Township does not participate in the Pennsylvania Homeowners Assistance Fund. She has provided the Township the required participation Letter.

Mr. Bufalini said that Representative Matzie would be contacted for assistance.

Bob Michalko, 1019 Crissman Dr., Hopewell Township, PA

Mr. Michalko stated he spoke with the Board in January about physically relocating Crissman Dr. Mr. Michalko also mentioned he met with Mr. Yurcina last month and is waiting to hear if his request is being considered. Mr. Jones said he would discuss the matter with Mr. Yurcina.

7:40 P.M.

Announcements

Hopewell Township's Park Fest will be held on Saturday, July 8th, 3:00 pm – 9:30 pm. Other events in the park this month include Concerts in the Park, Movies in the Park, and Yoga. Please visit our website at www.hopewelltp.com, our Facebook page for updates on Hopewell Township news and events.

8:18 P.M.

Executive Session Beginning

An Executive meeting is needed to discuss police and fire personnel.

9:43 P.M.

Executive Session Ending

Mr. Bufalini stated the following items needed to be acted upon following Executive Session.

Commissioner DiPietro: Motion to amend the agenda to include a motion



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regarding police personnel.

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 Bufalini:

Motion to make conditional offers of full-time employment in the police department to the following individuals in the following order of seniority based upon the recommendation of the Civil Service Committee.

- 1. Brandon Wilson.*
- 2. Merle McConnell*
- 3. Noah Brucker*

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 Kusnir:

Motion to rescind the vote on item #1 regarding approval of the May 22nd meeting minutes.

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	

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Roll Call Vote:



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

9:54 P.M.

Adjournment

Commissioner Force: Motion to Adjourn.

Commissioner Michna: Second the Motion

Voice Vote:

All in Favor
Motion Carried

Minutes Recorded By: Barb Swearingen, 6.26.2023
Minutes Prepared By: Nora Janicki 6.27.2023