



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

6:30 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.

6:30 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.

6:30 P.M. **Citizens Comments on Agenda Items**
None

6:31 P.M. **Business Agenda**

Commissioner Force: Motion to approve the Workshop Meeting Minutes of June 12th, 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 July 10th, 2023, as presented: General Fund \$18,392.98; Sewer Fund \$18,696.97; and General Reserve Fund \$3,280.00.

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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Commissioner Bufalini: Motion to approve the June 2023 Monthly Financial Report as presented.

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 Force: Motion to approve the June 2023 Monthly Tax 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 Michna: Motion to approve temporary road closures of Washington St., Longvue Ave., and Sohn Rd. on August 19th, 2023, starting at 9:00 am for the Our Lady of Fatima 3/5K race.

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 the agreement with HRG, Inc. for the Hopewell School Basin Retrofit. This project will be funded through the Beaver County ARPA Grant.

Commissioner Bufalini: 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 Bufalini: Motion to approve the agreement with HRG, Inc. for the Wickham Street to Clearview Avenue – Raccoon Creek Interceptor. This project will be funded through the Beaver County ARPA Grant.

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	

6:34 P.M.

Solicitor's Report

No Solicitor's Report.

6:34 P.M.

Engineer's Report

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

6:37 P.M.

Items for Discussion

Mr. Yurcina commented on the success of Park Fest, and thanked all the workers and volunteers for their hard work.

Jon Cochran, Hopewell Township Volunteer Fire Department

Mr. Cochran asked to recognize Robert Seaman at a public meeting for his 50 years of service.

6:38 P.M.

Citizens Forum

Jim Christiana, Brighton Township, PA

Mr. Christiana discussed the possibility of turning the former Best Foreign Auto property into a World Class Sports Complex. He is asking if the Township has any interest in purchasing the property themselves or if they would be interested in partnering in the proposed project.



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Mr. Bufalini stated our area has needed this type of facility for some time and would like to investigate the property further.

Mr. Kusnir questioned if any environmental issues would come into play at the location due to its past tenant. He also inquired about the cost of the property.

Mr. Christiana has not heard what price they will be asking for the property.

Mr. Yurcina stated the price will need to reflect the necessary work needed to cap the property prior any improvements.

The Commissioners will discuss the project further.

Don Sawyer LK Land Surveying

Mr. Sawyer asked when the Board of Commissioners will review his plan that was recommended for approval.

Mr. Jones stated that since the Planning Commission approved the plan he will write it up and it would be presented at a Public Business Meeting. The timeline is approximately two weeks.

Ethan Pletcher, 1022 Sweet Brier Dr., Hopewell Township, PA

Mr. Pletcher presented plans for his proposed Eagle Scout Project, building a floating dock at the far end of the lake at Hopewell Community Park.

The Commissioners and the Manager discussed the different plan options, mechanics, and maintenance of the floating dock. The company he will be using is American Muscle Docks. Once the engineer approves the plan the commissioner would like to move forward with the first option presented,

7:07 P.M.

New Business

No new business

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Old Business

Mr. Kusnir asked about prior concerns voiced by Amy Kohar, 1007 Harvest Dr. regarding the fence adjacent to the baseball fields at Hopewell Elementary. Mr. Yurcina stated that he is still looking into pricing the pylons needed for the project.

Mr. Kusnir is concerned about the on-going issues and condition of a run-down property on Brodhead Rd. and asked where we are in correcting the violations as the owner has previously filed for bankruptcy.

Mr. Jones confirmed that Mr. Bates cited them, and they did not appeal making it a deemed violation. Mr. Kusnir voiced his frustration over the longevity of the problem.

Mr. Kusnir also discussed five-point intersection and the problems with folks pulling in and out of the businesses at the intersection. He would like to see a guiderail to direct customers. Mr. Yurcina stated his concerns how the guide rails would block access to the businesses for their customers and the repercussions from that action. Concerns with confusion of customers not aware of which lights to obey when pulling out of parking areas were voiced.



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Mr. Jones confirmed that he heard from Mr. Bates that the owner of Kicking Diamonds has agreed to tear down the old HAP building on the property. Mr. Jones stated that if they agree and comply we can move forward with the resolution regarding the subdivision on the property.

Mrs. Michna stated that the PFHA assistance program is on pause right now per Rep. Matzie's office. The responsibility for this program has fallen on the third-party vendor. Uncertainty surrounding how that would play out with contracted Sharp Services is still being explored.

7:20 P.M.

Executive Session

No executive session is needed.

7:20 P.M.

Adjournment

Commissioner DiPietro: Motion to Adjourn.

Commissioner Kusnir: Second the Motion.

Voice Vote:

All in Favor

Motion Carried

Minutes Recorded by: Jamie Yurcina 7.10.2023.
Minutes Prepared by: Nora Janicki 7.10.2023.