



TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Beaver County, Pennsylvania
July 24th, 2023
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

7:00 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.

7:00 P.M. **Pledge of Allegiance**

7:01 P.M. **Swearing In of New Full Time Police Officers**
Mr. Bufalini complimented and welcomed the new officers to Hopewell Township. District Magistrate Felicia Santillan swore in Brandon Wilson, Merle McConnell, and Noah Brucker.

7:06 P.M. **Roll Call**
President Richard Bufalini – In Attendance
Vice President Joe Kusnir – In Attendance
Commissioner Nick DiPietro – Absent
Commissioner Tim Force – In Attendance
Commissioner Barbara Michna – In Attendance

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

7:06 P.M. **Public Comments on Agenda Items**
No Public Comments

7:06 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 June 26th, 2023, Business Meeting minutes.

Commissioner Bufalini: Second the Motion.

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

Commissioner Kusnir: Motion to approve the List of Bills dated July 24th, 2023, as presented: General Fund \$90,217.90; Sewer Fund



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\$29,940.71; State Fund \$17,642.18; Sewer Construction Fund \$32,214.00; Development Escrow Fund \$3,156.61; State ARPA Fund \$2,920.00; Park ARPA Fund \$689.58; and Golf Fund \$284.35.

Commissioner Michna:

Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Commissioner Force:

Motion to approve the purchase of parcel 65-019-0206.000 to Bryan Beightley from the Repository, forgiving all taxes prior to and including 2022.

Commissioner Bufalini:

Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Commissioner Kusnir:

Motion to approve new Full-Time Officers in the following order of seniority, Brandon Wilson, Merle McConnell, and Noah Brucker effective 7/24/2023, at entry level pay rate and benefits according with the Hopewell Township's Police Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Commissioner Bufalini:

Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Commissioner Kusnir:

Motion to approve amended Resolution 2023-09



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reflecting the adjusted Township fee schedule.

Commissioner Force:

Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Commissioner Kusnir:

Motion to approve Resolution 2023-11. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL, BEAVER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, RELATIVE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF TOWNSHIP EMPLOYEES' PENSION, ANNUITY, INSURANCE AND BENEFIT FUND OR FUNDS, TO AMEND CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE PENSION PLAN OR PROGRAMS APPLICABLE TO THE POLICE OF SAID TOWNSHIP AND TO RESTATE IN ITS ENTIRETY SUCH PENSION PLANS OR PROGRAM.

Commissioner Michna:

Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Commissioner Bufalini:

Motion to approve Resolution 2023-12. A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL, BEAVER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, APPROVING THE SCHLACK PLAN OF LOT CONSOLIDATION OF TAX PARCELS 65-204-0173.000 AND 65-204-0173.001 OF LAND OWNED BY JEFFREY KEITH AND CAITLYN MARIE SCHLACK INTO ONE (1) LOT, LOCATED ON GRINGO ROAD, IN HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS AND PROVISIONS OF THE HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE NO. 91-2.

Commissioner Force:

Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Commissioner Bufalini: Motion to approve Resolution 2023-13. A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL, BEAVER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, ADOPTING GUIDELINES FOR THE TOWNSHIP POLICE OFFICERS WHEN MAKING AUTHORIZED WARRENTLESS SUMMARY ARRESTS.

Commissioner Kusnir: Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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

7:11 P.M. **COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS**
No Commissioner's Reports

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, HRG Engineering, Planning and Zoning John Bates, Parks and Recreation Brad Batchelor, and Hopewell Volunteer Fire Department, Jonathan Cochran.

7:25 P.M. **New Business**
No New Business

7:25 P.M. **Old Business**
No Old Business.

7:25 P.M. **Citizen's Forum**
Andrea Merrihew, 105 Parkridge Dr., Hopewell Township, PA
Ms. Merrihew asked for the status of the mutual aid agreement between the Hopewell Fire Department and Aliquippa Fire Department. Fire Chief Jon Cochran stated that there is not a current mutual aid agreement with Aliquippa but there is a county wide mutual aid agreement that all of Beaver County and some of Allegheny County fall under. Mr. Cochran stated a meeting was held today to address concerns between departments.



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Ms. Merrihew inquired about training, response time to calls and centralizing the department. Mr. Cochran confirmed they are all being reviewed.

*MaryBeth Fetkovich, 34 Maple Ave. Hopewell Township, PA
Ms. Fetkovich thanked Chief Sedlacek for the immediate actions taken to address her concerns voiced at the last public meeting regarding speeding in her neighborhood.*

7:40 P.M.

Announcements

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 not needed.

9:54 P.M.

Adjournment

Commissioner Force: Motion to Adjourn.

Commissioner Kusnir: Second the Motion

Voice Vote:

All in Favor

Motion Carried

Minutes Recorded By: Jamie Yurcina 7.24.2023
Minutes Prepared By: Nora Janicki 7.25.2023