



TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Beaver County, Pennsylvania
May 28th, 2024
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

7:05 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 Vice President Joe Kusnir. Mr. Kusnir indicated that the meeting is being recorded.

7:05 P.M. **Pledge of Allegiance**

7:05 P.M. **Roll Call**
President Richard Bufalini –Absent
Vice President Joe Kusnir – In Attendance
Commissioner Nick DiPietro – In Attendance
Commissioner Barbara Michna – Absent
Commissioner Kara Rubino– 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**
Vice President Kusnir announced that the Tax Collector's Report and the Treasurer's Report is available for public inspection at the Municipal Building.

Commissioner DiPietro: Motion to approve the April 22nd, 2024, Business Meeting minutes.

Commissioner Rubino: Second the Motion.

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

Commissioner Kusnir: Motion to approve the List of Bills dated May 28th, 2024, as presented: General Fund \$40,874.02; Sewer Fund \$19,470.68; Sewer Construction Fund \$1,017.50; State ARPA Fund \$32,588.50; and Equipment Fund \$16,720.38.

Commissioner Rubino: Second the Motion.



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

Commissioner Rubino: Motion to rehire Riley Lewis and Laney Lewis as Park Rec Coordinators at a rate of \$15.25/hr.

Commissioner DiPietro: Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Commissioner Kusnir: Motion to rehire Abbey Andrews, Vicky Dong, Jordan Glumac, Isabella Hage, Madison Krah, Zachary Landry, Isabella Leseiko, Trevor Lubert, Ean Maxwell, and Abigail Oldham as Seasonal Park Recreation employees at a rate of \$10.25/hr.

Commissioner DiPietro: Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Commissioner DiPietro: Motion to hire Isabella Ceccarelli, Addison Davis, Haley Hineman, Kendall Hineman, Briana Inderelst, Sky Ross and Matthew Yeager as Seasonal Park employees at a rate of \$10.00/hr.

Commissioner Rubino: Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Rubino	Yes
Commissioner Michna	Absent
Commissioner DiPietro	Yes



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Commissioner Kusnir Yes
Commissioner Bufalini Absent
Motion Carried

Commissioner Kusnir: Motion to hire Chrissy Abiraj-Rubino as a full time Community Outreach at a rate of \$17.00/hr. Official hire date is 06/03/2024.

Commissioner DiPietro: Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote:
Commissioner Rubino
Commissioner Michna
Commissioner DiPietro
Commissioner Kusnir
Commissioner Bufalini
Motion Carried

Commissioner Rubino: Motion to hire Douglas Rogers as part time Park Maintenance at a rate of \$14.00/hr.

Commissioner DiPietro: Second the Motion.

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

Commissioner Kusnir: Motion to hire Kenneth Gorton as Alternate Depository Guard at a rate of \$10.00/hr.

Commissioner Rubino: Second the Motion.

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

Commissioner DiPietro: Motion to approve the purchase of parcel 65-002-0110-000-01-1 to Chris Pritt from the Repository, forgiving all taxes prior to and including 2023.

Commissioner Rubino: Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote:



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

Commissioner DiPietro: Motion to approve Miles Newton as a School Resource Officer starting with the 2024-2025 school year. SRO pay rate of \$39.54/hr. while performing SRO duties. The regular rate will be paid when the SRO is performing non-SRO services, based on Resolution 2023-08, approved May 8th, 2023.

Commissioner Rubino: Second the Motion.

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

Commissioner Kusnir: Motion to approve pay application #2 for the 2023 Road Program to Youngblood Paving Inc., upon conditional approval from HRG Inc. in the amount of \$860,667.71.

Commissioner Rubino: Second the Motion.

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

Commissioner Kusnir: Motion to approve Resolution 2024-05. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR A DCED GREENWAYS, TRAIL, AND RECREATION PROGRAM (GTRP) GRANT.

Commissioner DiPietro: Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote:
Commissioner Rubino Yes
Commissioner Michna Absent
Commissioner DiPietro Yes



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Commissioner Bufalini Absent
Motion Carried

7:14 P.M. **Commissioner's Reports**

7:14 P.M. **Department Reports**

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

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

7:27 P.M. **New Business**

No New Business

7:27 P.M. **Old Business**

No Old Business.

7:28 P.M. **Citizen's Forum**

Sandy Giordano, 3965 Washington St., Hopewell Township

Mrs. Giordano commented on the prompt response from the Police Department to her call regarding fireworks over the weekend. She then questioned the amount of cars parked on, and adjacent to, Washington St. Chief Sedlacek confirmed they would keep an eye on the situation.

Kelly Tocci, 4416 S. Beverly Dr. Hopewell Township

Ms. Tocci represented two different groups of people and voiced her concerns regarding three properties in the township. Ms. Tocci described the deplorable condition of 1201 Euclid Ave. Repeated complaints of the house have not remedied the situation and she is asking the Township Solicitor to take action at the common pleas level.

Mr. Bates confirmed that he has notified the homeowner repeatedly, sited them and took them to the magistrate. The homeowner was fined and found guilty of the charges filed. When no action was taken to correct the issues, Mr. Bates forwarded the case to Solicitor Mike Jones for legal action.

Mr. Jones confirmed he will file a complaint to start additional proceedings.

Another property addressed by Ms. Tocci 4406 S. Beverly Dr., Concerns centered on dilapidated vehicles, and lack of overall upkeep. Mr. Bates confirmed that enforcement notices were sent. Mr. Jones asked Police Chief Sedlacek to follow up with a citation. Ms. Tocci asked that it be escalated to the common pleas court.

Ms. Tocci also discussed 4401 S. Beverly Dr. An oversized truck and trailer have been parked at the bend in the road, 24/7, causing a safety hazard. Mr. Jones suggested to start by citing the homeowner.



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Sam Giordano, 3965 Washington St., Hopewell Township
Mr. Giordano concerns revolve around careless drivers.

Bob Milchalko, 1019 Crissman Dr., Hopewell Township
Mr. Michalko is following up on his request from the Workshop Meeting held 5/13/2024 for a survey of his property on Crissman Dr. from HRG, Inc.
HRG Inc. confirmed that it was brought to the meeting for Mr. Michalko's review.

He also asked for an explanation to the decision to not move the road from it's current location. HRG explained the Township's position on the location of the road and the right of way.

Sandy Giordano, 3965 Washington St., Hopewell Township
Mrs. Giordano asked if anything can be done about the road condition behind the Hopewell Shopping Center. Mr. Yurcina commented that it is private property and should not be used by residents.

7:54 P.M. **Announcements**
Please visit our website at www.hopewelltpw.com, and our Facebook page for updates on Hopewell Township news and events.

7:54 P.M. **Executive Session-Beginning**
Mr. Kusnir stated an Executive Meeting was not needed.

7:54 P.M. **Adjournment**
Commissioner Rubino: Motion to Adjourn.
Commissioner DiPietro: Second the Motion

Voice Vote:
All in Favor
Motion Carried