

**TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL  
Beaver County, Pennsylvania  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

**7:03 pm Business Meeting Called to Order by Mr. Kusnir and he announced that the meeting will be recorded**

**7:03pm PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL 7:04pm**

President Rich Bufalini Excused  
Vice President Joe Kusnir In Attendance  
Commissioner David Ciccone In Attendance  
Commissioner Nick DiPietro Absent  
Commissioner Gary Tranelli In Attendance

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Norm Kraus, Jr./ Township Manager  
Marie Stratakis Hartman/ P.E. , Engineer/Assistant Manager  
Michael B. Jones ( McMillen, Urick, Tocci, Fouse and Jones) Township Solicitor

**7:04 pm CITIZEN COMMENTS PERTAINING TO THE BUSINESS AGENDA None**

**7:04 pm PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION**  
Recreation Director Pam Fiejdasz introduced John Keck as the 2015 winner of the Robert Steigerwald "Volunteer of the Year" Award. Vice President Joe Kusnir read Resolution 2015-12, which was passed by the Board of Commissioners in the business agenda portion of the meeting. Mr. Keck was being honored for his volunteer work with the Park Board, as well as all of the volunteer work he has done to benefit Hopewell Community Park.

**7:14 pm BUSINESS AGENDA**

Mr. Ciccone Motion to approve the Business Meeting Minutes of June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015.  
Mr. Tranelli Second the Motion

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Tranelli Yes  
Mr. Ciccone Yes  
Mr. DiPietro Absent  
Mr. Kusnir Yes  
Mr. Bufalini Excused  
Motion Carried

Mr. Ciccone Motion to approve the Workshop Meeting Minutes of June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
Mr. Kusnir Second the Motion

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Tranelli Abstain  
Mr. Ciccone Yes

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Mr. DiPietro Absent  
Mr. Kusnir Yes  
Mr. Bufalini Excused  
Motion Carried

Mr. Tranelli Motion to approve the list of bills dated July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015, as stated; General Fund; \$57,084.78 and Sewer Fund; \$69, 326.07.  
Mr. Ciccone Second the Motion

Roll Call Vote  
Mr. Tranelli Yes  
Mr. Ciccone Yes  
Mr. DiPietro Absent  
Mr. Kusnir Yes  
Mr. Bufalini Excused  
Motion Carried

Mr. Ciccone Motion to pass Resolution 2015-11 enabling Hopewell to secure grant monies through the DUI Grant Program, as set up by the Hopewell Township Police Department.  
Mr. Tranelli Second the Motion

Roll Call Vote  
Mr. Tranelli Yes  
Mr. Ciccone Yes  
Mr. DiPietro Absent  
Mr. Kusnir Yes  
Mr. Bufalini Excused  
Motion Carried

Mr. Kusnir Motion to Approve the June 2015 Tax Collector's Report for the Tax Year 2015  
Mr. Tranelli Second the Motion

Roll Call Vote  
Mr. Tranelli Yes  
Mr. Ciccone Yes  
Mr. DiPietro Absent  
Mr. Kusnir Yes  
Mr. Bufalini Excused  
Motion Carried

Mr. Ciccone Motion to fulfill the \$10,000.00 gift pledge to the B. F. Jones Library for the year 2015, as was initially approved by the Board of Commissioners with the 2015 Budget, under line item 01-450-520.

Roll Call Vote  
Mr. Tranelli Yes  
Mr. Ciccone Yes  
Mr. DiPietro Absent  
Mr. Kusnir Yes  
Mr. Bufalini Excused  
Motion Passed

Mr. Ciccone Motion to pass Resolution 2015-13, setting up accounts in both the general and sewer bank Ledgers with regards to the 2014 Bond Issue with Wesbanco, the Township's bank for business.  
Mr. Tranelli Second the Motion

Roll Call Vote

Mr. Tranelli Yes  
Mr. Ciccone Yes  
Mr. DiPietro Absent  
Mr. Kusnir Yes  
Mr. Bufalini Excused

Motion Passed

Mr. Ciccone Motion to pass Resolution 2015-12 honoring John Keck as the Robert Steigerwald Volunteer of the Year award winner for his work serving as a member of the Park Board since 2011 and all the work he has done to benefit Hopewell Park.

Mr. Tranelli Second the Motion

Roll Call Vote

Mr. Tranelli Yes  
Mr. Ciccone Yes  
Mr. DiPietro Absent  
Mr. Kusnir Yes  
Mr. Bufalini Excused

Motion Carried

At this point in the Business Agenda, Vice President Joe Kusnir turned over the meeting to Solicitor Mike Jones, who would conduct a hearing to field public comments on action being taken by the Board of Commissioners this evening on Ordinance 2015-01. This Ordinance is with regards Hopewell Township adopting floodplain management regulations to promote public health, safety, and the general welfare of its citizenry. This Ordinance and hearing were advertised in the July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015 edition of the Beaver County Times by Solicitor Jones. This Ordinance is pursuant of the enacted Pennsylvania Flood Plain Act. Mr. Jones has also filed this Ordinance on behalf of Hopewell Township in the Beaver County Law Library. Mr. Jones pointed out that the final version of Ordinance 2015-01 has one change, that being on page 14/ Section 4.04/ Point #5. The payment for application for the permit is to be made out to Hopewell Township, not the BCCD. The Ordinance must be passed in order for township residents to be eligible for food insurance on new and existing properties. It must be adopted by August 17<sup>th</sup> for Flood Plain Management Areas, which is why the hearing was being held tonight. Mr. Jones asked if there were any questions or comments from those in attendance or from the BOC. There being none, he closed the hearing and commented the Board of Commissioners could take action on the Ordinance:

Mr. Tranelli Motion to pass Ordinance 2015-01, an Ordinance of the Township of Hopewell, requiring all persons, partnerships, businesses and corporations, to obtain a permit for any construction or development, providing for the issuance of such permits, setting forth certain minimum requirements for new construction and development within areas of Hopewell Township, which are subject to flooding, and establishing penalties for persons who fail, or refuse to comply, with, the requirements or provisions of this ordinance.

Mr. Ciccone Second the Motion

Roll Call Vote

Mr. Tranelli Yes  
Mr. Ciccone Yes  
Mr. DiPietro Absent  
Mr. Kusnir Yes  
Mr. Bufalini Excused

Motion Carried

7:25 pm COMMISSIONERS REPORTS NONE

7:27 pm THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENT REPORTS WERE GIVEN AND ARE ON FILE

7:35pm **OLD BUSINESS** NONE

7:35pm **NEW BUSINESS** NONE

7:35pm **PUBLIC FORUM**

**Stan Sassic/ 1619 Patrick Henry Drive.**

Mr. Sassic expressed concern over big trees falling over power lines near the PDQ on Route 151. The high tension wires have tree limbs leaning on them by PDQ and on other spots along Route 151. Mr. Kusnir said that Mr. Kraus or Mrs. Hartman would follow up. Mr. Sassic added that PennDot had previously done some road work/trimming, and left clippings and branches. That will also be part of the follow-up on this inquiry.

**Linda Helms/ B.F. Jones Librarian**

Linda thanked the Board of Commissioners for the gift of \$10,000 for the library that was acted on and ratified to go out to the library this evening in the Business Agenda. She announced the Friday activities in August the library is sponsoring for children at the township building. She thanked the BOC for allowing Mr. Kraus to serve on the Library Board of Directors and provide his knowledge and insight on the board.

**Rosalee Steigerwald/ Sohn Road**

Mrs. Steigerwald asked about the handicap lift not working at the township building. Mrs. Hartman explained that it has not been working for many years and the cost to replace it is quite expensive. The township can have a meeting downstairs to provide for handicapped people, or make other arrangements,if needed.

**Earl Fluharty/ 158 Bethlehem Church Road**

Mr. Fluharty questioned Zoning Officer John Bates about the oil tanks sitting on the neighbor's property, an ongoing issue that he has been questioning Mr. Bates on for some time. Mr. Bates commented that he had called DEP and inquired about the safety factors for these tanks and what the state might have on them in the way of age, what's contained in them, etc. He said it's an ongoing process and would let Mr. Fluharty know when he found out further information.

7:44pm **OLD BUSINESS/ NONE**

7:44pm **NEW BUSINESS/ NONE**

7:44pm **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Please check our website at [www.hopewelltp.com](http://www.hopewelltp.com), our Facebook page, and Twitter, for updates on Township news and events.

7:45pm **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Ciccone Motion to adjourn  
Mr. Tranelli Second the motion  
Voice Vote: All in favor  
Motion Carried

Minutes Recorded by: Norm Kraus 7/27/2015  
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