



TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Beaver County, Pennsylvania
September 23rd, 2024
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

7:13 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 Bufalini. Mr. Bufalini indicated that this meeting is being recorded.

7:11 P.M. **Pledge of Allegiance**

7:11 P.M. **Roll Call**
President Richard Bufalini – In Attendance
Vice President Joe Kusnir – In Attendance
Commissioner Nick DiPietro – In Attendance
Commissioner Barbara Michna – In Attendance
Commissioner Kara Rubino – In Attendance

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

7:12 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 Kusnir: Motion to approve the August 26th, 2024, Business Meeting Minutes.

Commissioner Rubino: Second the Motion.

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

Commissioner DiPietro: Motion to approve the List of Bills dated September 23rd, 2024, as presented: General Fund \$256,249.31; Sewer Fund \$64,082.42; State Fund \$16,455.83; Sewer Construction Fund \$3,915.00

Commissioner Bufalini: Second the Motion.



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Roll Call Vote:

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

Commissioner Kusnir: Motion to approve a payment of \$75,888.64 to the Hopewell Township Volunteer Fire Department per the Fire Relief Fund from the State of Pennsylvania.

Commissioner Michna: Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Commissioner Bufalini: Motion to approve a payment that is appropriated to the Hopewell Township Volunteer Fire Department for the year of 2024 at \$178,506.00.

Commissioner DiPietro: Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Commissioner Bufalini: Motion to approve a payment of \$11,856.00 to Edgewood Welding for a new hydraulic system on truck #5.

Commissioner DiPietro: Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Commissioner DiPietro: Motion to approve Resolution 2024-15. A RESOLUTION



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OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL, BEAVER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA APPROVING THE YURKOVICH SUBDIVISION PLAN INVOLVING THE SUBDIVISION OF ONE (1) LOT, TAX PARCEL NO. 65-008-0116.000 (26101 WOODBINE ROAD) INTO TWO (2) LOTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ZONING ORDINANCE AND SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE.

Commissioner Kusnir:

Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Commissioner Kusnir:

Motion to approve the proposal for the replacement of the Wickham Village Sewage Treatment Plant UV System for \$154,900.00

Commissioner Michna:

Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Commissioner Michna:

Motion to promote Derek Merendo to Park Grounds & Maintenance Supervisor at a rate of \$18.74/hr. Retroactive to August 1, 2024.

Commissioner Bufalini:

Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Commissioner DiPietro:

Motion to hire Rachel Yuhasz as a full-time Human Resources Generalist at a rate of \$17.00/hr. Official hire



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date is October 14th, 2024.

Commissioner Rubino:

Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Commissioner Kusnir:

Motion to approve the payment to Servpro Beaver County for the restoration of 5132 Wickham Street basement due to an improper sewer line replacement by WD. Wright. In the amount of \$7,342.08.

Commissioner Bufalini:

Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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

7:19 P.M. **Commissioner's Reports**
 No Commissioner's Reports

7:19 P.M. **Department Reports**
 The various Department Reports were given and are on file at the Hopewell Township Municipal Building.

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

7:31 P.M. **New Business**
 No New Business

7:31 P.M. **Old Business**
 No Old Business.

7:31 P.M. **Citizen's Forum**
Amy Komack – 3009 Harding Avenue, Hopewell Township
 Mrs. Komack is concerned about the Shopping Center, B+B Auto's Junk Cars.



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John Bates, our Zoning officer responded by letting Miss Amy know that a letter was sent to B+B Auto and another Enforcement Letter would be sent out.

Sheryl Hodnicki – 3008 Harding Avenue, Hopewell Township

Mrs. Hodonicki mentioned B+B was blocking the mailbox a few months ago, but they have since moved the vehicles.

Mrs. Hodonicki is curious on how she can find out what is going on in the Township
Jamie Yurcina the Township Manager - referred to the calendar, the meetings and all the Websites for news and information pertaining to the Township.

Mrs. Hodonicki is concerned with Sunset Hills Roads and End of Wilson being in bad shape, she would like them paved.

Jamie Yurcina the Township Manager - mentioned they are being paved in the next couple of weeks.

Mrs. Hodonicki wanted to know about the new playground.

Jamie Yurcina the Township Manager - responded that construction would begin at the beginning of the year.

HRG responded that we should be done by April or May after we install all the equipment, and the contractor is E2 Landscaping.

Mrs. Hodonicki wanted to know if changes to the school district would impact on the Township.

Jamie Yurcina the Township Manager – stated it would not.

Robert Michalo – 1019 Crissman Avenue, Hopewell Township

Mr. Michalo questioned why after we paved there is a tar and chip process.

HRG – Responded that it helps with skid resistance, seals and gives the roads longevity.

Dan Caton – Fire Department President, Hopewell Township

Invited everyone to an Open House – Saturday 28th from 12PM – 3:30PM.

Nicholas Klutka – 1121 Fairlane Drive, Hopewell Township

Mr. Klutka has concerns about the road conditions and the assisted living home addition on Fairlane Drive.

Jamie Yurcina the Township Manager – Addressed that he received a letter from PA Dot, stating they will pave Chapel Road very soon.

John Bates the Zoning officer – stated that the assisted living home addition was legally remodeled.

7:50 P.M.

Announcements



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Events at Hopewell for October include the Fall festival, October 5th between 10AM – 2PM, Brady’s Run Recycle Center, How to Safely Dispose of Household Chemicals, Saturday October 12th, between 9AM – 1PM and Halloween, Thursday, October 31st between 6PM – 8PM.

Please visit our website at www.hopewelltp.com, and our Facebook page for updates on Hopewell Township news and events.

7:51 P.M.

Executive Session-Beginning

No Executive session currently. They are having a Budget Meeting.

7:52 P.M.

Adjournment

Commissioner Kusnir: Motion to Adjourn.

Commissioner DiPietro: Second the Motion

Voice Vote:

All in Favor

Motion Carried

Minutes Recorded By: Jamie Yurcina 9.23.2024
Minutes Prepared By: Chrissy Rubino 9.24.2024