



**TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL**  
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**Beaver County, Pennsylvania**  
**January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026**  
**REORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES**

**HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP**  
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REORGANIZATION MEETING**

The reorganization meeting of the Hopewell Township Board of Commissioners was held on Monday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 7:00 P.M. at the Hopewell Township Municipal Building, Clark Boulevard, Aliquippa, PA 15001.

**7:00 P.M.** District Magistrate Felicia Santillan swears in newly elected officials Commissioners, Robert Williams, Joe Kusnir and Barb Michna and our Tax Collector Diane Palsa.

**7:09 P.M** The meeting was called to order by Jamie Yurcina, Township Manager.

**7:10 P.M     ROLL CALL – COMMISSIONERS**

Mr. Williams - Present  
Mrs. Rubino - Present  
Mr. DiPietro - Present  
Mrs. Michna - Present  
Mr. Kusnir – Present

**7:10 P.M Manager:** In accordance with the First-Class Township Code, the Township Commissioners shall organize each even numbered year, at which time the Manager shall chair the meeting until such time as a President of the Board of Commissioners is nominated.

**Manager:** Is there a motion to appoint the President of the Board of Commissioners?

**Mr. DiPietro:** Motion to appoint Joe Kusnir as President.

**Mrs. Michna:** Second the Motion

Roll Call Vote:     Mr. Williams - Yes  
                          Mrs. Rubino - Yes  
                          Mr. DiPietro - Yes  
                          Mrs. Michna - Yes  
                          Mr. Kusnir – Yes

Motion Carried



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Let the record reflect that Joe Kusnir is President of the Hopewell Township Board of Commissioners.

**The chair will now be turned over to the President of the Board of Commissioners Joe Kusnir.**

President Kusnir thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve as President again with this Board of Commissioners.

**Mr. Kusnir:** Is there a motion to appoint the Vice President of the Board of Commissioners?

**Mr. DiPietro:** Motion to appoint Nick Dipietro as Vice President. (Amended)

**Mrs. Michna:** Second the motion.

Roll Call Vote:      Mr. Williams - Yes  
                             Mrs. Rubino - Yes  
                             Mr. DiPietro - Yes  
                             Mrs. Michna - Yes  
                             Mr. Kusnir – Yes

Motion Carried

**Mr. Kusnir:** Is there a motion to appoint the Vice President of the Board of Commissioners?

**Mr. DiPietro:** Motion to appoint Barb Michna as Vice President.

**Mrs. Michna:** Second the motion.

Roll Call Vote:      Mr. Williams - No  
                             Mrs. Rubino - Yes  
                             Mr. DiPietro - No  
                             Mrs. Michna - Yes  
                             Mr. Kusnir – No

Motion Carried

**Mr. Kusnir:** Is there a motion to appoint the Vice President of the Board of Commissioners?

**Mr. DiPietro:** Motion to appoint Nick Dipietro as Vice President.

**Mrs. Michna:** Second the motion.



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Roll Call Vote:      Mr. Williams - Yes  
                             Mrs. Rubino - Yes  
                             Mr. DiPietro - Abstain  
                             Mrs. Michna - Yes  
                             Mr. Kusnir – Yes

Motion Carried

Let the record reflect that Nick DiPietro is Vice President of the Board of Commissioners.

**7:11 P.M REORGANIZATION MEETING AGENDA**

**Mr. Kusnir:** Motion to designate WesBanco as primary bank depository.

**Mr. DiPietro:** Second the motion.

Roll Call Vote:      Mr. Williams - Yes  
                             Mrs. Rubino - Yes  
                             Mr. DiPietro - Yes  
                             Mrs. Michna - Yes  
                             Mr. Kusnir – Yes

Motion Carried

**Mrs. Michna:** Motion to designate the Beaver County Times as the official primary newspaper for advertisements and notifications.

**Mr. DiPietro:** Second the motion.

Roll Call Vote:      Mr. Williams - Yes  
                             Mrs. Rubino - Yes  
                             Mr. DiPietro - Yes  
                             Mrs. Michna - Yes  
                             Mr. Kusnir – Yes

Motion Carried



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**Mr. Williams:** Motion to re-appoint McMillen, Urick, Tocci & Jones as Township Solicitor.  
**Mr. DiPietro:** Second the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Williams - Yes  
Mrs. Rubino - Yes  
Mr. DiPietro - Yes  
Mrs. Michna - Yes  
Mr. Kusnir – Yes

Motion Carried

**Mr. DiPietro:** Motion to re-appoint Hurbert, Rowland and Grubic, Inc as Township Engineer.  
**Mr. Williams:** Second the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Williams - Yes  
Mrs. Rubino - Yes  
Mr. DiPietro - Yes  
Mrs. Michna - Yes  
Mr. Kusnir – Yes

Motion Carried

**Mr. Kusnir:** Motion to re-appoint Mark C. Turnley, CPA to serve as Township independent Auditor.  
**Mrs. Michna:** Second the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Williams - Yes  
Mrs. Rubino - Yes  
Mr. DiPietro - Yes  
Mrs. Michna - Yes  
Mr. Kusnir – Yes

Motion Carried



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**Mr. Williams:** Motion to re-appoint the EADS Group, Inc. by Anthony DiPippa, as the Hopewell Township Septic Enforcement Officer.

**Mr. DiPietro:** Second the motion.

Roll Call Vote:       Mr. Williams - Yes  
                              Mrs. Rubino - Yes  
                              Mr. DiPietro - Yes  
                              Mrs. Michna - Yes  
                              Mr. Kusnir – Yes

Motion Carried

**Mr. Kusnir:** Motion to designate Commissioner Barb Michna as Hopewell Township's COG delegate and Commissioner Joe Kusnir as Alternate COG Delegate.

**Mr. DiPietro:** Second the motion.

Roll Call Vote:       Mr. Williams - Yes  
                              Mrs. Rubino - Yes  
                              Mr. DiPietro - Yes  
                              Mrs. Michna - Yes  
                              Mr. Kusnir – Yes

Motion Carried

**Mr. DiPietro:** Motion to re-appoint Dean Aires to the Civil Service Commission for a 6-year term.

**Mr. Williams:** Second the motion.

Roll Call Vote:       Mr. Williams - Yes  
                              Mrs. Rubino - Yes  
                              Mr. DiPietro - Yes  
                              Mrs. Michna - Yes  
                              Mr. Kusnir – Yes

Motion Carried



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**Mr. Kusnir:** Motion to designate Ron Sullivan to the Vacancy Board.

**Mrs. Michna:** Second the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Williams - Yes  
Mrs. Rubino - Yes  
Mr. DiPietro - Yes  
Mrs. Michna - Yes  
Mr. Kusnir – Yes

Motion Carried

**7:21 PM      PUBLIC FORUM    NONE**

**7:21 PM      ADJOURNMENT:**

**Mr. Kusnir:** Motion to adjourn.

**Mrs. Michna:** Second the motion.

All voice voted in favor to adjourn the meeting.

Minutes Recorded by Jamie Yurcina 1/5/2026  
Minutes Prepared by Chrissy Rubino 1/8/2026