



TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Beaver County, Pennsylvania
January 12th, 2026
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

6:30 P.M. Workshop Meeting, held in the Township Municipal Building located at 1700 Clark Boulevard, Hopewell Township, was called to Order by President Joe Kusnir, Mr. Kusnir announced that the meeting is being recorded.

6:30 P.M. **Roll Call**
President Joe Kusnir – In Attendance
Vice President Nick DiPietro – In Attendance
Commissioner Barbara Michna – In Attendance
Commissioner Kara Rubino – Absent
Commissioner Robert Williams – In Attendance

Others Present
Jamie Yurcina, Township Manager and HRG Engineers

6:30 P.M. **Citizens' Comments on Agenda Items**
No Citizens' Comments

6:33 P.M. **Business Agenda**

Commissioner Michna: Motion to approve the Workshop Meeting Minutes from December 8th, 2025.

Commissioner Kusnir: Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Williams	Abstain
Commissioner Rubino	Absent
Commissioner Michna	Yes
Commissioner DiPietro	Yes
Commissioner Kusnir	Yes
Motion Carried	

Commissioner Kusnir: Motion to approve the list of bills dated January 12th, 2026, as presented: General Fund; \$121,140.15, Sewer Fund \$48,471.98, General Reserve Fund \$13,370.27, State Fund \$59,385.08 and Sewer Construction Fund \$23,210.00.

Commissioner Williams: Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Williams	Yes
Commissioner Rubino	Absent
Commissioner Michna	Yes
Commissioner DiPietro	Yes
Commissioner Kusnir	Yes
Motion Carried.	



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Commissioner Williams: Motion to approve Change Order 01 for the 2025 Paving Project in the amount of \$99,641.76.

Commissioner DiPietro: Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Williams	Yes
Commissioner Rubino	Absent
Commissioner Michna	Yes
Commissioner DiPietro	Yes
Commissioner Kusnir	Yes
Motion Carried.	

Commissioner Kusnir: Motion to approve Pay Application #2 from Youngblood Paving for the 2025 Paving Program in the amount of \$961,384.92.

Commissioner DiPietro: Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Williams	Yes
Commissioner Rubino	Absent
Commissioner Michna	Yes
Commissioner DiPietro	Yes
Commissioner Kusnir	Yes
Motion Carried.	

Commissioner Kusnir: Motion to approve a proposal from HRG for the 2026 Paving Program.

Commissioner Williams: Second the Motion. (Tabled)

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Williams	Yes
Commissioner Rubino	Absent
Commissioner Michna	Yes
Commissioner DiPietro	Yes
Commissioner Kusnir	Yes
Motion Carried.	



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Commissioner Michna: Motion to approve the purchase of playground equipment and accessories for Woodlawn and Sharon Grange Parks based on the quotes received from Jeffrey Associates.

Commissioner Williams: Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Williams	Yes
Commissioner Rubino	Absent
Commissioner Michna	Yes
Commissioner DiPietro	Yes
Commissioner Kusnir	Yes
Motion Carried.	

Solicitor, Mike Jones – stated we should postpone this motion to the 1/26/2026 Business Meeting due to inadequate information.

Commissioner: Motion to approve the Change Orders for the Wickham Village WPCF Upgrades Project. (Postponed to the 1/26 Business Meeting)

Commissioner Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Williams	
Commissioner Rubino	
Commissioner Michna	
Commissioner DiPietro	
Commissioner Kusnir	
Motion Carried.	

Commissioner Williams: Motion to appoint Jacob Strano to the Planning Commission for a (3)-year term, effective January 1st, 2026, through December 31st, 2028.

Commissioner Michna: Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Williams	Yes
Commissioner Rubino	Absent
Commissioner Michna	Yes
Commissioner DiPietro	Yes
Commissioner Kusnir	Yes
Motion Carried.	



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Commissioner DiPietro: Motion to appoint Pamela Keczmer to the Planning Commission for a (4)- year term, effective January 1st, 2026, through December 31st, 2029.

Commissioner Williams: Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Williams	Yes
Commissioner Rubino	Absent
Commissioner Michna	Yes
Commissioner DiPietro	Yes
Commissioner Kusnir	Yes
Motion Carried.	

Commissioner Kusnir: Motion to appoint Daniel Steele to the Planning Commission for a four (4)-year term, effective January 1st, 2026, through December 31st, 2029.

Commissioner Williams: Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Williams	Yes
Commissioner Rubino	Absent
Commissioner Michna	Yes
Commissioner DiPietro	Yes
Commissioner Kusnir	Yes
Motion Carried.	

HRG – Kristen Vasilakis – explained the proposal for the 2026 Paving Program.

Commissioner Kusnir: Motion to approve a proposal from HRG for the 2026 Paving Program.

Commissioner Williams: Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Williams	Yes
Commissioner Rubino	Absent
Commissioner Michna	Yes
Commissioner DiPietro	Yes
Commissioner Kusnir	Yes
Motion Carried.	



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6:41 P.M. **Solicitor's Report**

No solicitor's report currently. We need to discuss the Fire Personnel and the Police Personnel.

6:41 P.M. **Engineer's Report**

Engineer's Report was Discussed, Submitted, and is on File.

6:53 P.M. **Items for Discussion**

Commissioner, Robert Williams – stated that he will be going to the Hopewell Shopping Center to discuss how the property may be sublet for office space.

Commissioner, Barb Michna – requested discussion regarding the Mount Vernon Playground and asked whether maintenance can be discontinued.

Township Manager, Jamie Yurcina – stated that he does not recall any agreement in which the Township assumed responsibility for the playground.

President, Joe Kusnir asked **Solicitor, Mike Jones** whether the Homeowners Association should be notified that the Township will no longer maintain the park, as it is not Township-owned.

Solicitor, Mike Jones – advised that the Homeowners Association should be notified.

7:04 P.M. **Citizens Forum**

Don Wright – 3002 Park Ave, Aliquippa, Beaver County, PA, 15001.

Mr. Wright – is curious to know if Friends with Hopewell Park can get a grant for a project to rebuild the deck. Mr. Wright is asking for advice on getting a Grant.

President, Joe Kusnir – Responded we would have to approve a project first to get a grant.

HRG – responded that we need to know if it is a rebuild or a new one to get paperwork going.

Joe Dornick – 5417 Martin Street, Hopewell Township, Beaver County, PA, 15001.

Mr. Dornick – is concerned about the Ordinance that was amended pertaining the Revival Church moving from Moon to Hopewell. Why are the zoning laws changed?

President, Joe Kusnir – Responded that we have already gone through all the stipulations and we did amend the Ordinance. We gave them some conditions.

Solicitor, Mike Jones – Answered they are required to comply with codes such as noise, health, safety and are not allowed any temporary set up outside. They must be inside the building. We have a sound ordinance.

Samantha Dornick (daughter) - 5417 Martin Street, Hopewell Township, Beaver County, PA, 15001.

Miss Dornick – is upset and worried about the Revival Church Assembly because her parents are older and do not want them to be upset with noise in the backyard and traffic.

Township Manager, Jamie Yurcina – Please call 911 if it gets too loud. They will be there in 5 minutes.



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John Swetz - 393 Moon Clinton Road, Coraopolis, PA, 15108

Mr. Swetz – wanted to know if he can follow up on his approval for his Lot Consolidation Plan for Edgewood.

HRG – Responded that they sent out a letter on 12/16/2025 and did not hear back yet. As soon as we hear back, we will get it moving.

7:24 P.M. **New Business**
No New Business

7:24 P.M. **Old Business**
No Old Business

7:25 P.M. **Executive Session Beginning**
Executive Session Needed at this time to discuss the Fire and Police personnel.

8:20 P.M. **Executive Session Ended**
No Action Needed at this time

8:21 P.M. **Adjournment**
Commissioner Michna: Motion to Adjourn.
Commissioner DiPietro: Second the Motion.

Voice Vote:
All in Favor
Motion Carried

Minutes Recorded by: Jamie Yurcina 1.12.2026
Minutes Prepared by Chrissy Rubino 1.14.2026