



TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Beaver County, Pennsylvania
February 23rd, 2026
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

- 6:32 P.M. **Executive Session**
Executive session is needed for the sewer project on 151 and the potential litigation.
- 7:00 P.M. **Executive Session Ended**
No Need to follow up on the Executive Session
- 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 President Kusnir. Mr. Kusnir indicated that this meeting is being recorded.
- 7:05 P.M. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- 7:05 P.M. **Roll Call**
President Joe Kusnir– In Attendance
Vice President Nick DiPietro– In Attendance
Commissioner Barbara Michna – In Attendance
Commissioner Kara Rubino – In Attendance
Commissioner Robert Williams – In Attendance
- Others Present**
Michael B. Jones (McMillen, Urick, Tocci & Jones), Township Solicitor
HRG Inc., Engineering Manager Jamie Yurcina.
- 7:05 P.M. **Public Comments on Agenda Items**
No Public Comments
- 7:05 P.M. **Business Agenda**
President Kusnir announced that the Tax Collector's Report and the Treasurer's Report is available for public inspection at the Municipal Building.

Commissioner Williams: Motion to approve January 26th, 2026, Business Meeting Minutes.

Commissioner DiPietro: Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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



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Commissioner Kusnir: Motion to approve the January 2026 Financial Report as presented.

Commissioner Michna: Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Commissioner DiPietro: Motion to approve the list of Bills dated February 23rd, 2026, as presented: General Fund; \$121,159.40; Sewer Fund \$70,029.37; State Fund \$28,792.04 and the Sewer Construction Fund \$4,436.67.

Commissioner Williams: Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Commissioner Kusnir: Motion to approve Nickolas DiPietro, Barbara Michna, Kara Rubino, Robert Williams and Kimberly McClean as authorized signers and to remove Richard Bufalini and Diane Palsa as signers from the WesBanco Accounts for Hopewell Township.

Commissioner DiPietro: Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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



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Commissioner Michna: Motion to approve Nickolas DiPietro, Barbara Michna, Kara Rubino, Robert Williams and Kimberly McClean as authorized signers and to remove Richard Bufalini as a signer from the PLGIT Accounts for Hopewell Township.

Commissioner Rubino: Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Commissioner Motion to hire Danielle Svaranowic as a full-time Accounts Receivable for Hopewell Township, pending the completion of all pre-employment screening. (Tabled)

Commissioner (No Action Needed at this time)

Roll Call Vote:

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

Commissioner DiPietro: Motion to hire Kelsey Rothstein as a full-time Accounts Receivable for Hopewell Township, pending the completion of all pre-employment screening.

Commissioner Michna: Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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



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Commissioner Kusnir: Motion to finance the reimbursement for the cost of the park maintenance building and uplift up to \$175,000.00.

Commissioner Williams: Second the Motion. (Amended)

Roll Call Vote:

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

Commissioner Kusnir: Motion to authorize execution of the agreement and award Contract 2026-01, including the base bid and bid alternate, to Rudzik Excavating in the amount of \$687,931.00 contingent upon review and approval of all contractor documents by the Solicitor and the Engineer.

Commissioner DiPietro: Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Commissioner Michna: Motion to issue Notice to Proceed for Contract 2026-01 contingent upon review and approval of all contractor documents by the Solicitor and the Engineer.

Commissioner Rubino: Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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



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Commissioner DiPietro: Motion to approve a supplement from HRG for the Brodhead Road Sidewalk Extension Project.

Commissioner Williams: Second the Motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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

7:16 P.M. **Commissioner's Reports**
No Commissioner's Report at the time.

7:16 P.M. **Solicitor's Reports**
Solicitor, Mike Jones – stated he has 2 Items. One is to announce that I requested the Executive Session tonight with the Board of Commissioners to discuss potential litigation regarding Route 151 sewer project. The other one is B&B Auto. John Bates and I appeared in court in front of **Judge Shahen** on the B&B Auto. **Judge Shahen** gave an order to clean up within a 90-day period. If the order isn't followed, Mr. Heightman will receive substantial fines and an order to stop conducting business.

7:17 P.M. **Department Reports**
The various Department Reports were given and are on file at the Hopewell Township Municipal Building.

Police Chief Don Sedlacek, HRG Engineering Kristen Vasilakis, Planning and Zoning John Bates, Sewer Department Chris Thompson, Road Department Dave Kriger, Recreation Director and Volunteer Fire Department Chef Jon Cochran.

7:19 P.M. **New Business**
No New Business

7:19 P.M. **Old Business**
No Old Business



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Citizen's Forum

Robert Michalko, 2519 Wimpole Street, Aliquippa, Beaver County, PA, 15001.

Mr. Michalko – Wanted to follow up on cutting some trees down on Laird to get some sunlight on the road.

Township Manager, Jamie Yurcina – Responded that he will follow up on the cost for this project.

Steve Byrd, 2423 Mill Street, Aliquippa, Beaver County, PA, 15001.

Mr. Byrd – Suggested a picnic table at the dog park and a seasonal Port-A-John for dog owners to be able to stay close to our dogs.

The Recreational Director, Brad Batchelor - Responded that we are adding a gate, tables and a Port-A-John that will be there permanently for your convenience.

President, Joe Kusnir – reiterated that we will be adding a gate for safety reasons to make it more secure.

Mr. Byrd – asked what hours the dog park will have once the gate is installed. They also asked whether there are any plans to close the park in the spring.

Township Manager, Jamie Yurcina –The dog park hours will be from dawn till dusk. As of now we don't have any plans to close the dog park.

Katalina Georgetson, 5400 Martin Street, Aliquippa, Beaver County, PA, 15001.

Mrs. Georgetson – followed up on speed bumps on her street.

Chief of Police, Don Sedlacek - Stated that he spoke with Dave from the Road Department about the concern. They discussed adding painted lines to the roadway and evaluating what measures would be effective in conjunction with the posted speed limit. He noted that this will be implemented as soon as weather conditions permit. He further explained that rumble strips and speed bumps could create challenges for road maintenance.

President, Joe Kusnir – Added that if the painted lines plan does not prove effective, the Township will explore the installation of rumble strips that would not impede road maintenance operations.

7:38 P.M.

Announcements

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

7:38 P.M.

Adjournment

Commissioner Michna: Motion to Adjourn.

Commissioner Kusnir: Second the Motion

Voice Vote:

All in Favor
Motion Carried

Minutes Recorded By: Jamie Yurcina 2.23.2026
Minutes Prepared By: Chrissy Rubino 2.24.2026