

MINUTES
HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
February 16, 2017

Approved
3/9/17

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Sunshine Statement:

In compliance with the 'Open Public Meetings Act' this meeting was duly advertised by a notice to The Daily Journal, sent on January 6, 2017. A notice was placed on the Municipal Office bulletin board as of the same date.

Roll Call: Township Committee: Hankins, Freitag, Facemyer, Ritter, Shoemaker; Others: Lois Yarrington-Twp. Clerk/Administrator, Dylan Wulderk, Deputy Administrator, Matt Ritter-Solicitor, T. Henry Ritter-Solicitor, and Jeff Shimp, Resident.

A motion was made by Mrs. Freitag to approve the minutes from the 1/19/17 Regular Meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ritter and approved 5-0.

***DEPARTMENT & COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Administrator/Clerk:

- The Auditors began the 2016 audit on January 23rd.
- Settlement for the property at 588 Shiloh Pike is scheduled for March 1st. We will need to remove everything from the garage prior to the date of settlement.
- Quote received from Barber Consulting Services (\$2,000/year) for IT services for computers in the offices.

Assessor:

- 2017 average Ratio is 97.05%

Bostwick Lake Commission (Facemyer):

- Reorganization meeting was held Thursday January 26th at 6:30.
- Meeting dates for the year are 3/20, 5/22, 11/13 and the 2018 Reorganization meeting will be 1/25/2018.
- They are requesting a \$4,500 contribution from the Township as in the past.

Construction Dept.:

- January 2017 Permit Report (\$7,981.00)

Convenience Center:

- Repaired 1 40 yard compactor container. 2nd one will be repaired in the near future. Repairs are being completed at CCIA.
- Working on a plan to make the layout of the Convenience Center more efficient.

Dog Registrar:

- 194 licenses have been issued as of February 16, 2017

Economic Development Committee:

- Dylan will provide a report
- The 30/30 Conference will be held in March. Gary Simmermon and Tony Stanzione will be attending with Mr. Wulderk.

Hopewell/Stow Creek Fire Company:

- The Fire Company is moving forward with getting pricing for equipment for the new fire truck. The new truck should be delivered in April.
- Draft copy of the Payment Agreement with Stow Creek for the new fire truck & equipment included in your packet.

Land Use Board (Planning/ Zoning): (Shoemaker/Ritter):

- Next meeting is scheduled for March 1, 2017
- January 2017 Zoning Report (\$45.00)

Public Works/Road: (Shoemaker):

- Ford F550 frame was repaired at the CCIA
- Pruned trees in the lower end of the Township

Senior Center: (Freitag):

- No written update was available

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS:

David McCarron, Tilson Tech-Verizon Wireless. Mr. McCarron was in attendance to explain the process of completing a survey which will be used by Verizon Wireless to locate existing poles where small network nodes could be placed to enhance wireless service. In order to complete the survey, permission is needed from the Township to access the right of way. The data collected as part of the survey would not be available to the Township.

Hearing no additional comments from the public, a motion was made by Mr. Facemyer to close the public portion of the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Shoemaker.

A motion was made by Mr. Facemyer to table the Verizon Survey request. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ritter and approved 5-0.

A motion was made by Mr. Shoemaker to approve an amount not to exceed \$1,000 if the township has the need to have an individual survey residents regarding wireless service. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ritter and approved 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **COAH:** (Shoemaker)
 - 7/11/2016 Decision of Superior Court Appellate Division Overturns Affordable Housing Ruling Meaning “Gap Years’ Won’t Count in Requirements.
 - 1/18/17 Supreme Court Decision
- **Telecommunications/BPU Update:** (Facemyer)
 - BPU held Public Hearings in South Jersey
 - BPU Petition Filed 12/12/16

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinances:

2nd Reading & Public Hearing

Ordinance 17-02-Amendment to Ordinance 15-15---Bond Ordinance *The public hearing for Ordinance 17-02 was opened on a motion by Mrs. Freitag, seconded by Mr. Shoemaker. Hearing no comments from the public, the public hearing was closed on a motion by Mr. Shoemaker, seconded by Mr. Facemyer.*

**HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP
ORDINANCE 17-02**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING BOND ORDINANCE NO. 15-15 OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, CHANGING THE APPROPRIATION TO THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF \$775,000.00 AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$736,250.00 IN BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST OF THE PURCHASE OF A FIRE TRUCK FOR HOPEWELL/STOW CREEK FIRE COMPANY.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all the members thereof affirmatively concurring) DOES HEREBY AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 15-15 AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1.

The improvement described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance is hereby authorized to be undertaken by the Township of Hopewell, New Jersey as a general improvement. For the improvement or purpose described in Section 3, there is hereby appropriated the sum of money therein stated as the appropriation made for the improvement or purpose, such sum amounting in the aggregate \$775,000.00 including the aggregate sum of \$38,750.00 as the 5% down payment required by the Local Bond Law. The down payment has been made available by virtue of provision for down payment or for capital improvement purposes in one or more previously adopted budgets.

SECTION 2.

In order to finance the cost of the improvement or purpose, negotiable bonds are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$736,250.00 pursuant to the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of the bonds, negotiable bond anticipation notes are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

SECTION 3.

The improvement hereby authorized and the purpose for which the bonds are to be issued is for the partial expense of the Purchase of a Fire Truck for Hopewell/Stow Creek Fire Company. The total appropriation and estimated cost is \$775,000.00 and the maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued is \$736,256.00. The excess of the appropriation made for the purchase or purpose aforesaid over the estimated maximum amount of bonds and notes to be issued therefore, as above stated, is the amount of the down payment for the purpose.

SECTION 4.

All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer, provided that no note shall mature later than one year from its date. The notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer. The Chief Financial Officer shall determine all matters in connection with notes issued pursuant to this ordinance, and the Chief Financial Officer's signature upon the notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:2-8(a). The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the notes from

time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The Chief Financial Officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the notes pursuant to this ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate, and the maturity schedule of the notes sold, the price obtained, and the name of the purchaser.

SECTION 5.

The capital budget of the Township of Hopewell is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. The resolution in the form promulgated by the Local Finance Board is on file with the Clerk and is available there for public inspection.

SECTION 6.

The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The purpose described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance is not a current expense. It is an improvement that the Township may lawfully undertake as a capital project, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefited thereby.

(b) The period of usefulness of the improvement and the reasonable life thereof within the limitations of the Local Bond Law is 10 years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Clerk and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the Township as defined in the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds and notes provided for in this bond ordinance by \$166,250.00. The obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by that Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$10,000.00 for items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20 is included in the estimated costs indicated herein for the purpose or improvement.

SECTION 7.

Any grant moneys received for the purpose described in Section 3 hereof shall be applied either to direct payment of the cost of the improvement or to payment of the obligations issued pursuant to this ordinance. The amount of obligations authorized but not issued hereunder shall be reduced to the extent that such funds are so used.

SECTION 8.

The TOWNSHIP hereby declares the intent of the TOWNSHIP to issue the bonds or bond anticipation notes in the amount authorized in Section 2 of this bond ordinance and to use proceeds to pay or reimburse expenditures for the costs of the purpose described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance. This Section 8 is a declaration of intent within the meaning and for purposes of Treasury Regulations 1.150-2 or any successor provisions of federal income tax law.

SECTION 9.

The chief financial officer of the TOWNSHIP is hereby authorized to prepare and to update from time to time as necessary a financial disclosure document to be distributed in connection with the sale of obligations of the TOWNSHIP and to execute such disclosure document on behalf of the TOWNSHIP. The chief financial officer is further authorized to enter into the appropriate undertaking to provide secondary market disclosure on behalf of the TOWNSHIP pursuant to Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Rule") for the benefit of holders and beneficial owners of obligations of the TOWNSHIP and to amend such undertaking from time to time in connection with any change in law, of interpretation thereof, provided such undertaking is and continues to be, in the opinion of a nationally recognized bond counsel, consistent with the requirements of the Rule. In the event that the TOWNSHIP fails to comply with its undertaking, the TOWNSHIP shall not be liable for any monetary damages, and the remedy shall be limited to specific performance of the undertaking.

SECTION 10.

The full faith and credit of the TOWNSHIP are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the TOWNSHIP, and the TOWNSHIP shall be obligated to levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable real property within the TOWNSHIP for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

SECTION 11.

This bond ordinance shall take effect twenty days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

2nd Reading:

Roll Call:

	MOVED	SECONDED	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Bruce R. Hankins			X			
Paul Ritter III		X	X			
Greg Facemyer			X			
Robin Freitag			X			
Joseph Shoemaker	X		X			

Introduction

Ordinance 17-03-Redevelopment Zone A motion was made by Mr. Facemyer to table the introduction of Ordinance 17-03. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ritter and approved 5-0.

**HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP
ORDINANCE 17-04
ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS
AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK
(N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)**

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A: 4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget up to 0.5% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year’s final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of Hopewell Township in the County of Cumberland finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2017 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year’s final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the Hopewell Township Committee hereby determines that a 3.5 % increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$48,097.18 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

WHEREAS, the Hopewell Township Committee hereby determines that any amount authorized herein above that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, in the County of Cumberland, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2017 budget year, the final appropriations of the Township of Hopewell shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.5 %, amounting to \$41,226.15, and that the CY 2017 municipal budget for the Township of Hopewell be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

Roll Call Vote Introduction:

	MOVED	SECONDED	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Bruce R. Hankins			X			
Paul Ritter III	X		X			
Greg Facemyer			X			
Robin Freitag			X			
Joseph Shoemaker		X	X			

RESOLUTIONS:

***Resolution 17-19**-Authorizing Electronic Tax Sale Pilot Program

**TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND
Resolution 17-19
Resolution Authorizing Electronic Tax Sale Pilot Program**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:5-19.1 authorizes tax sales pursuant to rules and regulations to be promulgated by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services; and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Division of Local Government Services has promulgated rules and regulations for Pilot programs; and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Division of Local Government Services has approved NJ Tax Lien Investors/Real Auction.com to conduct Pilot programs; and

WHEREAS, the rules and regulations authorize a municipality to submit an application for

participation in the Pilot program for an electronic tax sale; and

WHEREAS, an electronic tax sale is innovative and provides a greater pool of potential lien buyers, thus creating the environment for a more complete tax sale process; and

WHEREAS, the municipality of the Township of Hopewell in the County of Cumberland, wishes to participate in the Pilot program for an electronic tax sale.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Hopewell Township Committee, County of Cumberland and State of New Jersey, that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to complete an application to participate in the electronic tax sale program and submit same to the Director of Local Government Services.

	MOVED	SECONDED	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Bruce R. Hankins			X			
Paul Ritter III			X			
Greg Facemyer		X	X			
Robin Freitag	X		X			
Joseph Shoemaker			X			

***Resolution 17-20**-Authorize Submitting application for FY2017 DOT Grant for River Road Section 2

**TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
CUMBERLAND COUNTY
Resolution 17-20**

**Approval to submit a grant application and execute a grant contract with the
New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Resurfacing of
River Road-Section II Project.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell formally approves the grant application for the above stated project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as MA-2017-Hopewell Township-00444 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Township of Hopewell

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Township of Hopewell and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

	MOVED	SECONDED	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Bruce R. Hankins			X			
Paul Ritter III			X			
Greg Facemyer			X			
Robin Freitag	X		X			
Joseph Shoemaker		X	X			

***Resolution 17-21**- Authorize Submitting application for FY2017 DOT Grant for Kinkle Road

**TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
CUMBERLAND COUNTY
Resolution 17-21**

**Approval to submit a grant application and execute a grant contract with the
New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Resurfacing of
Kinkle Road Project.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell formally approves the grant application for the above stated project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as MA-2017-Hopewell Township-Resurfacing of Kinkle Road- 00478 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Township of Hopewell

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Township of Hopewell and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

	MOVED	SECONDED	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Bruce R. Hankins			X			
Paul Ritter III		X	X			
Greg Facemyer			X			
Robin Freitag			X			
Joseph Shoemaker	X		X			

***Resolution 17-22**-Appoint Stephen Nardelli as Principal Public Works Manager

**TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND
Resolution 17-22**

Appointment of Principal Public Works Manager

WHEREAS, pursuant to NJSA 40A:9-154.6 et seq., the governing body of Hopewell Township is required to appoint a Principal Public Works Manager; and

WHEREAS, Stephen J. Nardelli, holds a valid Public Works Manager Certificate pursuant to NJSA 40A:-154.6c;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Hopewell Township Committee that Stephen J. Nardelli be appointed for a term expiring December 31, 2017 as Principal Public Works Manager.

	MOVED	SECONDED	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Bruce R. Hankins			X			
Paul Ritter III		X	X			
Greg Facemyer			X			
Robin Freitag	X		X			
Joseph Shoemaker			X			

*Resolution 17-23-Supporting SR100 School Funding

**Hopewell Township
Cumberland County
Resolution 17-23**

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SR-100 (ESTABLISHES SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL FUNDING FAIRNESS): EQUAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY & FAIR FUNDING FOR NEW JERSEY SCHOOLS PROPOSED BY SENATE PRESIDENT STEVE SWEENEY

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell of Cumberland County, New Jersey, does hereby find as follows:

WHEREAS, eight years ago, the School Funding Reform Act promised adequate funding to offer equal educational opportunities for all of New Jersey's schoolchildren - regardless of where they live;

WHEREAS, the School Funding Reform Act offered the promise of making real the constitutional duty of offering a "thorough and efficient" education for each and every school and that school aid would be given fairly and equitably statewide based on a formula that took into account each municipality's property tax base, its ability to pay, increases and decreases in enrollment and any special needs of the children;

WHEREAS, due to political compromises over time, New Jersey's school aid funding has grown less fair and less adequate, year after year;

WHEREAS, in order to facilitate the most efficient and effective remedy to this inadequacy, Senate President Steve Sweeney and Senator M. Teresa Ruiz, the chair of the Senate Education Committee, have been working on a plan to restore fairness and equity to New Jersey's school aid formula;

WHEREAS, SR.-100 establishes the Senate Select Committee on School Funding Fairness which has passed the Senate with bipartisan support;

WHEREAS, this committee will study the adjustment aid process, the enrollment growth cap and ether provisions set forth by the 2008 funding law to determine what revisions are needed to bring all school districts to full funding over a period of five years; and

WHEREAS, the guiding principle and the real-life goal of the Senate Select Committee on School Funding Fairness would be to bring fairness to the way we allocate school aid, and set New Jersey firmly on the path to full, fair and adequate funding in every school district in the state so that; every child is afforded an equal opportunity for a quality education.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY PROCLAIMED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell of Cumberland County, New Jersey, that Senate Select Committee on School Funding Fairness set forth by Senate President Sweeney examine the issue of inequities in state education aid and consider the impact that adjustment aid and enrollment caps have on such inequities.

	MOVED	SECONDED	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Bruce R. Hankins			X			
Paul Ritter III	X		X			
Greg Facemyer		X	X			
Robin Freitag			X			
Joseph Shoemaker			X			

*Resolution 17-24-Support for Motorcycle Events in Maurice River Twp on NJ Fish & Game Properties

**Hopewell Township
Cumberland County
Resolution 17-24**

A Resolution of Support for Motorcycle Events in Maurice River Township on New Jersey Fish and Game Properties

Whereas, the Township of Maurice River has supported organized motorcycle events for many years; and

Whereas, these events have taken place since 1968; and

Whereas, the properties utilized by the organizations over the years have ranged from privately owned, township owned and New Jersey Fish and Game owned; and

Whereas, the organizations have always been responsible in utilizing already established trails in order to protect and preserve the environment; and

Whereas, the organizations hold their members and riders to a high standard of following rules and emphasize that venues are for event use only; and

Whereas, these events provide significant economic impact for Maurice River Township and surrounding municipalities.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Township Committee of Hopewell Township supports the efforts of Maurice River Township for NJ DEP to continue to allow State lands to be used for motorcycle endure events.

Be It Further Resolved, that a copy of this Resolution will be forwarded to the Cumberland County Board of Chosen Freeholders and elected State Representatives.

	MOVED	SECONDED	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Bruce R. Hankins			X			
Paul Ritter III	X		X			
Greg Facemyer			X			
Robin Freitag			X			
Joseph Shoemaker		X	X			

Discussion Item #1- Recreation Committee Ordinance *2nd Reading and Public Hearing scheduled for March 9, 2017*

HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP

ORDINANCE 17-05

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #08-06

REGARDING THE HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP RECREATION COMMITTEE

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, County of Cumberland, and State of New Jersey, that Ordinance #08-06, adopted on January 25, 2008, is hereby amended as follows:

A. Composition: The Hopewell Township Recreation Commission shall be composed of five (5) members, who shall each be residents of Hopewell Township. All members shall serve without compensation and shall be appointed by the Mayor of Hopewell Township.

B. Vacancy: Any vacancy occurring other than by the expiration of a term shall be filled for the unexpired term, in the same manner as the original term.

C. Powers and Duties: The powers and duties of the Recreation Committee shall be:

1. To maintain a Recreation Resources Report for use by the Township Committee and Township Planning Board.

2. To advise the Township Committee regarding Ordinances which affect recreation in the Township.

3. To advise the Township Committee as to the recreational needs of the Township.

4. To advise the Township Committee concerning recreation programs and related capital improvements.

5. To advise the Township Planning Board concerning recreation and open space, including the review of any major subdivision and for planned unit development recreation plans.

6. To render an annual report to the Township Committee reporting recreation achievements, needs and issues of concern. Such annual report shall be forwarded to the Township Clerk on or before the 31st day of January of each year.

	MOVED	SECONDED	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Bruce R. Hankins			X			
Paul Ritter III	X		X			
Greg Facemyer			X			
Robin Freitag			X			
Joseph Shoemaker		X	X			

Discussion Item #2- Public Works Assisting West Cumberland Little League in preparing the fields for the beginning of the 2017 seasons. *The Township Committee was in favor of the Public Works Department assisting the WCLL in preparing the fields and grounds for the beginning of the season.*

Discussion Item #3- Request from Joe Lowry on behalf of the Verein Deutsch Drahthaar dog club to use the field portion of the park on March 18th and 19th for a Field Trial with 5 dogs on each day. *A motion was made by Mr. Ritter to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Freitag and approved 4-0 with Mayor Hankins abstaining.*

Discussion Item #4- Request from Nazarene Acres Christian School to close Old Stage Coach Road on April 8th for a 5k road race to be used to raise funds for summer camp and families in need. They have requested permission from the County to also close portions of West Park Drive, Roadstown Road, and Barrett’s Run Road. *A motion was made by Mr. Ritter to approve the closure of Old stage Coach Road with homeowners still having access to their properties as requested. The motion was seconded by Mr. Facemyer and approved 4-0 with Mr. Shoemaker voting no.*

A bill listed dated 2/12/2017 prepared by Treasurer Young was provided. Mr. Ritter made a motion to approve the bill list totaling **\$1,624,716.23** (including payroll) seconded by Mrs. Freitag approved 5-0.

Discussion Item #5- Accept the Performance Bond submitted by Bridgeton (Shiloh Pike) DG, LLC in the amount of \$361,557.60 as indicated by Steve Nardelli. *A motion was made by Mr. Facemyer to accept the Performance Bond as recommended by Mr. Nardelli. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ritter and approved 5-0.*

Discussion Item #6- Proposal from Fralinger’s in the amount of \$2,500.00 to prepare plan to include a topographic survey, obtain quotes and perform contact administration and project inspection during construction for resurfacing the intersection of Mary Elmer & Arcadia Drive. *A motion was made by Mr. Shoemaker to approve the proposal as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Freitag and approved 5-0.*

CDC: (Hankins) Steve Paul has been hired as an assistant for Mr. Stanzone to help promote economic development.

CORRESPONDENCE & NOTES & FILINGS include: **CCUA** Draft Agenda 2/16/17 Meeting **M25 Initiative** Sock Hop to benefit the Cumberland County Code Blue Coalition 3/3/2017

Solicitor’s Report No additional report.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION- Resolution 17-25-Contract Negotiations-Potential Shared Services
Hopewell Township
Executive Session
Resolution 17-25**

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, (N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 (b) (1-9), Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, permits the exclusion of the Public from a meeting under certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell is of the opinion that such circumstances do exist;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, in the County of Cumberland, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of and action upon the hereinafter specified subject matters.
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is **Contract Negotiations-Potential Shared Services**;
3. The Township Committee may take official action on the items discussed in Executive Session upon completion of the executive session.
4. The minutes of the discussion shall be made available to the public as soon as the matters under discussion are no longer of a confidential or sensitive nature.
5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

	MOVED	SECONDED	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Bruce R. Hankins			X			
Paul Ritter III			X			
Greg Facemyer	X		X			
Robin Freitag		X	X			
Joseph Shoemaker			X			

A motion was made by Mr. Facemyer to return to open session at 8:56pm. The motion was seconded by Mr. Shoemaker and approved 5-0.

**Hopewell Township
Resolution 17-26**

**Resolution Authorizing Agreement for Construction Office Shared Services
with the Township of Upper Deerfield**

WHEREAS, Hopewell Township is desirous of entering into an agreement with the Township of Upper Deerfield for Construction Office Services; and

WHEREAS, an Agreement for said services has been approved by the Township of Upper Deerfield; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell believes that it is in the best interest of the Township to have the Township of Upper Deerfield provide Construction Office Services; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, that the Mayor and Township Clerk are authorized to sign the attached shared services agreement with the Township of Upper Deerfield for Construction for the period April 1, 2017 through March 31, 2021.

ADOPTED, at a regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell held on February 16, 2017 at 6:30 pm.

	MOVED	SECONDED	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Bruce R. Hankins			X			
Paul Ritter III		X	X			
Greg Facemyer	X		X			
Robin Freitag			X			
Joseph Shoemaker				X		

Ordinance 17-06

Amendment to Construction Fees

**Hopewell Township
Cumberland County
Ordinance 17-06**

**An Ordinance Amending the Hopewell Township Construction Office Fee Schedule
Ordinance, #15-13**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, County of Cumberland, and State of New Jersey, that the Construction Office Permit Fee Schedule, Ordinance 15-13 is hereby amended in its entirety:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND THAT:

Section 1. Ordinance 15-13: "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE HOPEWELL-GREENWICH INTERLOCAL CONSTRUCTION OFFICE PERMIT FEE SCHEDULE" shall cease to read as heretofore and shall hereafter read as follows:

"Fees for construction permits and inspections.

The fee for a construction permit shall be the sum of the Subcode fees listed in Subsections A through G as set forth herein below.

STATE UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE ENFORCING AGENCY.

Section 2. Construction permits fees.

The fee for a construction permit shall be the sum of the basic construction fee plus all applicable special fees, and shall be paid before the permit is issued. Each fee shall be rounded up to the nearest dollar.

- A. Plan Review Fee. The fee for a plan review shall be 20% of the construction permit fee.
- B. Training and certification fees. The Department of Community Affairs training and certification fees shall be established by the State of New Jersey under the authority of the New Jersey Administrative Code to be computed on a per cubic foot volume for new buildings and additions and for all other construction shall be computed on a dollar amount per \$1,000 of value of construction.
- C. Building Subcode Fees. The building subcode fee shall be:

1. New Construction
 - a. The Fee for new construction shall be \$0.034 per cubic foot of volume for buildings and structures, except see Subsection C (1) (b).
2. Exceptions
 - a. For renovation, alterations and repairs, \$35.00 for the first \$1,000.00 of estimated cost and \$25.00 per \$1,000.00 or fraction thereafter.
 - b. Manufactured Homes. In accordance with NJAC 5:23-4.18(c), there are no fees for the factory built portion of the home. The fee shall be \$100.00 per \$1,000.00 of the estimated cost of site construction associated with the installation of the manufactured home.
 - c. Farm use buildings exclusively used for agriculture purposes limited to the sheltering of livestock or storage of food. The fee shall be \$0.010 per cubic foot of volume of the building or structure pursuant to the Farmland Assessment Act of 1964 with a maximum fee of \$1,443.00 per structure.
3. Combination Of Renovations And Additions
The amount shall be the sum of the fees computed separately as renovations and additions.
4. Demolition

Permit fees for demolition of buildings shall be as follows:

	Flat Fee
Single Family Dwelling.....	\$ 80.00
Garage.....	\$ 80.00
Other Use Group.....	\$150.00

5. Special Permits

(a) Swimming Pools

(1) The fee for an above ground swimming pool shall be \$125.00 for a pool with a surface area greater than 550 square feet; the fee in all other cases shall be \$65.

(2) The fee for an in-ground swimming pool shall be \$190.00 for a pool

(b) The permit fee for a permit to construct and install a sign shall be five dollars (\$4.00) per square foot, provided that the minimum fee shall be \$70.00. In the case of double faced signs, the area of the surface of only one side of the sign shall be used for purposes of the fee computation.

(c) Certificate of Occupancy: Residential - \$55.00, Residential Additions - \$55.00, Residential Storage bldgs. Over 300 square feet – \$55.00, All other use groups - \$75.00, granted pursuant to a change of use \$150.00.

(d) Certificate of Continued Occupancy – Residential - \$35.00, all other use groups \$75.00.

(e) Relocate building or structure to new location, flat fee of \$300.00. This section is applicable to structures exceeding 300 square feet, plus applicable special fees.

(f) Reinstatement of permit, \$50.00 applicable after one year of issuance date plus volume increase if applicable at time of reinstatement.

(g) Lead abatement fees. For permit \$100.00 and for Clearance Certificate \$175.00.

(h) Asbestos Abatement: \$175.00 for permit and \$50.00 for clearance certificate.

(i) Application for a variation for all use groups - \$750.00.

(j) Roofing Permits & Siding Permits - \$35.00 for the first \$1,000 and \$25.00 for each additional \$1,000.00.

(k) The fee for a temporary certificate of occupancy is \$35.00 with a fee of \$30.00 for each extension.

6. The minimum construction subcode fee shall be seventy dollars (\$70.00).

D. Plumbing Subcode Fees Shall Be:

1. Fixtures and appliances connected to the plumbing system (as listed) and gas piping systems included but not limited to:

Fixture or Appliance	Fee (each)
WATER CLOSET/BIDET/URINALS	\$15.00
BATHTUB	\$15.00
LAVATORY/SINK	\$15.00
SHOWER/FLOOR DRAIN	\$15.00
WASHING MACHINE	\$15.00
DISHWASHER	\$15.00
COMMERICAL DISHWASHER	\$15.00
HOSE BIBS	\$15.00
WATER COOLER	\$15.00
GARBAGE DISPOSAL	\$15.00
INDIRECT CONNECTION	\$15.00
VENT STACK	\$15.00
A/C CONDENSATE DRAINS	\$15.00

2. Special Devices (as listed)

Type of Device	Fee (each)
GREASE TRAPS	\$90.00
OIL SEPARATORS	\$90.00
WATER COOLED AIR CONDITIONERS	\$90.00
REFRIGERATOR UNITS	\$90.00
WATER HEATER	\$90.00
WATER UTILITY CONNECTION	\$90.00
SEWER UTILITY CONNECTION	\$90.00
BACK FLOW PREVENTORS SUBJECT TO TESTING	\$90.00
(ALL OTHERS \$15.00 when not part of fire suppression system)	
STEAM BOILERS	\$90.00
HOT WATER BOILERS	\$90.00
GAS PIPING/GAS SERVICE ENTRANCE	\$90.00
ACTIVE SOLAR SYSTEMS	\$90.00
SEWER PUMPS	\$90.00
INTERCEPTORS	\$90.00
FUEL OIL PIPING	\$90.00
GASOLINE PRODUCT PIPING	\$90.00
SUMP PUMPS	\$90.00
BOOSTER PUMPS	\$90.00
L.P. CYLINDERS	\$90.00

3. The minimum plumbing subcode fee shall be seventy dollars (\$70.00).

E. Electrical Subcode Fees Shall Be:

(1) Total number of electric fixtures and devices: This includes fixtures, switches, lighting, alarms, detectors, communication points, solar panels.

- (a) 1-50 \$50.00
- (b) For each additional 25: \$25.

(2) For each motor, generator or transformer based on KW or HP including residential appliances the fees shall be:

Number of KW/HP	Fee
1-10 KW/HP	\$ 20.00 EACH
11-50 KW/HP	\$ 60.00 EACH
51-100 KW/HP	\$120.00 EACH
101-999 KW/HP	\$300.00 EACH
>1000 KW/HP	\$600.00 EACH

(3) Services, Disconnects fees shall be:

Number of Amps	Fee
30 – 200 amp	\$60.00
201-600 amp	\$120.00
601-1000 amp	\$200.00
>1000 amp	\$300.00

- (4) Temporary Pole \$50.00
- (5) Re-intro Services \$50.00.
- (6) The electrical sub-code fee for swimming pools:

- (a) Above ground pool with or without lights \$60.00
- (b) In-ground pool with or without lights \$150.00
- (c) Yearly public pool inspections \$100.00
- (7) The minimum electrical sub-code fee shall be seventy dollars (\$70.00).
- (8) Commercial Solar PV Installations

Number of KW	Fee
1-50 KW	\$ 150.00
51-100 KW	\$ 200.00
100-1000 KW	\$ 600.00
>1000 KW	\$1,000.00

 Plus associated panels, disconnects, and solar panels.
- (9) Residential Solar PV Installations
Flat fee of \$350.00

F. The elevator fees shall be per state fees.

G. Fire Subcode Fees shall be:

1. Sprinkler System Fees:

Number of Heads or Type of System	Fee
First 20 heads	\$ 80.00
21-100 heads	\$140.00
101-200 heads	\$280.00
201-400 heads	\$600.00
401-1,000 heads	\$1,000.00
>1,000 heads	\$1,200.00
Standpipe system	\$100.00
Fire pump	\$100.00

2. Special Suppression Systems:

- (a) Range Hoods (first one) \$60.00
- Each Additional \$30.00
- (b) Large Systems \$230.00

3. Smoke control systems \$100.00

4. Exit signs per floor \$30.00

5. Emergency Lighting per floor \$30.00

6. Fire Alarms

- First six devices \$60.00
- Each Additional ten (10) devices \$25.00

7. Heat producing devices in new buildings, (fireplaces, wood stoves, furnaces, but not boilers)

- (a) One and two family (NEW) \$ 70.00
- (b) Replacements \$30.00

8. Installation of storage tanks:

- > 600 gallons \$200.00

9. The minimum fire sub-code fee shall be seventy dollars (\$70.00).

10. For any items not listed above a special fee shall be determined by the Construction Official and the appropriate Subcode Official.

This Ordinance shall become effective on April 1, 2017.

Roll Call Vote Introduction:

	MOVED	SECONDED	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Bruce R. Hankins			X			
Paul Ritter III	X		X			

Greg Facemyer		X	X			
Robin Freitag			X			
Joseph Shoemaker			X			

***Resolution 17-27**-Budget Introduction

**HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP
CUMBERLAND COUNTY, STATE OF NJ
RESOLUTION 17-27**

2017 BUDGET

WHEREAS, New Jersey State Statute N.J.S.A.40A:4-5 provides for the introduction and approval of a yearly budget for all municipalities; and,

WHEREAS, the Hopewell Township Municipal Budget is being introduced on February 16, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Auditor and Municipal Finance Officer certifies that the approved Budget annexed hereto and hereby made a part is an exact copy of the original on file with the clerk of the Governing Body, that all additions are correct, all statements contained herein are in proof, and the total of anticipated revenues equals the total of appropriations; and

WHEREAS, at least one week prior to the date of public hearing, March 23, 2017, a complete copy of the budget will be made available on the Township web-page and at the Hopewell Township Municipal building for public inspection.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that advertisement of the Budget will be at least ten days before a public hearing held at the Township Municipal Building, 590 Shiloh Pike Bridgeton, NJ at 6:30 pm. This hearing is in compliance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-1.12, being at least 28 days after introduction of the Budget.

	MOVED	SECONDED	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Bruce R. Hankins			X			
Paul Ritter III			X			
Greg Facemyer	X		X			
Robin Freitag		X	X			
Joseph Shoemaker			X			

EXECUTIVE SESSION- Resolution 17-28-Contract Negotiations-Potential Shared Services @9:18pm.

**Hopewell Township
Executive Session
Resolution 17-28**

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, (N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 (b) (1-9), Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, permits the exclusion of the Public from a meeting under certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell is of the opinion that such circumstances do exist;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, in the County of Cumberland, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of and action upon the hereinafter specified subject matters.
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is **Personnel**;
3. The Township Committee may take official action on the items discussed in Executive Session upon competition of the executive session.
4. The minutes of the discussion shall be made available to the public as soon as the matters under discussion are no longer of a confidential or sensitive nature.
5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

	MOVED	SECONDED	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Bruce R. Hankins			X			
Paul Ritter III			X			
Greg Facemyer	X		X			
Robin Freitag		X	X			
Joseph Shoemaker			X			

A motion was made by Mr. Shoemaker to return to open session at 9:27pm. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ritter and approved 5-0.

There being no additional business, a motion was made by Mrs. Freitag to adjourn at 9:28 pm. The motion was seconded by Mr. Facemyer and approved by a unanimous vote of the Committee members.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: March 9, 2017 @ 6:30 pm

Lois A. Yarrington, Township Clerk

cc:

Committee,

Township Bulletin Bd.,

Sol. T. H. Ritter, Sol. Matthew Ritter