

HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
April 16, 2020

Mayor lead everyone in a flag salute Flag Salute

Mayor read the Sunshine Statement:

In compliance with the 'Open Public Meetings Act' this meeting was duly advertised by a notice to The Daily Journal on January 9, 2020 and the South Jersey Times on January 10, 2020. A notice was placed on the Municipal Office bulletin board as of January 3, 2020 and on the Township website as of April 9, 2020.

***The Municipal Clerk read a statement about online meeting procedures**

***Approval of Minutes:** Approve the 03/05/2020 and 03/19/2020 Regular Meeting minutes.

Motion to Approve made by R. Freitag seconded by G. Facemyer, all voted yes.

***Department and Committee Reports:**

Motion to Approve made by G. Facemyer seconded by R. Freitag, all voted yes.

***Approval of bills:** Total Bills **\$603,661.68** on the Treasurer's April 16, 2020 prepared list

Motion to Approve made by P. Ritter seconded by G. Facemyer, all voted yes.

Motion to Approve Hankins Bill made by P. Ritter seconded by G. Facemyer, all voted yes except Mayor..

***Treasurer's Report:** Approve the Treasurer's report for March 2020

Motion to Approve made by G. Facemyer seconded by R. Freitag, all voted yes.

***Public hearing for Small Cities Housing Rehab Grants**

Motion to open to the public by G. Facemyer, Second by P. Ritter; Roll call vote, all yes

Public Comment – There was no public comment. Only one on call, Ryan Anderson, Vineland, NJ

Motion to close to the public by G. Facemyer; Second by R. Freitag; Roll call vote, all yes

***Report from Hopewell Township Office of Emergency Management**

Spoke about actions of Office Emergency Management ref: COVID-19

PUBLIC COMMENTS: *Please stand, state your name and the municipality in which you live for the record, and in five (5) minutes or less briefly state your comments to the Township Committee. The Township Committee will allow for a total of 30 minutes for all public comments. (Ord. 18-01 Adopted 1/18/18)*

Motion to Open to the Public by P. Ritter, Second by G. Facemyer, all yes

Public Comment – There was no public comment. Only one on call, Ryan Anderson, Vineland, NJ

Motion to close to Public by G. Facemyer, second by P. Ritter, all yes

OLD BUSINESS:

Ordinances: Second Reading

Ordinance 20-02: Salary Ordinance

Discussion; Motion to open to the public by G. Facemyer; Second by P. Ritter; Roll Call Vote, all yes

Public Portion Public Comment – There was no public comment. Only one on call, Ryan Anderson, Vineland, NJ

Motion to close to the public by G. Facemyer; Second by P. Ritter; Roll Call Vote, all yes

Discussion; G. Facemyer advised due to high level of unemployment he wanted to make motion to defer any raise for the Township Committee until a later date. Solicitor indicated it could be done through directions to payroll and be adjusted in the future if they so choose to do so.

Motion to approve by R. Freitag Ordinance deferring raises for Twp. Committee until a future date if they so choose; Second by G. Facemyer; Roll Call Vote all yes to approve

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinances: First Reading

Ordinance 20-04: Amendment to Ordinances #35, 11-09, and 15-05 Admitting Commercial Township to the Regional Court

Motion to approve by R. Freitag; Second by G. Facemyer; Roll Call Vote all yes

Discussion

Approve the Amended Agreement for the Regional Court

Motion to approve by P. Ritter;

Point of Order by Twp. Administrator; Ordinance has not passed yet so authorizing vote on agreement is premature. Solicitor advised point of order was correct. P. Ritter withdrew his motion.

Motion to Table by P. Ritter Second by G. Facemyer; Roll Call Vote, all yes

Resolutions

Resolution 20-40: Resolution to read the budget by title only

Motion to take from the table by G. Facemyer; Second by P. Ritter; Roll Call Vote all yes

Discussion

Motion to approve by P. Ritter; Second by R. Freitag; Roll Call Vote all yes

Resolution 20-35: Resolution to approve the budget (Second hearing)

Motion to take from the table by R. Freitag; Second by G. Facemyer; Roll Call Vote all yes

Discussion; Auditor Michael Garcia advised additional revenue was included in the amount of \$2805.00. He also advised he would send adjusted pages for the budget submission for the Municipal Clerk to submit to the State DGLS.

Motion to approve by Freitag; Second by P. Ritter; Roll Call Vote all yes

Resolution 20-30: Resolution approving the contract with Fralinger Engineering to manage the DOT grant #17967.01 for repairs to Pau-len, Tipton, Center, and Sheppard's Dr.

Motion to take from the table; Second; Roll Call Vote

Discussion

Motion to approve by G. Facemyer; Second by P. Ritter; Roll Call Vote all yes

Resolution 20-44: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL TAX COLLECTOR TO PREPARE AND MAIL ESTIMATED PROPERTY TAX BILLS

Discussion;

Motion to approve by R. Freitag; Second by P. Ritter; Roll Call Vote all yes

Discussions

Item #1 – Discussion about signing a letter to the Federal government concerning funding for municipalities related to COVID-19 expenses and loss of revenue

Motion made by P. Ritter to sign and send, second by J. Shoemaker, roll call vote all yes.

Second item brought up about Hopewell Day Committee- are we having the event – discussion ensued and decision will be made at meeting on May 21, 2020.

Solicitor's Report

M. Ritter reported –

Wedding Barn - deal fell apart due to the economic situation as per Mr. Morse, however the day after a new investor got involved and it has come back together.

Bostwick Lake – Contacted Wells Fargo and a packet of information went to them. Waiting to hear back from them. Our side has been closed and Roy has advised they agree to close theirs as well.

Hopewell Stow Creek Fire Dept. – The issue with their incorporation has been resolved and the Solicitor will send them the bill accordingly.

Escrow regarding land use fees and other fees - are pending a comparison chart from Administrator

MOTION TO ADJOURN by G. Facemyer; SECOND by Joe Shoemaker, Voice Vote all yes

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: May 21, 2020 @ 6:30 pm

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Deputy Clerk / Administrator