

MINUTES
HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
May 17, 2018

Approved
6/21/18

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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 3, 2018. A notice was placed on the Municipal Office bulletin board as of the same date.

Roll Call: Township Committee: Hankins, Freitag, Ritter, Shoemaker;

Others: John Hitchner, Administrative Assistant, Matt Ritter, Solicitor, Al Caggiano, Resident

Not present: Facemyer, Lois Yarrington

***Approval of Minutes** of 4/19/18 Regular Meeting & Closed Session and 5/1/18 Special Meeting

A motion was made by Mrs. Freitag and seconded by Mr. Ritter to approve the minutes. The motion was approved unanimously (4-0).

Budget Presentation Hopewell Crest School

Mr. Freitag and Mrs. Lammerson address the committee. On April 30th the School Board approved the budget under cap so it does not require a public vote. There will be a 1% increase to tax payers. They are close to settling their contract with the HEA. They state that there will be two new programs this year. First is a preschool program. They are hiring a preschool certified teacher and will have morning and afternoon classes. They are also purchasing new playground equipment for the area of the preschoolers. The second program is a STEAM initiative. It's a new technology lab for 4th and 5th graders. Hopewell will be the only school in the State with labs from 4th-8th grade. They recently purchased computers for the Art and Music classes so children can enhance their creativity in these areas using the new technology.

Mr. Ritter asks where we are at with our student population? Mrs. Lammerson replies that we are currently around 480 students in the school. She also states that we have 3 retiring teachers this year and are replacing only 1 of those teachers.

***DEPARTMENT & COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Administrator/Clerk:

- Earl Babb, representative from General Code provided a quote to create a Code Book from Township Ordinances from 1980 & forward. This will be a discussion item on the June 21st agenda. Mr. Babb has offered to attend the meeting to explain the process and benefits of having a Code Book.
- All 2018 Financial Disclosure Statements were filed by April 30th.
- Painting of the building has begun.
- The Auditors will be here beginning on June 6th to finish the audit.
- DNS will be here Monday 5/21 to expand the alarm system.

Assessor:

- Lois's Surface Pro Tablet was received on Wednesday. She has been in contact with the Reval Company for the software installation.

Bostwick Lake Commission (Facemyer):

- Next meeting is Scheduled for 5/21 @ 5:00 pm at Upper Deerfield Senior Center

Code Enforcement:

- Report included in your packet

Construction:

- March Permit Fees—14 new permits issued—\$1,895 total fees collected
- April Permit Fees—13 new permits issued—\$3,360 total fees collected

Convenience Center:

Dog Registrar:

- 375 licenses have been issued as of May 17, 2018

Economic Development Committee:

- Meeting scheduled for Monday June 18th at 12pm
- Hopewell Day Committee meeting is scheduled for June 21st at 2pm at the Amish Market

Engineer:

- Estimated start of the Senior Center Parking Lot Expansion is this week. The project should be completed within 45 days.
- Steve will be preparing the request for quotes for the concrete pad at the firehouse next week.

Environmental Commission:

- Next Meeting is scheduled for June 6th

- The Commission received for the 2018 Open Space Stewardship grant in the amount of \$481.00 for the cost of the sign, brochures and mailbox that they are planning to purchase this year. A Chapter 159 Resolution to add this item of revenue to the budget will be presented later in the meeting.

Hopewell/Stow Creek Fire Company:

- Updated pricing under state contract for the pickup was received. The Administrator is waiting for a response from Stow Creek as to whether or not they are willing to pay for 25%. She has also requested clarification of the shared services agreement regarding building improvements that are made. As of this morning, she is waiting on a response from Ron Campbell.

[There was some discussion as to our shared service agreement on how we split costs with Stow Creek. It is believed we split 25%/75% on trucks and equipment and 50%/50% on building maintenance costs.]

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

- Meeting was held on May 16th.
- April Zoning Report \$15.00

Public Works/Road: (Shoemaker):

- The Roadstown Road generator repair-waiting for parts, parts should be in by the end of the month. The temporary generator is still in place.
- Tires have been ordered for the older Kubota tractor from Cumberland Tire
- Bridgton is scheduled to come and vac out the 4 wet wells at the pump stations.
- Roof leak and back wall have been repaired
- Generator annual preventative maintenance at the pumps and senior center have been completed. Dave is waiting for the results and if any repairs need to be made.

Tax & Sewer Collector:

- April 2018 Cash Book Report (\$525,868.01 tax incl. interest and \$44,362.42 sewer incl. interest).

Senior Center: (Freitag):

- An Update from Jean is included in your packet
- Dave Smith completed the Fire Inspection at the Senior Center today. A couple signs will need to be added to storage, electrical and heater rooms/areas.

***Treasurer’s Report**

A motion was made by Mr. Ritter to accept the Treasurer’s Report dated April 2018 as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Shoemaker and approved 4-0.

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)*

Al Caggiano addresses the committee. He states that he is applying for a farm liquor license with the State for harvesting wine grapes and pressing them for their juice. The juice then gets yeast added to it and it becomes alcohol in the eyes of the State. This mixture of juice and yeast can be stored for up to 6 months. Al states that he needs a continual CO from Hopewell Township as required by the State. He says he spoke with Upper Deerfield already and they said it is something Hopewell would issue directly. Matthew Ritter tells Mr. Caggiano that the Township will provide him with any documentation that was needed.

There being no additional comments from the public, the public portion of the meeting was closed on a motion by Mr. Ritter, seconded by Mr. Shoemaker.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinances

Public Hearing, 2nd Reading & Adoption

18-09- Amending Ordinance 15-10 An Ordinance Regulating Residential Rental Housing in the Township of Hopewell in Cumberland County

A motion was made by Mr. Shoemaker to open the public hearing for Ordinance 18-09. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ritter and approved unanimously (4-0). Hearing no comment from the public, a motion was made by Mr. Ritter to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Freitag and approved unanimously (4-0).

HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP
ORDINANCE NO. 18-09

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE RENTAL HOUSING REGULATION ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL IN CUMBERLAND COUNTY, #15-10

Section 1 - Square Footage & Occupancy.

The square footage of habitable area for residents residing therein shall be:

A. A minimum of 200 square feet of habitable floor area within each dwelling unit, for each occupant residing therein.

B. A minimum of one bedroom for each two occupants residing therein.

C. No person shall rent to another for residential occupancy any residential dwelling, or dwelling unit for the purpose of living therein which does not conform to Section 1 of this Ordinance.

Section 2 – Condition.

A. No person shall rent to another for residential occupancy any dwelling, or dwelling unit, for the purpose of living therein, unless the dwelling unit is safe, sanitary, fit for human habitation.

B. All residential rental housing shall meet the requirements of the International Property Maintenance Code.

Section 3 – Housing Officer.

A. The position of housing officer is hereby created and employment of a qualified person for the purpose is hereby authorized. The housing officer shall be appointed by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the Township Committee. The term of office shall be one year. Any person appointed as housing officer shall continue to hold the office until his, or her successor has been appointed and qualified. The housing officer shall receive, as a salary of such sum as maybe fixed and adopted by the Township Committee, and the salary ordinance, from time to time. In addition, the housing officer shall be reimbursed for all reasonable expenses necessarily incurred in the performance of the duties of the office.

B. The housing officer shall perform all duties and responsibilities as set forth in this Ordinance, and such other duties and responsibilities as may be assigned, by the Township Committee, from time to time.

Section 4 – Right of Access.

In order to enforce the requirements of this Ordinance, the housing officer is hereby authorized and directed to make inspections to determine the condition of a dwelling unit in order to safeguard the health and safety of the occupants of the dwellings, and of the general public. For the purpose of making such inspections, the officer is here by authorized to enter, examine, and survey, at all reasonable times, all residential rental dwelling units. The owner of every residential dwelling unit or the person in charge thereof shall give the officer free access to such dwelling unit at all reasonable times for the purpose of such inspections.

Section 5 – Certificate of Occupancy upon initial occupancy and any change in occupancy.

A. No owner or agent thereof shall hereafter sell, rent, or let to any person, or persons, other than an immediate family member, whether or not for consideration, any dwelling, or dwelling unit, unless a Certificate of Occupancy, which confirms compliance with this Ordinance, shall first have been obtained from the housing officer of Hopewell Township. Said Certificate shall specify the maximum number of tenants and certify that the dwelling is fit for human habitation, and otherwise complies with this Ordinance. No tenant or occupant shall sublease, sublet, or permit the use of a dwelling unit without following the above procedure. For purposes of this section, "immediate family member" means spouse, domestic partner, child, stepchild, grandchild, parent, stepparent, mother-in-law, father-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, grandparent, great grandparent, brother, sister, half-brother, half-sister, stepsibling, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, aunt, uncle, niece, nephew, or first cousin (that is, a child of an aunt or uncle).

B. For purposes of this Ordinance, any real estate broker and/or agent rendering services to an owner in the selling, renting, or leasing of property as set forth in Subsection A, immediately above, shall be deemed to be an agent of the owner. In the event that the agent is charged with a violation of this section, as an affirmative defense to said charge, the agent may present a notice to the owner from the agent notifying the owner of the obligation on the part of the owner to obtain a Certificate of Occupancy under this Ordinance, provided that said notice to the owner, from the agent, is either sent by certified mail, or is accompanied by a receipt to which seller has affixed seller's signature acknowledging receipt of said notice.

C. Any residential rental unit owner shall report such change to the housing officer and obtain a new Certificate of Occupancy before allowing a change in occupancy.

D. An owner may request additional inspections on an as needed basis. A reinspection will carry a reinspection fee in an amount set annually by the Township Committee.

E. A Certificate of Occupancy inspection fee of \$75.00 shall be due and payable prior to the required inspection. Each required re-inspection shall carry an additional \$25.00 fee.

Section 6 – Registration of Residential Rental Premises.

Without in any way intending to infringe upon the requirements of N.J.S.A. 46:8-28, The Landlord Identity Law, the owner of any building, within the Township of Hopewell in Cumberland County containing any dwelling unit shall, annually, on or before March 31st of each year, or within ninety (90) days of the creation of the residential rental dwelling unit, whichever is later, upon a form provided by the Housing Officer, in the Hopewell Township Municipal Building, register each, and every such residential rental unit in said premises, designating thereon:

A. Name, mailing address, contact telephone number and/or e-mail address of the owner.

B. Name and address of the local individual or entity charged with responsibility for the maintenance of said property.

C. Names and addresses of all tenants, and members of tenant's household.

In the event that the building is sold, the new owner shall be required upon acquisition to register the unit, as set forth above.

D. A registration fee of \$75.00 shall be due and payable upon the initial registration of the residential rental dwelling unit.

E. The Township Clerk shall index and file the registration form and make it reasonably available for public inspection, while following the mandates of N.J.S.A. 46:8-28.1, *et. seq.* to that the filing of said registration form shall simultaneously satisfy the requirements of N.J.S.A. 46:8-28.

Section 7 – Repealed May 17, 2018

Section 8 – Repealed May 17, 2018

Section 9 – Notice of Violation.

A. Whenever the officer determines that there are reasonable grounds to believe that there has been a violation of any provision of this Article, the officer shall give notice of the alleged violation to the record title owner, and to any agent of the record title owner, and to the occupants of the residential rental dwelling unit.

B. After service of a notice of violation, the officer may proceed to establish a reasonable time for the correction of the violation, and for an opportunity of affected persons to be heard. In the event a reinspection reveals that the alleged violation has not been corrected, and the residential rental dwelling unit continues to not conform, in all respects, to the provisions of this ordinance, the officer, in addition to all other remedies, may revoke the housing permit issued under this ordinance for that unit.

C. Each day such violation is committed, or permitted to continue, will constitute a separate offense, and shall be punishable, as such, hereunder.

Section 10 – Emergencies.

Whenever the officer finds that an emergency exists which requires immediate action to protect the public health, or safety, the officer may, without notice or hearing, issue an order reciting the existence of such emergency, and requiring that such action be taken as the officer deems necessary to reasonably meet the emergency. Notwithstanding any other provision, such order shall be effective immediately. Any persons to whom such order is directed shall comply therewith immediately, but upon written request to the officer shall be afforded a prompt hearing in accordance with due process of law.

Section 11- Tenant Compliance.

No tenant or occupant of any residential rental dwelling unit shall occupy any such unit which does not comply with the provisions of this ordinance.

This provision will not apply, however, in cases of occupancy by an immediate family member, as so certified in a sworn, written statement provided by the owner to the Township Housing Officer.

Section 12 – Penalty.

The failure to comply with any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be punishable by a fine of up to \$1,000.00 for each violation.

Section 13 – Severability.

The provisions of this Ordinance are severable. If any provision of this Ordinance or its application to any person or circumstances is held invalid, said invalidity shall not affect any other provision or application of this Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application of the Ordinance.

Section 14 – Ordinance No. 98-03 is hereby repealed and replaced with this Ordinance.

Section 15 – Effective Date: This Ordinance shall become effective upon final adoption and publication in the manner prescribed by law.

Roll Call Vote Adoption:

	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			

Matthew Ritter reviewed the highlighted areas of the Ordinance which had been amended and why. A motion was made by Mrs. Freitag to approve the Ordinance. The motion was seconded by Mr. Shoemaker and approved unanimously (4-0).

Introduction

18-10-Adopting the Redevelopment Plan for the Hopewell Business Park.

**HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP
ORDINANCE 18-10
AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL,
CUMBERLAND COUNTY, ADOPTING A REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR
THE HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP BUSINESS PARK**

WHEREAS, on February 15, 2018, the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, in the County of Cumberland, and State of New Jersey (the “Township”) adopted Resolution 18-24, authorizing the Hopewell Township Planning Board (the “Planning Board”) to conduct a preliminary investigation to determine if Block 63, Lots 1.01, 1.02, 1.03, 3 and 16 (the “Hopewell Business Park Redevelopment Area”) met the statutory criteria for designation as an Area in Need of Redevelopment – Non-Condemnation; and

WHEREAS, on April 18, 2018, the Planning Board held a public hearing to review the findings of a preliminary study, and thereafter determined that the statutory criteria for an area in need of redevelopment, under N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-5(c), were met for the Hopewell Business Park Redevelopment Area; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution dated April 18, 2018, the Planning Board summarized and memorialized its findings as aforesaid, and recommended that the Hopewell Township Committee proceed with the preparation, and eventual adoption of a Redevelopment Plan for the Hopewell Business Park Redevelopment Area; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee accepted the Planning Board’s recommendation via Resolution 18-32, dated April 19, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Block 63, Lots 1.01, 1.02, 1.03, 3 and 16 (the “Property”) comprise the Hopewell Business Park Redevelopment Area; and

WHEREAS, the Property has been underdeveloped for many years; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board directed its planning consultants, Philip B. Cation, PP, FAICP, and Andrea Malcolm, PP, AICP, of Clarke Caton Hintz, PC, to prepare a draft Redevelopment Plan concerning the Hopewell Business Park Redevelopment Area; and

WHEREAS, on May 16, 2018, the Planning Board held a regularly scheduled meeting to review the draft plan entitled “Hopewell Business Park / Senior Housing & Health Care Redevelopment Plan,” dated April 30, 2018, prepared by Clarke Caton Hintz, PC; and

WHEREAS, following the presentation of the aforementioned draft plan by Andrea Malcolm, PP, AICP, and an opportunity for public comments on May 16, 2018, the Planning Board adopted a Resolution, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A, and resolved that the draft Redevelopment Plan was consistent with the Township’s Master Plan and recommended that the Plan be adopted by the Township Committee; and

WHEREAS, a copy of the draft Redevelopment Plan as reviewed and recommended by the Planning Board is attached hereto as Exhibit B; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell desires to approve the Redevelopment Plan in the form set forth in Exhibit B, attached hereto, and direct the Township’s Zoning Map be amended and superseded to reflect the provision of the Redevelopment Plan.

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

- A. The Redevelopment Plan, as filed in the Office of the Township Clerk and attached hereto as Exhibit B is hereby approved.
- B. The Zoning Map of the Township of Hopewell is hereby amended to incorporate the provisions of the Redevelopment Plan and delineate the boundaries of the property.

C. The recitals of this Ordinance shall be reproduced in the minutes of the meeting where this Ordinance is finally adopted and shall serve as the reasoning of the Township Committee for the purpose of N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-7(f).

D. This Ordinance shall take effect in the time and manner prescribed by law, and upon filing with the Cumberland County Planning Board.

Roll Call Vote Introduction:

	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			

Discussion ensued about the density of the Redevelopment Area. At the current density Mr. Matthew Ritter said it would be possible to have near 1,000 units on the 50 acres. Mr. Paul Ritter stated that the planner probably used numbers from a project in North Jersey. Mr. Paul Ritter and Mr. Shoemaker bring up potential deed restrictions and problems with COAH that might come about if such a density were allowed. It is suggested by Mr. Hankins that lots sizes be restricted to ¼ acre per unit. Mr. Shoemaker and Mr. Ritter suggest 1/3 acre per unit as it is easier to allow more units later then it would be to try and increase unit lot size later. Mrs. Freitag makes a motion to approve the Ordinance pending 1/3 acre lot size being added to the senior housing area. Mr. Shoemaker seconds the motion and it passes with a unanimous roll call vote (4-0).

18-11-Bond Ordinance for Sewer Capital Improvements

**HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP
ORDINANCE 18-11**

BOND ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF \$50,000.00 AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$47,500.00 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE SEWER SYSTEM

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) 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 \$50,000.00 including the aggregate sum of \$2,500.00 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 \$47,500.00 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 improvements and upgrades to the aging sewer service system within the township. The total appropriation and estimated cost is \$50,000.00 and the maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued is \$47,500.00. 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 15 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 \$47,500. The obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by that Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$5,000.00 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.

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	X			
Joseph Shoemaker			X			

A motion was made by Mr. Ritter to approve Ordinance 18-11. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Freitag and approved by a unanimous roll call vote (4-0).

***Approval of bills:** A bill listed dated 5/12/2018 prepared by Treasurer Young was provided. Mr. Ritter made a motion to approve the bill list totaling **\$634,563.56** (including payroll) seconded by Mr. Shoemaker and approved unanimously (4-0).

Resolutions-

***Resolution 18-36-**Authorize Purchase of 2018 Chevy Tahoe Under State Contract for OEM
TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
Resolution 18-36

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE UNDER STATE CONTRACT #A89938 FROM DAY CHEVROLET INC. IN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$36,569.64

WHEREAS, Hopewell Township is in need of a support vehicle for the Office of Emergency Management; and

WHEREAS, the vehicle items when combined exceed the NJ State bid threshold and Hopewell Township desires to purchase this vehicle under state contract from the following State Contract #A89938:

Day Chevrolet Inc., 1600 Golden Mile Hwy., Monroeville PA 15146
 2018 Chevrolet Tahoe SSV SUV 4x4

WHEREAS, the Chief Municipal Finance Officer has certified in writing herein that funds are available and the Municipal Attorney has reviewed the contract and is satisfied that it is in proper form.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Township Committee are hereby authorized to approve the State contract authorizing the purchase of a 2018 Chevrolet Tahoe as detailed above in an amount not to exceed \$36,569.64.

	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			

A motion was made by Mrs. Freitag to approve Resolution 18-36. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ritter and passed unanimously (4-0).

***Resolution 18-37-**Chapter 159-ANJEC Open Space Stewardship Grant in the amount of \$481.00
TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND
RESOLUTION TO AMEND ADOPTED BUDGET (Chapter 159)
Resolution No. 18-37
Special Items of Revenue and Appropriation- ANJEC Open Space Stewardship

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A 40A4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for an equal amount, and

WHEREAS, Hopewell Township has received \$481.00 from the Association of NJ Environmental Commissions-2018 Open Space Stewardship Grant and wishes to amend its 2018 Budget to include the additional amount that that has been awarded as revenue:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell in the County of Cumberland, New Jersey, does hereby request the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the municipal budget of the

Township of Hopewell for the year 2018 in the sum of.....\$481.00 which is now available from:

Miscellaneous Revenues
 Special item of General Revenue Anticipated with
 Prior Written Consent of the Director of the Division
 Of Local Government Services-Public and Private
 Revenues Offset with Appropriations:
 FY 2018 ANJEC-Open Space Stewardship Grant.....\$481.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a like sum of..... \$481.00 be and is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations :

- (a) Operations Excluded from "Caps":
 Public and Private Program's Off-Set by Revenues:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Clerk and Chief Financial Officer be and they are hereby authorized to submit electronically a copy of this Resolution and the proper Chapter 159 form to the Director of Local Government Services.

	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			

A motion was made by Mr. Shoemaker to approve Resolution 18-37. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ritter and passed unanimously (4-0).

Discussion Item #1-Clean Communities-CRHS Boys Golf Team has requested to complete a cleanup on May 19th. *Mr. Hitchner states that the Township was also contacted by the Girls CRHS Golf Team so the Committee will be voting to approve 2 cleanups. One for the boy's team and one for the girl's team. Mrs. Freitag makes a motion to approve the cleanups. Mr. Shoemaker seconds that motion and it is approved unanimously (4-0).*

Discussion Item #2-Georgetown Swim Club request to hold a 1 mile walk/run on Sunday June 3, 2018. *Mr. Shoemaker makes a motion to approve the Run/Walk. Mrs. Freitag seconds the motion and it passes with a unanimous vote (4-0).*

Discussion Item #3-Quotes were received to rebuild the spare sewer pump-Willier Electric \$2,957, Deltronics \$3,730. *Mr. Shoemaker declares he is willing to approve the Willier contract to repair the pump. Mrs. Freitag seconds that motion and it is approved unanimously (4-0).*

CDC: (Hankins)- No Report.

Solicitor's Report- Matthew Ritter states that we have a date in tax court with the Cumberland Manor. The Manor is one of Hopewell's largest taxed properties and as such they are appealing their tax assessment. Because of this it is suggested we hire Martin Appraisal Associates Inc for the re-evaluation of the Manor. *A motion is made by Mr. Ritter and seconded by Mr. Shoemaker to hire Martin Appraisal Associates Inc for the re-evaluation of the Manor. The motion passes unanimously (4-0).*

Matthew Ritter states that DaVita has decided to not move forward with their plans to build in the Hopewell Business Park.

The solicitor states that the survey is done on the new parcel of land being added to the Business Park. We are looking to go to closing on the sale shortly.

For Bostwick Lake we are waiting on Rosco Tedesco, the solicitor for Upper Deerfield, to get back to Ted Ritter.

Matt Ritter is recommending an amendment to the sewer connection ordinance. A few properties on Route 49 have a sewer connection but are now vacant properties. These properties need to be addressed as to what they are to be charged by the Township. It is determined that the capital fee is non-returnable and that properties with sewer connection are more valuable and therefore should be charged something. It would not be fair to charge a DCU or "Flow" charge. The committee determines that Matt should do the research and draft an amendment to the sewer ordinance.

Mr. Ritter suggests that the senior housing developer would likely want to speak with our tax expert. He also states that Dylan Wulderk is leaving at the end of the month. The Township is looking into a shared service for the position of Economic Development Director and will be relying on Tony Stanzione in the meantime to assist.

Mr. Hankins states that the damaged guardrail on West Park Drive will likely be removed to the dismay of our residents who would like to see it repaired. He has been in contact with the County and there is nothing the Township can do with regards to the guardrail.

ADJOURN

There being no additional business, a motion was made by Mrs. Freitag to adjourn at 8:30 pm. The motion was seconded by Mr. Shoemaker and approved unanimously (4-0).

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: June 21, 2018 @ 6:30pm

John Hitchner, Administrative Assistant
 cc: Committee,
 Sol. Matthew Ritter
 Sol. T. H. Ritter