

**HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**  
January 23, 2014

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Sunshine Statement:

In compliance with the 'Open Public Meetings Act' this meeting was duly advertised by a notice to the South Jersey Times and The Press, sent on January 7, 2014. A notice was placed on the Municipal Office bulletin board as of the same date.

Officials Present: Hankins, Facemyer, Freitag, Shoemaker, Ritter. Others Present: Solicitor T. Henry Ritter, Solicitor Matthew Ritter, Clerk Eugene Daddario, Treasurer Lois Buttner. Others: Mark Blauer, NJSP Bridgeton Station Commander James Meyers.

Shoemaker, seconded by Freitag, moved for **Approval of Minutes** of 1/6/14 Re-organization Meeting. Approved 5-0

Shoemaker, seconded by Freitag, moved for **Approval of Minutes** of 1/6/14 Regular Meeting. Approved 5-0

Ritter, seconded by Shoemaker, moved to approve the **Treasurers Report** of 1/23/14 as submitted. Approved 5-0

At 7:12, Shoemaker, seconded by Ritter moved to open the **Public Performance Hearing** for the **Route 49 Sidewalk Project**. Approved 5-0.

Mark Blauer, Grant Administrator, explained that this is the second of two public hearings required by the NJ Department of Community Affairs. With the sidewalk project nearing completion, discussion ensued about benches, shelters, etc. which could be added, while keeping within the grant budget. The Committee recommended that Mr. Blauer consult with Township Engineer, Steve Nardelli, for suggestions to further enhance the area between the West Cumberland Senior Center and the Bridgeton Area Amish Market.

There being no further comment, at 7:29, Facemyer, seconded by Freitag moved close the **Public Performance Hearing**. Approved 5-0.

Mayor Hankins welcomed **NJSP Bridgeton Station Commander James Meyers**, who shared December 2013 station statistics. Of the 1213 calls, 92 were from Hopewell; of the 82 accidents, 7 were in Hopewell; of the 189 criminal investigations, 17 were in Hopewell. He noted that homes with "For Sale" signs have been recent targets for theft of copper pipes, scrap metal, etc. He urged that residents be aware of any unusual activity in their neighborhoods, and to keep their homes and vehicles locked!

**DEPARTMENT & COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Clerk** submitted fourth qtr. Revenue to Township Treasurer (\$1,059.68). **Construction Department** submitted the December 2013 Permit Report (\$2,045.00). **Convenience Center:** A December 11, 2013 County Department of Health Inspection Report was received. All areas were in compliance with the exception of compost piles. Minor recommendations were provided regarding width and separation of the piles. **Economic Development:** BACC / CDC Business Meeting and Training Session will be held at the West Cumberland Senior Center, Thursday, January 30. **Planning and Zoning Boards:** Planning Board January 15 Meeting Minutes, Zoning Board Annual Review of Decisions, December 2013 Zoning Permit Report and Zoning Board January 9 Meeting Minutes were submitted. **Public Works/Road:** The Office of Public Employees' Occupational Safety and Health performed an inspection on December 20, 2013 and issued a Notice of Order to Comply. Corrective actions were discussed and will be completed before the February 4, 2014 deadline. **Tax & Sewer Collector** submitted the December 2013 Cash Book Report (\$266,584.91 incl. interest and \$25,174.04 sewer). **Senior Center** Director submitted Weekly updates (January 6, January 13).

A bill list dated 1/23/14 prepared by Treasurer Buttner was provided. Ritter, seconded by Facemyer, motion for **Approval of bills** totaling **\$175,884.42** on the prepared list (Including Payroll) was approved 5-0.

The Mayor asked if there were any questions or comments and opened the meeting to **PUBLIC COMMENTS**. There being no public comment, at 7:52pm, Facemyer, seconded by Freitag, moved the meeting to **Old Business**.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**COAH:** Recommendations discussed at the January 6, 2014 Township Committee Meeting were forwarded to Jeffrey R. Surenian regarding input for a letter to COAH proposing new regulatory changes to existing rules.

**Telecommunications Infrastructure:** Facemyer noted that Sen. Van Drew's Office is organizing a February meeting with Verizon Officials. He also noted that preliminary discussions have begun with Salmon Ventures and Comcast officials regarding the municipal franchise renewal. Included were possible areas of addition to the service plant.

**The Bostwick Lake Commission** will hold its Annual Meeting, Wednesday, January 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm., at the Upper Deerfield Township Senior Center.

**NEW BUSINESS**

The following ordinances were approved upon introduction:

**HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP  
PROPOSED ORDINANCE No. 14-01**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, County of Cumberland, and State of New Jersey, that the Animal Treatment Ordinance of the Township of Hopewell 12-08 is hereby amended and supplemented as follows:

**Section 1 is hereby Amended and Supplemented as follows:**

**SECTION 1. Treatment of Animals:**

- A. Definitions.
  - (1) "Collar" means any collar constructed of nylon, leather, or similar material, specifically designed to be used for a dog.
  - (2) "Extreme weather conditions" means unusual, severe, or unseasonal weather, such as excessive heat or cold, wind, rain, snow and/or ice.
  - (3) "Owner" means a person or proprietor of a property who owns or has custody or control of a dog.
  - (4) "Properly fitted" means, with respect to a collar, a collar that measures the circumference of a dog's neck plus at least one inch.
  - (5) "Restraint" means a chain, rope, tether, leash, cable, or other device that attaches a dog to a stationary object or trolley system.
  - (6) "Vacant residential structure" means a residential structure that has not been occupied for seven (7) or more consecutive days.
  
- B. Unlawful Restraint of Dog.
  - (1) through (3) No change.
  
- C. General Treatment and Providing of Sustenance.
  - No person shall:
  - (1) through (4) No change.
  
- D. Prohibition of tethering of dog outside vacant structure.
  - (1) No person shall cause or permit any dog, cat, or domesticated animal to be kept outdoors at any vacant residential structure.
  
- E. Penalties.
  - (1) through (4) No change.

Motion by: Ritter  
Aye: Hankins, Facemyer, Freitag, Ritter, Shoemaker  
Absent: None

Second by: Freitag  
Nay: None  
Abstain: None

**HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP  
ORDINANCE No. 14-02**

AN ORDINANCE repealing ordinances #05-05 and #05-06, thereby Amending the Hopewell Township Development Ordinance, #04-06

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, County of Cumberland, and State of New Jersey, that the Development Ordinance of the Township of Hopewell is hereby amended and supplemented as follows:

1. Section 4.27, Affordable Housing Production Based Upon "Growth Share" is hereby **REPEALED**.
2. Section 4.28, Affordable Housing Developer Fee, is hereby **REPEALED**.

These Amendments and Supplements to the Hopewell Township Development Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon posting, publication, and final passage in the manner prescribed by law.

Motion by: Shoemaker  
Aye: Hankins, Facemyer, Freitag, Ritter, Shoemaker  
Absent: None

Second by: Ritter  
Nay: None  
Abstain: None

Facemyer, seconded by Freitag, moved to approve a **Clean Communities Application** submitted by the West Cumberland Little League for one Clean-up Date. (Approved 5-0).

Facemyer, seconded by Ritter, moved to table a **Clean Communities Application** submitted by the South Jersey Seminole Baseball Team for one Clean-up Date. (Approved 5-0).

**CORRESPONDENCE & NOTES & FILINGS** include: **Cumberland County Purchasing Office** Cooperative Contract for Providing and Delivering Office Supplies, **Cumberland County Board of Chosen Freeholders** reappointment of Bruce R. Hankins to the Solid Waste Advisory Board, **Cozen O'Connor** South Jersey Gas Notice of Public Hearings, **Cumberland County Utilities Authority** January 16 Meeting Agenda, **NJ Department of Environmental Protection** Letter of No Further Action (338 Barretts Run Rd.), **GovConnect** New Web Site Information, **NJLM** Various Bills of Interest, New Content on Web Site, Report on Governor's State of the State Message, Appellate Division Decision Clarifies OPRA's Impact on the Local Public Contracts Law, Local Finance Notice *CY 2014 Budget Matters*.

**Solicitor's Report:** Matthew Ritter noted that he had completed the review of Township Committee Closed Executive Session Minutes and has designated those available for release. A resolution will be prepared for approval at the February 13, 2014 Township Committee Meeting.

There being no further business, Ritter, seconded by Shoemaker, motion to **ADJOURN** was approved by all. Mayor Hankins adjourned the meeting at 8:38 pm.

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:** February 13, 2014

**Eugene Daddario, Municipal Clerk**  
cc:  
**Committee,**  
**Township Bulletin Bd.,**  
**Sol. T. H. Ritter, Sol. Matthew Ritter**