

HOPWELL TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
February 9, 2012

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Sunshine Statement:

In compliance with the 'Open Public Meetings Law' the Regular Meeting was duly advertised by an annual notice sent to the News of Cumberland County and the Press of Atlantic City, on January 6, 2012. Notices were placed on the Municipal Office bulletin board on the same date.

Officials Present: Hankins, Freitag, Shoemaker, Facemyer, Ritter. Others Present: Sol. T. Henry Ritter, Clerk Eugene Daddario, Treasurer Lois Buttner. Others: Tom Tedesco, Donald Counsellor, Jr., Marlise Counsellor, Donald A. Counsellor, Sr., and Planning Board Member Alfred Caggiano, Jr.

Ritter, seconded by Shoemaker, moved for **Approval of Minutes** of 1/26/12 Regular Meeting. Approved 4-0. (Hankins Abstain)

Ritter, seconded by Shoemaker, moved for **Approval of Minutes** of 1/26/12 Closed Executive Session Meeting. Approved 4-0. (Hankins Abstain)

Facemyer, seconded by Shoemaker, moved for **Approval of Minutes** of 1/25/12 Special Bostwick Lake Commission/Township Committees Meeting. Approved 4-0. (Ritter Abstain)

DEPARTMENT & COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administrator distributed drafts of the 2012 Township Directory for review before distribution. A Comcast Franchise Renewal Meeting is scheduled for Feb. 14 to resume negotiations. **Clerk:** A Hopewell Crest, LLC application to vacate a street has been received and forwarded to the Township Solicitor for review. 2011 Verizon franchise fees were received (\$6,618.62). NJ Division of Taxation Table of Equalized Values shows Hopewell Twp. ratio at 69.50%. Updated cost projections for the Cumberland/Salem Regional Municipal Court were distributed. Costs to Hopewell Township for 2012 are estimated at \$15,546.94. **Construction Department** submitted the December 2011 Permit Report (\$3,085.00). **Economic Development Committee** will hold its next meeting on March 13. **Insurance:** Willis of NJ has granted the township request for waiver of policy fees. **Planning and Zoning Boards** submitted the October 1, 2011 ó December 31, 2011 Zoning Permit Report and the January 18 Planning Board Minutes. **Senior Center:** Dates for a meeting of participating municipalities were discussed.

A bill list dated 2/09/12 prepared by Treasurer Buttner was provided. Ritter, seconded by Freitag, motion for **Approval of bills** totaling **\$946,934.51** on the prepared list (Including Payroll/Less Hankins Bill) was approved 4-0. (Facemyer Abstain)


Ritter, seconded by Freitag, moved for **Approval of Hankins Bill** (\$311.70). Approved 4-0 (Hankins Abstain)

The Mayor asked if there were any questions or comments and opened the meeting to **PUBLIC COMMENTS**. There being no public comment, at 7:21pm, Facemyer, seconded by Freitag, moved the meeting to **Old Business**.

OLD BUSINESS:

COAH: Shoemaker noted that an article, *Life After COAH* is in the February issue of New Jersey Municipalities Magazine outlining the current state of affordable housing legislation in New Jersey.

Bostwick Lake Commission: The 2012 Reorganization Meeting will be held on February 15th at the Hopewell Township Municipal Building.



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HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION No. 12-23
 A RESOLUTION CANCELLING IMPROVEMENT AUTHORIZATION BALANCES

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell , Cumberland County, State of New Jersey, that

WHEREAS, there are Sewer Capital Fund Improvement Authorization balances on the current year and prior year Hopewell Township budget accounts that remain dedicated to projects now completed; and **WHEREAS**, it is necessary to formally cancel said balances so that the unexpended balances may be credited to Sewer Fund balance.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Finance Officer of The Township of Hopewell make appropriate closing entries to the Sewer Utility budgets to cancel:

Sewer Utility Capital Funded Improvement Authorization 00-01 to Sewer Utility Fund Balance in amount of \$20,359.45.

Motion By: Facemyer

Second By: Shoemaker

Aye: Hankins, Facemyer, Freitag, Ritter, Shoemaker

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

RESOLUTION No. 12-24
Authorizing 1/12 Appropriations of 2011 budget

WHEREAS, due to a delay in State Aid certifications and no adequate provision being made in the 2012 Temporary Appropriations for the aforesaid purpose, and N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20 provides for the creation of a temporary appropriation for the purpose above mentioned, and

WHEREAS, the total temporary resolutions adopted in the year 2012 pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 95, P.L. 1951(N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20) including this resolution total \$657,543.90 in the Current Fund, With \$499,099.51 being the original temporary appropriations and an additional \$158,444.29 being this Resolution appropriation; \$116,891.67 is the total temporary resolutions adopted in the year 2012 in the Sewer Utilities Fund with \$88,725.00 being the original temporary appropriations and an additional \$28,166.67 being this Resolution appropriation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) that in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20:

1. A temporary total appropriation be and the same is hereby made in the amount of \$657,543.90 for the Hopewell Township 2012 Current Fund Budget and in the amount of \$116,891.67 for the Hopewell Township 2012 Sewer Utilities Fund Budget.
2. That said appropriations (will be) provided for in the Hopewell Township 2012 Municipal Budget.
3. That one certified copy of this resolution will be filed with the Director of Local Government Services.

Motion by: Shoemaker

Second by: Ritter

Roll Call Vote: Hankins: Aye; Facemyer: Aye ; Freitag: Aye ; Ritter: Aye ; Shoemaker: Aye

The Committee discussed a January 17th letter from Robert J. Pryor noting possible refinements of the Development Ordinance in regard to **Agricultural Activities in the Residential Zoning District** and **Home Occupations**. The Planning Board and Zoning Board will review and submit their recommendations on these issues.

Facemyer, seconded by Ritter, moved to approve the Mayor's recommendation for the appointment of **Kathleen Gandy** to the **Hopewell Township Environmental Commission** beginning February 8, 2012. (Approved 5-0)

Cumberland Regional School District has forwarded certified minutes regarding a resolution passed at their January 26, 2012 meeting. The resolution is to **change the annual election date for its members from the third Tuesday in April to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November**.

Mayor Hankins reported on a February 8th meeting of county and municipal officials to discuss issues of concern. Addressed, was crime in the townships with no local police force that rely on the state police. There was discussion of the possibility of a county police force. Shoemaker asserted that he öis a firm believer that it is the responsibility of the state police to serve the outlying districtsö.

ing in Greenwich Township on Tuesday, February 14th at 7:30
Board of Public Utilities and Verizon will attend to hear
communications issues in the region. He volunteered to attend the
meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE & NOTES & FILINGS include: **NJ Department of Environmental Protection** NJPDES-DGW Exceedance Report Form submission, **GovConnect** New Items, **NJLM** Women in Municipal Government Day (March 9th) Registration Information, Mayor's Newsline February Newsletter, **NJLINGS Health Alert Network** Salmonellosis Outbreak associated with Pet Turtle Exposure.

Solicitor's Report: Matthew Ritter noted that a Status Conference for the pending Hovnanian Mt. Laurel suit has been extended for six months.

At 8:04pm Facemyer, seconded by Ritter, moved the meeting into **EXECUTIVE SESSION** for the purpose of discussing an interlocal contract and personnel.

At 8:24pm the meeting was returned to **Open Session**.

Shoemaker, seconded by Facemyer moved to adjust the cost share percentages in the **Hopewell/Stow Creek Fire Company Interlocal Agreement** from the existing 50% / 50% basis to; 60% Hopewell / 40% Stow Creek in 2012, 70% Hopewell / 30% Stow Creek in 2013, 75% Hopewell / 25% Stow Creek in 2014, contingent upon approval by the Stow Creek Township Committee. (Approved 5-0)

There being no further business, Freitag, seconded by Facemyer, motion to **ADJOURN** was approved by all. Mayor Hankins adjourned the meeting at 8:27 pm.

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



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

***Approval of Minutes** of 1/26/12 Regular Meeting

***Approval of Minutes** of 1/26/12 Closed Executive Session

***Approval of Minutes** of 1/25/12 Special Bostwick Lake Commission/Township Committees Meeting

Treasurers Report:

DEPARTMENT & COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administrator: *2012 Township Directory, Comcast Franchise Renewal Meeting (Feb. 14)

Assessor:

Clerk: Hopewell Crest, LLC Application for Street Vacation, 2011 Verizon franchise fees received (\$6,618.62), *Analysis of monthly electric bills, NJ Division of Taxation Table of Equalized Values (Hopewell Twp. 69.50%), *Updated Joint Court Cost Projections

Construction Dept.: *December 2011 Permit Report

Dog Registrar:

Convenience Center: (Hankins):

Economic Development: Next Econ. Dev. Committee Meeting (March 13)

Engineer:

Environmental Commission:

Fire Department: (Hankins):

Insurance: Willis of NJ waiver of policy fees

Public Works/Road: (Shoemaker):

Planning and Zoning Boards: *October 1, 2011 & December 31, 2011 Zoning Permit Report, *January 18 PB Minutes

Tax & Sewer Collector:

Senior Center: (Freitag) Meeting of Participating Municipalities (Dates?)

***Approval of bills:** Total Bills \$946,934.51 on Treasurers 2/09/12 prepared list (Including Payroll / Less Hankins Bill)

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OLD BUSINESS:

COAH: (Shoemaker)

TDR Project: (Shoemaker/Ritter)

Bostwick Lake Commission: 2012 Reorganization Meeting (February 15)

NEW BUSINESS

***Resolution No. 12-23:** A Resolution Cancelling Improvement Authorization Balances

***Resolution No. 12-24:** Authorizing 1/12 Appropriations of 2011 Budget

Discussion: Recommended Refinements of the Development Ordinance

Discussion: Mayor's Recommendation for Appointment to Environmental Commission
(Kathleen Gandy)

Discussion: *School Election Legislation, CRHS Resolution Received

Discussion: Increased Police Coverage/Crime

Discussion: New Jersey Board of Public Utilities/Verizon meeting in Greenwich (Feb. 14)

CDC: (Hankins)

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Solicitor's Report:

EXECUTIVE SESSION: (If Needed)

ADJOURN

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