

**HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**  
May 8, 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, Ritter, Facemyer, Freitag, Shoemaker. Others Present: Solicitor T. Henry Ritter, Solicitor Matthew Ritter, Clerk Eugene Daddario, Treasurer Lois Buttner. Others: Matt Pisarski and Planning Board Members Leslie Daddario, D. David Wilson and Alfred Caggiano, Jr.

Freitag, seconded by Facemyer, moved for **Approval of Minutes** of 4/24/14 Regular Meeting. Approved 5-0

Freitag, seconded by Facemyer, moved for **Approval of Minutes** of 4/24/14 Closed Executive Session Meeting. Approved 5-0

Freitag, seconded by Ritter, moved to approve the **Treasurers Report** of 5/08/14 as submitted. Approved 5-0

Mayor Hankins welcomed **Matthew Pisarski**, Cumberland County Planning Department, who presented a preliminary draft of the Hopewell Township Comprehensive Farmland Preservation Plan. When adopted this plan will become an element of the Township Master Plan.

The preservation project area will focus on the southern portion of the township. Forty percent of the 5,689 acres in the project area are permanently preserved, with 1,576 acres targeted for preservation. The Hopewell Township cost share per acre will be approximately \$200.00.

The plan recommends that the township amend its Right to Farm Ordinance with a notification clause and authorize the tax assessor to provide a copy of the ordinance to all persons or entities upon filing of a deed of transfer of property.

Mr. Pisarski suggested that all recommendations or changes be forwarded to him before final draft of the plan is presented to the Planning Board.

**DEPARTMENT & COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Administrator** received notice of FY 2014 Municipal Aid Grant Approval for reconstruction of Mary Elmer Lake Drive. **Clerk** received final approval for the Cimino application to sell a Harmony Road development easement. **Economic Development Committee** offered congratulations to Cumberland Insurance Group, celebrating 170 years of service! **Fire Dept:** Full Size Sport Utility Vehicle Specifications will be sent to local dealerships to be use as a mobile command unit. **Senior Center** Director submitted Weekly updates (April 24, May 1).

A bill list dated 5/08/14 prepared by Treasurer Buttner was provided. Ritter, seconded by Facemyer, motion for **Approval of bills** totaling **\$1,304,121.20** on the prepared list (Including Payroll/Less Hankins Bill) was approved 5-0.

Ritter, seconded by Facemyer, moved for **Approval of Hankins Bill** (\$43.28). 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 7:58pm, Ritter, seconded by Freitag, moved the meeting to **Old Business**.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**COAH:** T. Henry Ritter reviewed an April 30 email from Jeffrey R. Surenian regarding Proposed Regulations and Obligations. Mr. Surenian calculated Hopewell Township's total proposed obligation at 69 units. In comparing the 2008 regulations and the current proposed regulations, the township's affordable housing obligation will decrease by 116 units.

**Sale of Mary Elmer Fire Hall:** The May 8, 2014 (2:00 pm) Bid Opening resulted in only one submission Rusty Baitinger submitted a bid for \$56,000.00. The minimum bid was posted at \$50,000.00.

Shoemaker, seconded by Facemyer, moved to accept the **\$56,000.00** bid from **Rusty Baitinger** for purchase of the former Mary Elmer Fire Hall (Block 29, Lot 46). Approved 5-0

### **NEW BUSINESS**

The following resolution was approved:

#### **HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP CUMBERLAND COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 14-34**

#### **RENEWAL OF LIQUOR LICENSE**

**WHEREAS**, application for renewal of a liquor license for the 2014-2015 year has been filed with the Municipal Clerk; and

**WHEREAS**, all filing fees have been paid and the application hereinafter identified is complete.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, County of Cumberland and State of New Jersey, that the Retail Consumption License be and it is hereby renewed for the 2014-2015 Licensing Year.

#### **0607-33-001-001 Green Olive Properties, LLC**

Motion by: Facemyer

Aye: Hankins, Facemyer, Freitag, Ritter, Shoemaker

Abstain: None

Second by: Freitag

Nay: None

Absent: None

Facemyer, seconded by Shoemaker, moved to table a **Clean Communities Application** submitted by the Won By One Youth Group from West Park United Methodist Church for one Clean-up Date. (Approved 5-0).

**CORRESPONDENCE & NOTES & FILINGS** include: **Cozen O'Connor** Notice of Public Hearings (SJ Gas), **NJ.com** Verizon cuts fiber in NJ Editorial, **NJLM** COAH to meet on April 30, and New Legal Tools for Redevelopment, BPU Approves Verizon Stipulation Agreement, *Mayor's Newsline* Newsletter.

**Solicitor's Report:** T. Henry Ritter noted that an April 25, 2014 letter was sent to Robert J. Pryor regarding possible consolidation of the Hopewell Township Zoning Board and Planning Board.

At 8:13 pm Shoemaker, seconded by Ritter, moved the meeting into **EXECUTIVE SESSION** for the purpose of discussing possible litigation.

At 9:05 pm the meeting was returned to **Open Session**.

There being no further business, Facemyer, seconded by Ritter, motion to **ADJOURN** was approved by all. Mayor Hankins adjourned the meeting at 9:06 pm.

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:** May 22, 2014

**Eugene Daddario, Municipal Clerk**

cc:

**Committee,**

**Township Bulletin Bd.,**

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