

**MINUTES**  
**HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP**  
**REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**  
March 14, 2024

**Start Time:** 6:00 p.m.

The **Sunshine Statement** was read into the record by Mayor Robin Freitag. It was also stated that notice of the time change of the meeting was placed in the South Jersey Times on March 8, 2024. The **Flag Salute** was led by Mayor Robin Freitag

- **Roll Call:** Kelsey Bayzick, David Miller, Jeff Shimp, Vice Chairman Tom Tedesco, Chairman Robin Freitag  
Others Present: John Hitchner, Township Administrator/Economic Development Director; Ted Ritter, Esquire, Township Solicitor; Jeannette Pace, Acting Clerk/Redevelopment Authority Clerk
  
- **Approval of Minutes**  
  
Approval of Minutes from the February 15, 2024 Regular Meeting  
Motion by Bayzick; Seconded by Tedesco. Voice Vote: All in favor.
  
- **Discussion Item:**  
Sale of land in the business park to the Delaware Bay Economic Development Corporation Solicitor Ritter asked that a 20-minute presentation be made. Jim Storm, President of DBEDC presented on its behalf. He is an international cargo agent and shipping agent in the West Indies with 30 years' experience. He introduced his local team to the Committee. He discussed putting warehousing for a non-profit organization. He discussed the current uproar in Haiti and talked about the company moving cargo into Kingston Wharf in Jamaica. He would like to build a 10-15,000 square foot warehouse with expansion as much as is agreeable in the future. There will be no hazmat and no chemicals. He indicated it is church cargo. He asked for something in writing specifying what he would and would not be able to do there. He talked about renting spacing in Millville until the Hopewell site is ready. Tedesco asked about traffic to the location and also advised Storm of the current issues with the plane crash and being on hold pending the outcome. He is ready to put a shovel in the ground and would like to know sooner rather than later and really doesn't want to wait longer than six months. Ritter advised that our hands were

currently tied pending the outcome of the crash investigation. He would love to have a letter of intent and would just lease the Millville location and then come here. The Committee thanked Storm and said they would get in touch as soon as they could.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN** made by Miller; Seconded by Tedesco. Voice Vote: All in favor.

**End Time:** 6:30 p.m.

**Next Meeting Date:** April 11, 2024 at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannette Pace, Acting Clerk  
cc: Township Administrator, Committee and Counsel