

JANUARY 27, 2016

The monthly work meeting of the Hope Township Committee convened at 7:00 P.M. at the Hope Township Municipal Building with the following members present: Mayor Timothy McDonough, Deputy Mayor George Beatty, and Committeeman John Koonz. Also present was the Municipal Clerk, Mary Pat Quinn.

Under the provisions of the "Open Public Meetings Act", adequate notice of the meeting had been provided by publishing notice in The Express Times and The Star Gazette and by posting notices in the Hope Post office and on the Township bulletin boards all on January 11, 2016 and January 15, 2016.

Blairstown Ambulance Corp – 2016 Budget

Paul McNamara, Treasurer of the Blairstown Ambulance Corp, was present to review their budget for 2016 as well as some of their activity during the past year. They purchased a generator for their new building, which provides power for the entire building. One of their trucks is being overhauled. They are in their new building, and some additional work is being done to it. Insurance costs are up, energy costs are down, and they sold the old ambulance building.

They have had a 12% response to their fundraising letter, which is down from 17% last year. Their budget for 2016 is \$200,000.00, of which they will raise 62% and ask their participating towns to contribute the remaining 38%. Hope Township contributed \$13,950.00 last year, and that is the Corp's budget request for 2016.

There are 36 members on the squad of which one is a Hope resident; all of the members are volunteers.

The governing body thanked McNamara and the squad for their service to the residents of Hope. Their request of \$13,950.00 will be put in to the budget this year.

McNamara left the meeting at this time.

2nd Reading/ Adoption of Ordinance #16-01, Establish a CAP Bank

A motion was made by Koonz, seconded by Beatty to open the hearing to the public for the following Ordinance. Committee polled: Beatty-yes; Koonz-yes; McDonough-yes.

ORDINANCE #16-01

ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO
ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)

There were no questions or comments from the public. The public hearing was closed on a motion made by Koonz, seconded by Beatty. Committee polled: Beatty-yes; Koonz-yes; McDonough-yes.

Ordinance #16-01 was adopted on a motion made by Koonz, seconded by Beatty. Committee polled: Beatty-yes; Koonz-yes; McDonough-yes.

Resolution #16-16, Authorize Submission of the 2016/17 Municipal Alliance Grant Application

The following Resolution was adopted on a motion made by Koonz, seconded by Beatty. Committee polled: Beatty-yes; Koonz-yes; McDonough-yes.

RESOLUTION #16-16

RESOLUTION OF THE HOPE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE IN THE COUNTY OF WARREN, NEW JERSEY,
AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN OF THE
HOPE/WHITE MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2016/17

WHEREAS, the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse established the Municipal Alliances for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse in 1989 to educate and engage residents, local government and law enforcement officials, schools, nonprofit organizations, the faith community, parents, youth and other allies in efforts to prevent alcoholism and drug abuse in communities throughout New Jersey;

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Hope in the County of Warren, State of New Jersey recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and therefore, has an established Municipal Alliance Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Hope further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuses in our community; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Hope has applied for funding to the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Warren, New Jersey;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hope, County of Warren, and State of New Jersey hereby recognizes the following:

1. The Hope Township Committee does hereby authorize submission of the Strategic Plan for the Hope/White Municipal Alliance Grant for fiscal year 2016/17 in the amount of:

DEDR	\$ 8,734.00 (Hope-\$3,342.00; White-\$5,392.00)
Cash Match	\$ 2,621.00 (Hope-\$1,003.00; White-\$1,618.00)
In-Kind Match	\$ 6,551.00 (Hope-\$2,507.00; White-\$4,044.00)

2. The Hope Township Committee acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance Grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

Review Memo from Steve Lance, CTC, re: Ordinance to Restrict Payment of Fire Claims

A memo dated January 15, 2016 from Steve Lance, Hope Township Tax Collector was reviewed and discussed. Lance brought to the governing body’s attention, a statute (NJSA 17:36-9) which requires that before an insurance company pays a fire insurance claim in excess of \$2,500.00 certain conditions

must be met. The Clerk was directed to forward the information to the Township Attorney for his review and recommendation.

Prepare 2016 Local Municipal Budget

The governing body reviewed the budget worksheet prepared by the Municipal Auditor. There was some discussion about the trust fund accounts, "Celebration of Public Events" and "Recreation Trust Fund". The Clerk was directed to ask the Chief Financial Officer to discuss the 2015 financial activity in both accounts and make a projection for the coming year in these areas.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 P.M. on a motion made by Koonz, seconded by Beatty. The motion was carried.

Respectfully submitted:

Mary Pat Quinn
Municipal Clerk