

JANUARY 28, 2015

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 14, 2015 and January 23, 2015.

Public Hearing/Adoption-Ordinance #15-01, Establish CAP Bank

The public hearing for the following Ordinance was opened to the public on a motion made by Koonz, seconded by Beatty. Committee polled: Beatty-yes; Koonz-yes; McDonough-yes.

ORDINANCE #15-01
ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION
LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK

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 #15-01 was adopted on a motion made by Koonz, seconded by Beatty. Committee polled: Beatty-yes; Koonz-yes; McDonough-yes.

Pat Whitmore, Events Coordinator to Recap 2014 Christmas Market

Whitmore reported that the 2014 Christmas Craft Market revenue was only down by \$750.00 on Saturday. She would like to make a few changes in 2016: totally redo the posters, post pictures of the various crafters outside of their respective buildings, and add antiques to the show. There may be an opportunity to coordinate with the Inn at Millrace Pond by putting antiques in the Wallenberg Center; she and the manager of the Inn have shared ideas to incorporate this. Beatty suggested that there be additional directional signs and better signage for the buildings that are involved in the show.

With regard to posting pictures, Koonz noted that a legal disclaimer will be required from all persons shown in photographs. The Township Attorney could assist with that form.

Whitmore would like to use the Moravian Distillery for a base for Santa and offer "Pictures with Santa". Beatty added that this would make sense as it would tie in to the Firehouse.

More discussion will follow about other ideas Whitmore has for events.

Brian Grant/Tina DeAngelis - Community Theatre & Writing Project

Brian Grant and Tina DeAngelis discussed their idea of restarting community theatre in Hope again. They asked about the availability of the Moravian Grange Hall for a theatre group. The activities that are presently occurring at the Grange as well as the Hope Community Center were discussed.

The Township Committee asked them to prepare a proposal, which will be discussed at the next work meeting on February 25 at 7:00 P.M.

Resolution #15-19, Authorize 2015/16 Municipal Alliance Grant

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

RESOLUTION #15-19

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 2015/16

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 2015/16 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.

Resolution #15-20, Authorize Letter of Intent for Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

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

RESOLUTION #15-20

RESOLUTION OF THE HOPE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF A
LETTER OF INTENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE
UPDATE OF THE WARREN COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

WHEREAS, the Township of Hope has been advised by the Warren County Department of Public Safety that the "County" is required to update its Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

WHEREAS, Federal Law requires that all local governments must have a Hazard Mitigation Plan that has been approved by FEMA in order to be eligible to apply for and receive Federal mitigation grant funding for public and private mitigation projects; and

WHEREAS, Hazard Mitigation Plans are required to be update every five (5) years, and the Warren County Hazard Mitigation Plan will expire in June, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Warren County has received a grant to update its plan, which will encompass all of the municipalities within the County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hope, County of Warren, New Jersey, the Mayor of Hope Township, Timothy C. McDonough, is authorized to execute a Letter of Intent on behalf of Hope Township;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Municipal Clerk is hereby directed to provide a certified copy of this action to the Warren County Department of Public Safety together with the subject Letter of Intent.

Resolution #15-21, Authorize Mutual Aid Agreement w/Participating Units

Koonz asked that this Resolution be tabled; he would like the Hope Volunteer Fire Department to get feedback from other towns on this matter.

Bills

The bill list was read by Beatty, who noted those amounts over \$100.00. A motion was made by Koonz, seconded by Beatty authorizing the payment of a voucher to Timothy McDonough in the amount of \$600.00 for the reimbursement of supplies purchased for the Annual Youth Recognition. Committee polled: Beatty-yes; Koonz-yes; McDonough-abstain.

The remaining bills were ordered paid on a motion made by Koonz, seconded by Beatty. Committee polled: Beatty-yes; Koonz-yes; McDonough-yes. The total bills were \$334,444.99.

Environmental Commission, re: Request Resolution to Prohibit Fracking

A memo dated January 21, 2015 from the Hope Environmental Commission was reviewed and discussed. The Commission asked for the governing body's adoption of a resolution that would prohibit fracking and all related activities in connection with fracking. Beatty expressed concern about the trucking aspect as it would be difficult to determine the source of natural gas that may be trucked through the Township. Koonz added that the verbiage may limit interstate commerce.

McDonough suggested that the matter be tabled to allow more time to gather information. He has some resolutions from other municipalities that he would like the Township Committee to look at.

Review 2015 Municipal Budget Worksheet/Schedule Budget Workshops

The Township Committee set the budget workshop meetings for February 9, 17 and 18 at 4:00 P.M. at the Hope Municipal Building. Budget work will begin on February 9. The Clerk was directed to forward the budget worksheet and notes from the Municipal Auditor to the Bond Counsel.

Public

There were no questions or comments from the public.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 P.M. on a motion made by Koonz, seconded by Beatty. The motion was carried.

Respectfully submitted:

Mary Pat Quinn
Municipal Clerk