

MARCH 23, 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 and Deputy Mayor George Beatty. Committeeman John Koonz advised of his absence prior to the meeting. The Municipal Clerk, Mary Pat Quinn, was present.

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.

Public

Gail Letizia, a resident of Hope in the village area, expressed her concerns about the truck traffic and speeding on CR 521. She spoke specifically about Rodata and Nicobella trucks speeding and disregarding the crosswalk between the post office and the Hope Market. McDonough will speak with the State Police about the problem. He will reach out to the Township Attorney about the feasibility of writing letters to both of the companies about the Township's concerns.

Patricia Whitmore, a resident of Hope, spoke about the status of Beaver Road. Her son is under contract to buy her late aunt's house, and the mortgage company is requiring a statement from the Township about the ownership and maintenance of the unimproved road. The closing is scheduled for March 31, 2016. McDonough advised that he spoke with a local surveyor, Robert Berry, about the matter. Berry suggested that it is a public road which is not maintained by Hope Township. The matter will be referred to the Township Attorney.

Use of Facility Request from Hope Township PTA

Samantha Marotta, Vice President of the Hope Township PTA, was present to answer questions about the PTA's request to use Swayze Mill Park from June 11, 2016 to June 12, 2016 for an outdoor picnic and movie night with an option for camping overnight in tents (no stakes) on the ballfield. The event will be open and free to Hope Township families. If a family decides to camp out, all children must be with their own parents; there will be no exceptions. The PTA will require each family to register and hold Hope Township, the Hope Township School and the Hope PTA harmless. Marotta will coordinate the event with Patricia Whitmore, the Events Coordinator. Beatty advised Marotta that the PTA will be required to obtain an Open Cooking Permit from the N.J. Division of Fire Safety.

The use was approved pending Hope Township Board of Education approval on a motion made by McDonough, seconded by Beatty. Committee polled: Beatty-yes; Koonz-absent; McDonough-yes.

Introduce Ordinance #16-02, Abolish "Hope/White Township(s) Joint Municipal Alliance Committee

The following Ordinance was introduced and passed first reading on a motion made by Beatty, seconded by McDonough. Committee polled: Beatty-yes; Koonz-absent; McDonough-yes.

ORDINANCE #16-02

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPE, COUNTY OF WARREN,
STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO REPEAL CHAPTER 2, "ADMINISTRATION" OF THE CODE OF THE HOPE
TOWNSHIP SECTION 19 ENTITLED "MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE COMMITTEE AGAINST DRUG AND ALCOHOL
ABUSE.

WHEREAS, the Hope Township Municipal Alliance Committee has been operating for several years; and

WHEREAS, the Hope Township Municipal Alliance Committee's purpose, duties and goals have been memorialized each year via a Resolution of the Township Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Warren County Municipal Alliance Coordinator had requested that municipalities adopt an Ordinance creating a Municipal Alliance Committees; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Hope adopted such an ordinance in 2013, known as Ordinance No. #13-05; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Hope now concludes that such an ordinance is no longer necessary.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hope, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, that the Code of the Township of Hope is hereby amended to delete the following:

§ 2-19 Municipal Alliance Committee Against Drug and Alcohol Abuse of the Townships of Hope, White and Frelinghuysen

Section 2: Severability.

The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

Section 3. Repealer.

Any ordinances or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed as to their inconsistencies only.

Section 4. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication.

Introduce Ordinance #16-03, Amend Alcoholic Beverage Control License Fees

The following Ordinance was introduced and passed first reading on a motion made by Beatty, seconded by McDonough. Committee polled: Beatty-yes; Koonz-absent; McDonough-yes.

ORDINANCE #16-03

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPE, COUNTY OF WARREN,
STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER 6 OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
HOPE CODE REGARDING LIQUOR LICENSE FEES

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and the Committee of the Township of Hope, County of Warren, and State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION I

Section 6-3.4 entitled "License Fees; Number of Licenses" of the Township of Hope shall be modified as follows:

§6-3.4. License Fees; Number of Licenses.

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| (1) | Plenary Retail Consumption License: | |
| | Effective January 1, 2016 | \$2,400.00 |
| | Effective January 1, 2017 | \$2,500.00 |
| (2) | Club license: | |
| | Effective January 1, 2016 | \$ 120.00 |
| | Effective January 1, 2017 | \$ 144.00 |
| | Effective January 1, 2018 | \$ 172.00 |
| | Effective January 1, 2019 | \$ 188.00 |
| (3) | Plenary retail distribution: | |
| | Effective January 1, 2016 | \$2,400.00 |
| | Effective January 1, 2017 | \$2,500.00 |

SECTION II

The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competence jurisdiction, the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION III

Any ordinances or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed as to their inconsistencies only.

SECTION IV

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final publication as provided by law.

Discuss Sign Ordinance

McDonough advised that he spoke with the Zoning Officer earlier that afternoon about the sign ordinance. The Zoning Officer will review the sign ordinance and suggest areas of the ordinance that need clarification and consideration.

Discuss Policies, Procedures and Code of Conduct for Recreation Programs

The governing body reviewed the CY 2006 Sports Programs Policies and Procedures and the information obtained from White Township for its recreation programs. The Clerk was directed to prepare the "Sportsmanship Pledge" and a revised Hope Township Sports Program Policies and Procedures Manual for Beatty to review and discuss with the Sports Directors.

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

Respectfully submitted:

Mary Pat Quinn
Municipal Clerk