

APRIL 9, 2014

The monthly business 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, and the Township Engineer, Ted Rodman.

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 February 14, 2014 and February 21, 2014.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Koonz, seconded by Beatty to approve the following minutes as circulated: special meeting and business meeting on March 12, 2014; budget meeting on March 13, 2014; and work meeting on March 26, 2014. Committee polled: Beatty-yes; Koonz-yes; McDonough-yes.

#### RECEIPTS

The receipts list was read by Koonz, who noted those amounts over \$100.00. The total receipts during March, 2014 were \$70,968.43.

#### BILLS

The bills were read by Beatty, who also noted those amounts over \$100.00. A motion was made by Koonz, seconded by Beatty to approve the bills as of the date of the meeting in the amount of \$368,200.84. Committee polled: Beatty-yes; Koonz-yes; McDonough-yes.

#### USE OF FACILITIES REQUEST – NJ FIT CHICKS

Kim Lerner/NJ Fit Chicks submitted a Use of Facilities Request for the Moravian Grange Hall to conduct cardio kickboxing, self-defense and group exercise classes Monday and Wednesdays 6:00-6:45 A.M.; Tuesday and Thursdays 6:15-7:00 P.M.; and Saturdays 8:30-9:15 A.M. She will bring her own fitness equipment, i.e. small hand weights, kick pads and small exercise balls. A Certificate of Liability Insurance naming Hope Township as additional insured will be provided at a later date.

Karen Leahey, one of the students, was present to discuss the program on behalf of Lerner, who was out of town. There was a discussion about the rental fee. It was determined by the governing body that since there is no air conditioning in the Grange, the monthly rental fee will be \$150.00 starting May 1, 2014. A motion to approve the use was made by Koonz, seconded by Beatty. Committee polled: Beatty-yes; Koonz-yes; McDonough-yes.

## REPORTS

### Chief Financial Officer

The Township Committee is still working with a temporary budget.

### Zoning Officer

No report submitted.

### Warren County Health Department

#### Complaints:

416 Main Street – Garbage on the lawn and in the storage shed at the bank-owned property. A reinspection is scheduled.

Food Establishment – Mediterranean was inspected and received a satisfactory rating.

Rabies – No activity.

Kennels – Hope's Kennels was inspected and received a satisfactory rating.

Childcare Centers – No activity.

Recreational Bathing – No activity.

Youth Camps – No activity.

Campgrounds – No activity.

Septics/Wells – One septic alteration was installed.

### Township Engineer

Rodman reported that the sidewalks are going in at the Moravian Distillery. The railing needs to be painted per the State Historical Preservation Office. The governing body would like SHPO to pick the color to expedite the matter. The cost to paint the railing is \$300.00.

### Road Department

The DPW Foreman submits weekly reports which are available for review in the Clerk's office.

### Fire Department

No report submitted.

Blairstown Ambulance Corp

No report submitted.

Tax Assessor

No report submitted.

Tax Collector

March, 2014 Tax Collection:

Current Year Taxes	\$57,917.83	\$1,420,054.73 Y-T-D
Delinquent Taxes:		
Taxes – 2013	232.94	18,448.08
Cost of Sale Fees	.00	337.41
NSF Check Fees	.00	25.00
Interest and Costs	707.92	1,851.39
Total Receipts	<u>\$ 58,858.69</u>	<u>\$ 1,440,716.61</u>

Remarks:

Current Year Tax Collection Comparison:

March 2014 to March 2013	+\$ 14,726.97
Year to Date 2014 to Year to Date 2013	+\$ 31,076.69
March 2014 to March 2012	+\$ 12,069.65
Year to Date 2014 to Year to Date 2012	+\$161,957.22

Construction Code Official

The following permits were issued during March, 2014: 3 – Building; 3 – Plumbing; 3 – Electrical; 4 – Fire for a total income of \$948.00.

Mayor McDonough

Nothing to report.

Deputy Mayor Beatty

Beatty reported that he has been speaking with the Judge of the Municipal Court of North Warren at Hope on a weekly basis.

Judge Craig Dana was present at this time to review court statistics with the governing body. He made himself available any time to provide more information to Blairstown Township if needed.

Committeeman Koonz

Nothing to report.

CORRESPONDENCE

The following communications were received during the month:

1. Warren County Department of Land Preservation. Re: Warren County Preservation Day will be held on Saturday, May 17, 2014 from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. at White Lake.
2. Borough of Franklin, Sussex County. Re: Resolution urging the Legislature to Implement a Water Usage Tax.
3. N.J. Department of Transportation. Re: Transportation Alternatives Program. A copy of this information was given to the Hope Environmental Commission.
4. Municipal Court of North Warren at Hope. Re: February, 2014 Municipal Court Disbursements. A copy was given to the Chief Financial Officer.
5. N.J. Department of Environmental Protection. Re: Press release about measures that will be taken by the Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife to address the disease that is affecting the Pequest Trout Hatchery's Raceway System.
6. N.J. Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Water Quality, Office of Permit Management. Re: Public hearing on the FY2014 Annual Fee Report.
7. N.J. Department of Environmental Protection, Unregulated Hearing Oil Tank Program to David and Melinda Seger. Re: No further action determination concerning Block 2700, Lot 3514, 3 Birch Ridge Drive.
8. N.J. State League of Municipalities. Re: March, 2014 Legislative Bulletin.
9. Warren County Mosquito Control Commission. Re: Notice of availability of information packets covering area wide applications of insecticides used for the control of adult mosquitoes. A copy was given to the Hope Environmental Commission.
10. Daniel A. Colfax, Esq. to Joseph Bolles, Municipal Division Manager of the Administrative Office of the Courts. Re: Letter commending the assistance shown to him by Christine Rabtzow, Municipal Court Administrator, and her staff.

11. Barth R. Johnson, P.E., Assistant Warren County Engineer. Re: Follow up to the Township Committee's request to make Millbrook Road a one-way street in the northerly direction. The County will not impose this restriction on the road but will make sign changes in the area to notify and direct large vehicles away from Millbrook Road. The stone wall will be repaired by the Warren County Public Works Department. A copy was given to the Township Engineer.
  
12. N.J. Department of Environmental Protection. Re: Press released concerning the Governor's new "Don't Waste Our Open Space" initiative to combat illegal dumping in State parks and natural lands. A copy was given to the Hope Environmental Commission.

#### APPOINTMENTS

No new appointments were made.

#### OLD BUSINESS

##### Public Hearing/Adoption, Ordinance #14-04, Revise Speed Limit on Ridgeway Avenue

The public hearing on 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 #14-04

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPE, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO AMEND, REVISE AND REPLACE SECTION 7-26 OF THE HOPE TOWNSHIP CODE TO REVISE THE SPEED LIMIT FOR RIDGEWAY AVENUE

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 #14-04 was adopted on a motion made by Koonz, seconded by Beatty. Committee polled: Beatty-yes; Koonz-yes; McDonough-yes.

#### STATUS OF WATER SUPPLY TO HOPE COMMUNITY CENTER

There is no change in status. If the owner of the well decides to make another attempt at a new well, the governing body will only authorize one-third of the cost up to 300 feet. Hope Township will not contribute toward a purification system. A discussion ensued about the possibility of installing a holding tank at the Community Center.

DISCUSS NON-DOMESTICATED PETS ON SMALL LOTS

The governing body reviewed a draft ordinance that would limit the number of non-domesticated animals on residential property. The matter was referred to the Hope Planning Board for its review and recommendation.

STATUS OF PROPOSED IDENTIFICATION MARKER ORDINANCE

The matter will be discussed at a work meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Introduce Ordinance #14-05, 2014 Salary Ordinance

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

ORDINANCE #14-05

AN ORDINANCE FIXING AND DETERMINING THE SALARIES, WAGES OR COMPENSATION TO BE PAID AND BENEFITS TO BE PROVIDED TO THE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPE, COUNTY OF WARREN, NEW JERSEY FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2014

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

SECTION 1. The salaries, wages or compensation of the following officers and employees of the Township of Hope are hereby fixed and determined for the calendar year 2014, retroactive to January 1, 2014 at the amounts set forth herein:

A. Mayor	\$ 2,849.00 per annum
B. Committeeman (not serving as Mayor)	\$ 2,514.00 per annum
C. Municipal Clerk	\$ 32.57 per hour
	\$ 69.54 per hour, meeting attendance
D. Deputy Municipal Clerk	\$ 17.23 per hour
E. Secretary to the Zoning Board of Adjustment	\$ 4,135.00 per annum (base)
	\$ 152.00 per meeting
F. Election Official	\$ 162.00 per annum
G. Chief Financial Officer	\$11,606.00 per annum
H. Assessor of Taxes	\$16,857.00 per annum
I. Assessment Search Officer	\$ 2,965.00 per annum
J. Collector of Taxes	\$22,526.00 per annum
K. Tax Search Officer	\$ 2,965.00 per annum
L. Deputy Tax Collector	\$ 2,159.00 per annum
M. Secretary to the Planning Board	\$11,317.00 per annum (base)
	\$ 152.00 per meeting

N. Construction Code Official	\$ 3,164.00 per annum
O. Building Sub-Code Official	\$ 4,807.00 per annum
P. Fire Protection Officer	\$ 2,499.00 per annum
Q. Code Enforcement Officer	\$ 6,574.00 per annum
R. Public Works Foreman	\$ 26.89 per hour
S. Equipment Operator, Level I	\$ 21.79 per hour
Level II (temporary)	\$ 20.00 per hour
T. Sports Director	
(a) Soccer Director	\$ 2,823.00 per annum
(b) Basketball Director	\$ 3,426.00 per annum
(c) Baseball/Softball Director	\$ 4,111.00 per annum
U. Plumbing Subcode Official	\$ 2,642.00 per annum
V. Treasurer	\$ 5,151.00 per annum
W. Secretary to the Environmental Commission	\$ 1,339.00 per annum
X. Municipal Court Administrator	\$ 27.69 per hour
	\$ 55.00 per call out
Y. Deputy Municipal Court Administrator/ Violations Clerk	\$ 16.25 per annum
Z. Municipal Court Prosecutor	\$ 445.00 per session
AA. Municipal Court Judge	\$ 32,988.00 per annum
BB. Municipal Court Officer	\$ 117.00 per session
CC. Municipal Court Treasurer	\$ 3,629.00 per annum
DD. Animal Control Officer	\$ 6,272.00 per annum
	\$ 21.56 per hr, court
EE. Dog Licensing Clerk(s)	\$ 627.00 @ per annum
FF. Temporary Clerical Assistant	\$ 13.09 hour
GG. Laborer	\$ 17.76 per hour
HH. Christmas Market/Public Relations Coordinator	\$ 6,719.00 per annum
II. Technical Assistant	\$ 4,547.00 per annum
JJ. Electrical Subcode Official	\$ 4,683.00 per annum
KK. Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator	\$ 577.00 per annum
LL. Secretary to the Historic District Commission	\$ 1,320.00 per annum

SECTION II. If any section, clause, sentence or other part of this Ordinance shall, for any reason, be adjudged by the Court of Competent Jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder of this Ordinance.

SECTION III. All ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency only.

SECTION IV. This Ordinance shall take effect and shall become operative twenty days after publication thereof, after final adoption; unless within said twenty (20) days a petition signed by voters of the Township equal in number to at least five (5) percent of the registered voters of the said Township of Hope, protesting against the adoption of this Ordinance be presented to the Hope Township Committee, in which case the provisions of Section I of this Ordinance, which provides for increased salaries, wages or compensations of the elected officials, shall remain inoperative unless and until a proposition for the ratification of such portions of this Ordinance shall be adopted at an election by a majority of the voters voting on said proposition.

Introduce Ordinance #14-06, Consent to Renew Cable Television Franchise to Service Electric

The following Ordinance was introduced and passed first reading on a motion made by Koonz, seconded by Beatty; however, Koonz noted that the Hope Township Municipal Building is one of the locations that is to receive complimentary, expanded basic cable service. The Clerk was directed to bring this to the Township Attorney's attention so that the Ordinance and Agreement can be modified accordingly. Committee polled: Beatty-yes; Koonz-yes; McDonough-yes.

ORDINANCE #14-06

TOWNSHIPS OF HOPE, HARDWICK, KNOWLTON AND FRELINGHUYSEN

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING MUNICIPAL CONSENT TO THE ISSUANCE OF A FRANCHISE TO SERVICE ELECTRIC CABLE T.V. OF NEW JERSEY, INC., TO CONSTRUCT, OWN, OPERATE, EXTEND AND MAINTAIN A CABLE TELEVISION SYSTEM IN THE TOWNSHIPS OF HOPE, HARDWICK, KNOWLTON, AND FRELINGHUYSEN, COUNTY OF WARREN, SETTING FORTH CONDITIONS ACCOMPANYING THE GRANT OF SAID MUNICIPAL CONSENT AND PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION AND USE OF SAID SYSTEM

BE IT ORDANED by the Township Committees of the Townships of Hope, Hardwick, Knowlton and Frelinghuysen, County of Warren and State of New Jersey as follows:

SECTION 1. Introductory Provisions/Purpose of the Ordinance.

The Municipalities hereby grant to the company their non-exclusive consent to place in, upon, along, across, above, over and under the highway, streets, alleys, sidewalks, public ways, and public places in the Municipalities, poles, wires, cables, and fixtures necessary for the maintenance and operation in the Municipalities of a cable television system and cable communications system. Construction, pursuant to said consent, is conditioned upon prior approval of the Board of Public Utilities.

SECTION 2. Definitions.

For the purposes of this Ordinance, the following terms, phrases, words and their derivations shall have the meaning given herein. Such meaning or definition of terms is supplemental to those definitions given by the Federal Communications Commission (F.C.C.) Rules and Regulations, 47 C.F.R. subsection 76.1 et seq., and the Cable Communications Policy Act, 47 U.S.C. section 521 et seq., as amended, and the Cable Television Act, N.J.S.A. 48:5A-1 et seq., and shall in no way be construed to broaden, alter or conflict with federal or state definitions:

- (a) "Municipalities" or "Townships" are, collectively, the Townships of Hope, Hardwick, Knowlton and Frelinghuysen, County of Warren, State of New Jersey.
- (b) "Company" is the grantee of rights under this Ordinance and is known as Service Electric Cable T.V. of New Jersey, Inc.
- (c) "Act" or "Cable Television Act" is Chapter 186 of the General Laws of New Jersey, and subsequent amendment thereto, section 48:5A-1 et seq.



### SECTION 3. Statement of Findings.

A public hearing concerning the consent herein granted to the Company was held, after property public notice, on January 16, 2012, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Act. Said hearing, having been held and fully open to the public, and the Municipalities have received all comments regarding the qualifications of the Company to receive this consent, the Municipalities hereby find that the Company possesses the necessary legal, technical, character, financial, and other qualifications, and that the Company's operating and construction arrangements are adequate and feasible.

### SECTION 4. Grant of Municipal Consent.

The Townships hereby grant to the Company consent to the issuance of a non-exclusive franchise by the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities to construct, erect, operate, modify and maintain, in, upon, along, across, above, over, and under the highways, streets, alleys, sidewalks, public ways and public places now laid out or dedicated and all extensions thereof and additions thereto, in the Townships of Hope, Hardwick, Knowlton and Frelinghuysen, such poles, wires, cables, underground conduits, manholes, and other television conductors and fixtures necessary for the maintenance and operation in the Townships of a cable television system and cable communications system for the purpose of distributing television and radio signals, and other electronic impulses in order to furnish television and radio programs, and various communications and other electronic services to the public. The rights so granted include the right to use and occupy said highways, streets, alleys, public ways and public places, and all manner of easements for the purposes herein set forth and as provided by federal and state law, and are subject to the terms and conditions herein.

### SECTION 5. Duration of Franchise and Extension of Service.

The consent herein granted shall expire ten (10) years from the date of expiration of the new Certificate of Approval as issued by the Board of Public Utilities (BPU). The Company shall be required to proffer services to any persons, residents or businesses in conformance with its Tariff on file with the Office of Cable Television, including, and subject to any policies for line extension and/or non-standard installations. Specific to the Townships of Hope, Hardwick, Knowlton and Frelinghuysen, the Company agrees to extend services at a rate of 20 homes per linear mile.

### SECTION 6. Franchise Fee.

Pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Act, the Company shall, during each year of operation under the consent granted herein, pay to each Municipality two percent (2%) of the gross revenues from all recurring charges in the nature of subscription fees paid by subscribers to its cable television reception service in the Municipalities, or any amount permitted by the Cable Television Act or otherwise allowable by law.

## SECTION 7. Rates.

In accordance with N.J.S.A. 48:5a-11, the Board of Public Utilities, through the Office of Cable Television, shall, consistent with federal law, prescribe just a reasonable rates, charges and classifications for the services rendered by a cable television provider.

## SECTION 8. Territory.

The consent to a non-exclusive franchise granted the Company shall apply to the entirety of the Municipalities, and any property hereafter annexed.

## SECTION 9. Construction Requirements.

Restoration: In the event that the Company or its agents shall disturb any pavement, streets, surfaces, sidewalks, driveways or other surfaces in the natural topography, the Company shall, at its sole expense, restore and replace such places or things so disturbed to as good a condition as existed prior to the commencement of said work.

Relocation: If at any time during the period of this consent, any of the Municipalities shall alter or change the grade of any street, alley or other way or place, the Company, upon reasonable notice by such Municipality, shall remove, re-lay and relocate its equipment, at the expense of the Company.

The Company shall temporarily move or remove appropriate parts of its facilities to allow for the moving of buildings, and machinery, or in other similar circumstances. The expense shall be borne by the party requesting such action, except when required by the subject Municipality, in which case the Company shall bear the cost.

Removal or Trimming of Trees: During the exercise of its rights and privileges under this franchise, the Company shall have the authority to trim trees upon and overhanging streets, alleys, sidewalks and public places of the Municipalities, so as to prevent the branches of such trees from coming in contact with the wires and cables of the Company. Such trimming shall be only to the extent necessary to maintain proper clearance for the Company's facilities.

## SECTION 10. Local Office.

During the term of this franchise, and any renewal thereof, the Company shall maintain a local business office in Sussex County for the purpose of receiving, investigating and resolving all complaints regarding the quality of service, equipment, malfunctions, and similar matters. Said local business office shall be open during normal business hours, and in no event less than 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

## SECTION 11. Municipal Complaint Officer.

The Office of Cable Television is hereby designated as the complaint officer for the Municipalities, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:5a-26(b).

All complaints shall be received and processed in accordance with N.J.A.C. 14: 17-6.5

SECTION 12. Performance Bond.

During the life of the franchise, the Company shall give bond to each Municipality, which bond shall be in the amount of \$25,000.00.

Such bond shall be to insure the faithful performance of all undertakings of the Company as represented in its Application and incorporated herein.

SECTION 13. Local Programming and Public Educational and Governmental Access.

The Company shall provide public, educational, and governmental (PEG) access channels and facilities in accordance with its Application for Renewal of Municipal Consent.

SECTION 14. Free Services.

The Company shall provide services in accordance with its Tariff for cable television service approved by the Board of Public Utilities on January 1, 2013. In addition, the Company shall provide the following locations with complimentary, expanded basic cable service:

1. Twenty-five (25) cable connections for the Frelinghuysen School located at 780 Route 94, Newton, New Jersey 07860.
2. One (1) cable connection for the Hope Township Fire Company located at 416 Hope-Blairstown Road, Hope, New Jersey 07825.
3. One (1) cable connection for the Frelinghuysen Department of Public Works located at 210 Main Street, Johnsonburg, New Jersey 07825.
4. One (1) cable connection for the Frelinghuysen Township Municipal Building located at 210 Main Street, Johnsonburg, New Jersey 07825.
5. One (1) cable connection for the Knowlton Municipal Building, located at 628 Route 94, Columbia, NJ 07832.

In addition, although nothing herein shall require the Company to offer or extend a discount on services to the senior citizens of any given municipality, the Company agrees that should such a discount be provided within any section of the Company's service area, same will be provided to the Townships.

SECTION 15. Programming.

Although nothing herein shall require the Company to carry or transmit any particular television stations or programming source, the Company shall provide the subscribers in the Townships with at least the same broad categories of programming, in approximately the same quantity, as are now provided, and which appear in the Application for Municipal Consent.

SECTION 16. Liability Insurance.

The Company agrees to maintain and keep in full force and effect, at its sole expense, at all times during the term of this consent, sufficient liability insurance naming each Municipality as an insured and insuring against loss by any such claim, suit, judgment, execution or demand, in the minimum amount of one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) combined single limit for bodily injury or death to one person, five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00) for property damage resulting from any one accident, and an excess liability (or umbrella) policy in the amount of ten million dollars (\$10,000,000.00).

The contractor building the cable television lines shall file a worker's compensation certificate of insurance with the appropriate Township Clerk prior to commencing any work.

SECTION 17. Filing with Township Engineer.

The Company shall cause all construction plans relating to work which could have significant impact on public works within any of the Townships, to be filed with the appropriate Township Engineer's Office.

SECTION 18. Activities Prohibited.

The Company shall not allow its cable or other operations to interfere with television reception or persons not served by the Company, nor shall the system interfere with, obstruct or hinder in any manner, the operation of the various utilities serving the residents of the Townships.

SECTION 19. Incorporation of the Application.

All of the commitments and statements contained in the Application and any amendment thereto submitted in writing to the Municipalities by the Company, except as modified herein, are binding upon the Company as terms and conditions of this consent. The Application and any other relevant writings submitted by the Company shall be annexed hereto and made a part hereof by reference, as long as it does not conflict with state or federal law.

SECTION 20. Separability.

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court, or federal or state agency of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof.

SECTION 21. Consistency with Future Federal and State Statutes, Regulations, Rules and Orders.

Should any of the Federal or State Acts, Regulations, or pronouncements applicable to the regulation of cable television service be modified in any way, such modification, to the extent it embodies required terms and conditions, and meaningfully can be incorporated into this Ordinance, shall be so incorporated, consistent with any applicable effective dates specified

in such modification. To the extent that any such modification(s) place(s) limits on permissible terms and conditions, and any provision of this Ordinance becomes invalid by virtue of such modification(s), the preceding section, SECTION 20, shall apply.

SECTION 22. Effective Date of Consent.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon its final passage and publication in each municipality according to law.

Resolution #14-29, Authorize 2013 Recycling Tonnage Grant

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

RESOLUTION #14-29

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION FOR THE  
2013 RECYCLING TONNAGE GRANT

WHEREAS, the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act, P.L. 1987, c. 102, has established a recycling fund from which tonnage grant may be made to municipalities in order to encourage local source separation and recycling programs; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent and the spirit of the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act to use the tonnage grants to develop new municipal recycling programs and to continue and to expand existing programs; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection has promulgated recycling regulations to implement the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act; and

WHEREAS, the recycling regulations impose on municipalities certain requirements as a condition for applying for tonnage grants, including but not limited to, making and keeping accurate, verifiable records of materials collected and claimed by the municipality; and

WHEREAS, a resolution authorizing this municipality to apply for such tonnage grants will memorialize the commitment of this municipality to recycling and to indicate the assent of Hope Township Committee to the efforts undertaken by the municipality and the requirements contained in the Recycling Act and recycling regulations; and

WHEREAS, such a resolution should designate the individual authorized to ensure the application is properly completed and timely filed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hope that Hope Township hereby endorses the submission of the recycling tonnage grant application to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and designates Linda Gabel to ensure that the application is properly filed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the monies received from the recycling tonnage grant be deposited in a dedicated recycling trust fund to be used solely for the purposes of recycling.

Resolution #14-30, Refund 2014 Real Estate Taxes – Block 4000, Lot 107

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

RESOLUTION #14-30

RESOLUTION TO REFUND 2014 REAL ESTATE TAXES BLOCK 4000, LOT 107

WHEREAS, the property owned by Rose M. D’Amato located at 25 Green Street was sold on November 22, 2013 to Robert and Catherine Birdsall; and

WHEREAS, on January 28, 2014, First Hope Bank, the mortgagee of Ms. D’Amato remitted \$1,578.28 to pay first quarter 2014 taxes. Then on February 4, 2014, Dovenmuehle Mortgage, the mortgagee of Mr. and Mrs. Birdsall remitted \$1,578.28 to pay first quarter 2014 taxes; and

WHEREAS, First Hope Bank has requested that their payment be refunded;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Hope on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2014 that the Chief Financial Officer be authorized to draw a check in the amount of \$1,578.28 payable to First Hope Bank, Trust Department of 161 Newton-Sparta Road located in Newton, New Jersey 07860 to refund the tax overpayment.

Resolution #14-31, Resolution Refunding Tax Sale Certificate #13-03 and #12-06

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

WHEREAS, the property owned by Sherri Lee DePuy known as Block 4800 Lot 200 located at 36 Smith Street had unpaid 2011 property taxes and was sold at a Tax Sale held on January 31, 2012 by the Hope Township Tax Collector; and

WHEREAS, US Bank Custodian for Pro Capital 1, LLC of 50 South 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 1950 located in Philadelphia, PA 19102 was the successful bidder of the above stated property. The amount of the Tax Sale consisted of unpaid 2011 property taxes, interest, and other costs, and totaled \$941.69 and is represented by Tax Sale Certificate 12-06; and

WHEREAS, the property owned by Sherri Lee DePuy known as Block 4800 Lot 200 located at 36 Smith Street had unpaid 2012 property taxes and was sold at a Tax Sale held on February 7, 2013 by the Hope Township Tax Collector; and

WHEREAS, US Bank Custodian for Pro Capital 2, LLC of 50 South 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 1950 located in Philadelphia, PA 19102 was the successful bidder of the above stated property. The amount of the Tax Sale consisted of unpaid 2012 property taxes, interest, and other costs, and totaled \$1,800.71 and is represented by Tax Sale Certificate 13-03; and

WHEREAS, Martin D. Eagan, Esquire, representing Brian Holton, the purchaser of the property paid \$10,082.58 on April 1, 2014 to the Hope Township Tax Collector to satisfy the outstanding Tax Sale Certificates, and subsequent taxes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Hope on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of April 2014 that the Chief Financial Officer be authorized to draw a check payable to US Bank Custodian for Pro Capital 1, LLC in the amount of \$4,983.90 for the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate 12-06. Also be it resolved that the Chief Financial Officer be authorized to draw a check payable to US Bank Custodian for Pro Capital 2, LLC in the amount of \$5,098.68 for the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate 13-03.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the executed satisfied Tax Sale Certificates 13-04 and 12-06 be returned to Martin D. Eagan, Esquire of 52 Maple Avenue located in Morristown, New Jersey 07960.

Proclamation – May, 2014 is “Older Americans’ Month”

The following proclamation was made by the Mayor:

OLDER AMERICANS MONTH

WHEREAS, Hope Township is committed to helping all residents live longer, healthier lives; and

WHEREAS, the older residents of Hope Township have made countless contributions and sacrifices to ensure a better life for our future generations; and

WHEREAS, injury prevention, safety awareness, and health promotion are vital in helping our older residents remain healthy and active throughout their lives; and

WHEREAS, Hope Township encourages and supports all efforts that help our older residents take control of their health, safety and wellbeing.

NOW, THEREFORE, Hope Township does hereby proclaim May, 2014 to be Older Americans Month in Hope Township. Residents of all ages are encouraged to take time this month to recognize our older citizens as vital contributors who enhance every aspect of our community.

McDonough advised that the annual “Tea with Tim” will be held on Wednesday, May 14, 2014 from 2:00 to 4:00 P.M. for Hope seniors and members of the Over Fifty-Five Club at the Inn at Millrace Pond.

Miscellaneous

The Township Committee is available for the annual meeting with the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class of the Hope Township School on May 21, 2014.

There was a brief discussion about possibly applying to the Warren County Municipal and Charitable Conservancy Trust Fund Committee for a grant to replace the windows in the Hope Community Center. The Clerk was directed to contact Susan Beall for information.

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There were no questions or comments from the public.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 P.M. on a motion made by Koonz, seconded by Beatty. The motion was carried.

Respectfully submitted:

Mary Pat Quinn  
Municipal Clerk