

MAY 27, 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 and Deputy Mayor George Beatty. Committeeman John Koonz advised of his absence prior to the meeting. The Municipal Clerk, Mary Pat Quinn, and the Municipal Auditor, Anthony Ardito, were also 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 14, 2015 and January 23, 2015.

PUBLIC HEARING/ ADOPTION OF 2015 LOCAL MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Ardito read the 2015 Local Municipal Budget by title. A motion was made by Beatty, seconded by McDonough to open the public hearing. Committee polled: Beatty-yes; Koonz-absent; McDonough-yes.

Ardito noted that the Local Open Space Trust Tax was reduced from two cents to one-half of a cent this year to offset the capital improvement appropriation of \$200,000.00. The capital improvement funds will be used to purchase a new truck and to complete the rehabilitation/replacement of many catch basins throughout the Township.

There were no questions or comments from the public.

The hearing was closed on a motion made by Beatty, seconded by McDonough. Committee polled: Beatty-yes; Koonz-absent; McDonough-yes.

The 2015 Local Municipal Budget was adopted on a motion made by Beatty, seconded by McDonough. Committee polled: Beatty-yes; Koonz-absent; McDonough-yes.

RESOLUTION #15-34, PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR PLANNER (AFFORDABLE HOUSING PLAN)

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

RESOLUTION #15-34

A RESOLUTION OF THE HOPE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
APPOINTING A PROFESSIONAL PLANNER FOR THE
PURPOSE OF PREPARING A REVISED HOUSING PLAN
AND FAIR SHARE PLAN

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Hope in the County of Warren, New Jersey has determined that the Hope Township Housing Plan and Fair Share Plan needs to be revised; and

WHEREAS, Heyer, Gruel and Associates with offices at 236 Broad Street, Red Bank, NJ 07701 has submitted an agreement dated May 6, 2015 for professional planning services not to exceed \$3,000.00, which the Township of Hope deems fair and equitable for said professional services; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A.40A:11-1,et seq.) requires that the Resolution authorizing the award of contracts for “Professional Services” without competitive bids and the contract itself must be available for public inspection; and

WHEREAS, Heyer, Gruel and Associates agree to incorporate into this contract the mandatory language pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 17:27, as amended and supplemented from time to time and the contractor or subcontractor agrees to comply with the terms, provisions and obligations of said N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 17:27; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hope, of the County of Warren, as follows:

1. The Mayor and Clerk of the Township of Hope are hereby authorized and directed to execute a duplicate of this Resolution, which shall act as the authority and agreement between the Township of Hope and Heyer, Gruel and Associates retention as planners on and in behalf of the Township of Hope for the preparation of a revised Housing Plan and Fair Share Plan.
2. The services to be rendered by Heyer, Gruel and Associates as Planner shall be specifically for the services outlined in this action.
3. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a “Professional Service” in accordance with N.J.S.A.40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because Heyer, Gruel and Associates is a licensed profession planning firm of the State of New Jersey and as such is duly qualified as a professional to carry out the subject services, which are expressly exempt from the Local Public Contracts bidding requirements.
4. A notice of this action shall be printed once the “The Star Gazette”.
5. Copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to Heyer, Gruel and Associates, the Township Clerk and Chief Financial Officer.

FINAL REVIEW OF HOPE UPDATE IN DRAFT WARREN COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

The governing body reviewed the material that the Township Clerk and the Township Engineer supplied to complete the Hope Township section of the draft Warren County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update. The Clerk was directed to complete worksheets to include Jenny Jump State Forest.

REVIEW COMMUNICATION FROM L & C DESIGN CONSULTANTS, PA

A letter dated May 12, 2015 from Anna Lynch of L & C Design Consultants PA regarding that company’s assumption that a payment in the amount of \$6,684.31 is owed to them in connection with the Moravian Distillery Project. This matter was addressed by the Hope Township Attorney in a letter to

Ms. Grace Lynch on September 4, 2013. The Clerk was directed to answer the current letter by sending a copy of the Township Attorney's letter.

ANIMAL CONTROL

The Animal Control Officer asked the governing body to consider adopting an Ordinance to address livestock running at large. He provided an ordinance from the Township of Hampton for consideration. The matter is under advisement.

PUBLIC

There were no questions or comments from the public.

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