

MAY 28, 2014

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 Committeeman John Koonz. Deputy Mayor George Beatty advised of his absence prior to the meeting. The Municipal Clerk, Mary Pat Quinn, was 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 February 14, 2014 and February 21, 2014.

Public Hearing/Adoption of Ordinance #14-05, 2014 Salary Ordinance

The public hearing for Ordinance #14-05 was opened to the public on a motion made by Koonz, seconded by McDonough. Committee polled: Beatty-absent; 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

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

Ordinance #14-05 was adopted on a motion made by Koonz, seconded by McDonough. Committee polled: Beatty-absent; Koonz-yes; McDonough-yes.

Public Hearing/Adoption of Ordinance #14-06, Mun. Consent to Franchise for SECATV

The public hearing for Ordinance #14-06 was opened to the public on a motion made by Koonz, seconded by McDonough. Committee polled: Beatty-absent; Koonz-yes; McDonough-yes.

ORDINANCE #14-06

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING MUNICIPAL CONSENT TO THE ISSUANCE OF A FRAQNCHISE TO SERVICE ELECTRIC CABLE T.V. OF NEW JERSEY, INC., TO CONSTRUCT, OWN, OPERATE, EXTEND AND MAINTAIN A CABLE TLEVISION SYSTEM IN THE TOWNSHIP 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

Koonz suggested that the governing body adopt the Ordinance pending the inclusion of #6 in Section 14. Free Services "One (1) cable connection for the Hope Municipal Building, located at 407 County Route 611, Hope, NJ 07844". There were no other questions or comments from the public. The

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

Ordinance #14-06 was adopted with the addition of #6 in Section 14. Free Services "One (1) cable connection for the Hope Municipal Building, located at 407 County Route 611, Hope, NJ 07844" on a motion made by Koonz, seconded by McDonough. Committee polled: Beatty-absent; Koonz-yes; McDonough-yes.

Resolution #14-35, Approve 2013 Annual Audit Report

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

RESOLUTION #14-35

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-4 requires the governing body of every local unit to have made an annual audit of its books, accounts and financial transactions; and

WHEREAS, the Annual Report of Audit for the year 2013 has been filed by a Registered Municipal Accountant with the Municipal Clerk as per the requirements of N.J.S. 40A:5-6, and a copy has been received by each member of the governing body; and

WHEREAS, the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey is authorized to prescribe reports pertaining to the local fiscal affairs, as per R.S. 52:27BB-34; and

WHEREAS, the Local Finance Board has promulgated a regulation requiring that the governing body of each municipality shall by resolution certify to the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey that all members of the governing body have reviewed, as a minimum, the sections of the annual audit entitled:

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And

WHEREAS, the members of the governing body have personally reviewed as a minimum the Annual Report of Audit, and specifically the sections of the Annual Audit entitled:

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As evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body; and

WHEREAS, such resolution of certification shall be adopted by the governing body no later than forty-five days after the receipt of the annual audit, as per the regulations of the Local Finance Board; and

WHEREAS, all members of the governing body have received and have familiarized themselves with, at least, the minimum requirements of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey, as stated aforesaid and have subscribed to the affidavit, as provided by the Local Finance Board; and

WHEREAS, failure to comply with the promulgations of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey may subject the members of the local governing body to the penalty provisions of R.S. 52:27BB-52-to wit:

R.S. 52:27BB-52 – “A local officer or member of a local governing body who, after a date fixed for compliance, fails or refuses to obey an order of the Director of the Local Government Services, under the provisions of this Article, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, may be fined not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both, in addition shall forfeit his office.”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the governing body of the Township of Hope hereby states that it has complied with the promulgation of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey dated July 30, 1968 and does hereby submit a certified copy of this resolution and the required affidavit to said Board to show evidence of said compliance.

Vouchers (3) – Kunzman Construction, LLC.

A motion was made by Koonz, seconded by McDonough to authorize payment to Kunzman Construction, LLC. for the following: \$3,640.00 for Invoice #21 and \$300.00 for painting the outside railing. Committee polled: Beatty-absent; Koonz-yes; McDonough-yes.

A third voucher in the amount of \$4,933.50 for the 2% retainage was tabled to the June 11, 2014 business meeting pending receipt of all final documents from Kunzman Construction, LLC.

Discuss Communication from SADC, re: Farmland Preservation Account Balances

A letter dated May 12, 2014 from Susan E. Payne, Executive Director of the N.J. State Agriculture Development Committee was discussed. The communication provided the account balance of the Township’s State Farmland Preservation Grant. The Clerk was directed to make sure that The Land Conservancy of New Jersey has also received a copy and that they are monitoring this for the Township.

Discuss Draft Identification Marker Ordinance

McDonough recommended tabling the discussion of the draft ordinance until all three members of the governing body are present. Koonz suggested that since none of the businesses supported the ordinance, the governing body should direct the Zoning Officer to enforce the violations that may exist. This was suggested by the Hope Area Chamber of Commerce in a letter dated January 6, 2014.

The areas of concern are: U. S. Gas – several signs on site; The Nest – two signs on the building, a sandwich board sign in front of the building, and a sandwich board sign at the intersection of CR 609/519; Hope Junction Antiques – one sign on the building, a sign on the sidewalk in front of the store, and a sandwich board sign at the intersection of CR 609/519; Country Liquor Store - banners, sandwich board sign, lottery signs; Hope Market – neon sign; The Inn at Millrace Pond - banner, sandwich board sign at the intersection of CR 611/519.

Peddler's License Application – Jana Joy

A Peddler's License Application was received from Jana Joy on May 22, 2014 to sell books and websites for homework help door to door. The request was denied on a motion made by Koonz, seconded by McDonough. Residents have expressed their concerns about this matter in the past. Committee polled: Beatty-absent; Koonz-yes; McDonough-yes.

Public

There were no questions or comments from the public.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 P.M. on a motion made by Koonz, seconded by McDonough. The motion was carried.

Respectfully submitted:

Mary Pat Quinn
Municipal Clerk