

OCTOBER 22, 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, 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 February 14, 2014 and February 21, 2014.

Public Hearing/Adoption of Ordinance #14-09, Amend 2014 Salary Ordinance

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

ORDINANCE #14-09

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED
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 Beatty. Committee polled: Beatty-yes; Koonz-yes; McDonough-yes.

Ordinance #14-09 was adopted on a motion made by Koonz, seconded by Beatty. Committee polled: Beatty-yes; Koonz-yes; McDonough-yes.

Discuss DPW Salt Shed Repair/Replacement

The Township Engineer is working on the specifications for the salt shed. He did get clarification on the Prevailing Wage threshold.

Use of Facility Request from Silver Lake Property Owners' Association

A Use of Facility Request was submitted by the Silver Lake Property Owners' Association for the use of the Moravian Grange Hall on November 2, 2014 for a meeting. It will be held from 12:00 Noon to 5:00 P.M. A motion was made by Koonz, seconded by Beatty to approve the use and to waive the fee. Committee polled: Beatty-yes; Koonz-yes; McDonough-yes.

Discuss letter from NJDEP, re: Hope Township Sanitary Landfill

A letter dated September 24, 2014 from the NJDEP, Division of Solid and Hazardous Waste regarding the closed landfill was reviewed and discussed. The Clerk was directed to send a letter reminding the agency that pursuant to their instructions to PMK Group, Hope Township has not been required to monitor the landfill for several years.

Review 2014 Best Practices Inventory

The governing body reviewed the 2014 Best Practices Inventory. The Township will receive full State aid based on its responses to the questions within the inventory.

Status of Municipal Court of North Warren at Hope

Several resumes have been submitted for the vacancy that will be created on January 1, 2015 with the retirement of the Municipal Court Judge, Craig Dana. The governing body will determine by the November 12 meeting which candidates should be interviewed.

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 Beatty. The motion was carried.

Respectfully submitted:

Mary Pat Quinn
Municipal Clerk