

OCTOBER 28, 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, Deputy Mayor George Beatty, and Committeeman John Koonz. Also present were the Township Engineer, Ted Rodman, and 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 January 14, 2015 and January 23, 2015.

Continue Review of 2015/16 Best Practices Inventory Worksheet

The 2015/16 Best Practices Inventory Worksheet was reviewed and discussed again.

Status of Specifications for Dump Truck

Rodman noted that the specifications for the dump truck are ready; however, the Public Works Foreman would like to tweak them. He has been scheduled to go to Rodman's office to work on that.

Status of Specifications/ Funding for Salt Shed Project

Rodman was directed to modify the specifications and to obtain quotes for the concrete blocks.

Status of Catch Basin Replacement/ Repair Specification Review

Rodman previously provided the specifications for the catch basin replacement/ repair project to Koonz for review; Beatty was given a copy at the meeting. The specifications will be forwarded to the Township Attorney for his review and recommendation. The work is to be completed no later than April 1, 2016.

Prepare Code of Conduct for Recreation Activities

A sports program policies and procedures manual from CY 2006 will be revised for future distribution for all Hope Township recreation activities.

Status of Municipal Court

The governing body reviewed the budget activity for the municipal court.

Letter from Stephen Flynn, re: Hope Chess & Technology Club

A letter dated September 28, 2015 from Stephen Flynn, a resident of Hope, was acknowledged. Mr. Flynn offered to continue the leadership of the Hope Chess and Technology Club. The club begins to meet at the Moravian Grange on Saturdays from January 9, 2016 until March 19, 2016 from 7:00 to 10:00 P.M. The Clerk was directed to send a letter to Flynn confirming the use of the building.

Discuss Almeida/former Scorp Farm Appraisal Instructions

The governing body reviewed the instructions provided by The Land Conservancy of New Jersey for the purchase of its own development rights on the Almeida/ formerly Scorp Farm. The Clerk was directed to get feedback from the Tax Assessor on the matter.

Resolution #15-55, Authorize 2016 NJDOT Grant Application – Jenny Jump Road

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

RESOLUTION #15-55

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE SUBMITTAL OF A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE OVERLAY OF JENNY JUMP ROAD, SECTIONS 1 AND 3 PROJECT

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of Hope Township formally approves the grant application for the above stated project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as MA-2016-Jenny Jump Road, Section 1 and 3-00673 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of Hope Township.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of Hope Township and that their signatures constitute acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

Resolution #15-56, Ch. 159 for FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant for Municipal Building Generator Project

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

RESOLUTION #15-56

WHEREAS, the Township of Hope received a grant award in the amount of \$11,250.00 from the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program for the furnishing and installation of a generator at the Hope Municipal Building; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any County or Municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, the Director may also approve the insertion of any item of appropriation for equal amount;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Hope hereby requests the Director of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2015 in the amount of \$11,250.00 under the caption of "Infrastructure Program Generator Project – Hope Municipal Building"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the like sum of \$11,250.00 is hereby appropriated under the caption of "Infrastructure Program Generator Project – Hope Municipal Building";

The terms of the grant require that Hope Township provide a matching share of \$1,250.00 toward the project, which will be appropriated in Public Buildings and Grounds, Other Expenses.

Discuss Establishing Speed Limits & No Parking on Smith and Green Streets

The governing body discussed with the Township Engineer the need to establish speed limits on Smith and Green Streets as well as no parking on a portion of Smith Street. Rodman asked the Clerk to obtain the number of school children on both roads. He will prepare the engineer's rationale for the Ordinance. The no parking area will be on the lake side of Smith Street from Main/Blair Street to Green Street. The engineer will prepare that description for the ordinance.

Schedule 2016 Hope Forum meeting

McDonough noted that he would like to hold a Hope Forum after the first of the year. The date and time will be determined at a future meeting.

Road Budget

The CFO advised the governing body of the balances in the line items for Roads, Salary and Wages (\$801.08) and Roads, Other Expenses (\$34,496.89). There was a discussion on how to proceed through the end of the year. The governing body decided to get quotes for supplemental snowplowing services for the streets in Hope Village as a trial.

The capital budget appropriation of \$200,000.00 will be identified as \$150,000.00 for the purchase of a new truck and \$50,000 for the replacement/repair of catch basins. The CFO will prepare the capital ordinance for introduction at the November 9 business meeting.

Memo from Hope Environmental Commission, re: Hydraulic Fracturing

A memo dated October 27, 2015 from the Hope Township Environmental Commission was acknowledged. The Commission asked the governing body to review a revised resolution banning hydraulic fracturing in Warren County. McDonough asked Beatty to look in to the matter and report back to the governing body.

Public

There were no questions or comments from the public.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 P.M. on a motion made by Koonz, seconded by Beatty. The motion was carried.

