

DECEMBER 30, 2014

The year-end meeting of the Hope Township Committee convened at 4:00 P.M. at the Hope 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, and Township Engineer, Ted Rodman, were 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The following minutes were approved as circulated on a motion made by Koonz, seconded by McDonough. Committee polled: Beatty-absent; Koonz-yes; McDonough – yes.

- Special meeting, December 8, 2014
- Executive Session, December 8, 2014
- Business meeting, December 10, 2014

BILLS

The bills were noted by Koonz. A motion was made by Koonz, seconded by McDonough to authorize the payment of the bills totaling \$8,407.32. Committee polled: Beatty-absent; Koonz-yes; McDonough-yes.

USE OF FACILITY APPLICATION FROM SALAD CITY PRODUCTIONS

Alanna Slaw Kiewe, owner of Salad City Productions was present to answer questions of the governing body in connection with her application to rent the Hope Moravian Grange on January 4, 2015 for a children's theatre production. She expects 25 people for the morning rehearsal and approximately 100 people for the final performance.

A motion was made by Koonz, seconded by McDonough to authorize the use for the weekend of January 2 through January 4, 2015 for a rental fee of \$100.00. Ms. Kiewe asked if the stage could be cleared off by the Township. The governing body replied that the Department of Public Works would take care of that before January 4. Committee polled: Beatty-absent; Koonz-yes; McDonough-yes.

PUBLIC

Lucas Kropozcinski, a resident of Hope, spoke in opposition to the new procedure for using the Hope Community Center. He contacted the Clerk to request time in the center to work with his children on their basketball skills. The governing body set a policy last year that requires all users of Township property to complete a Use of Facility Form and provide the Township with a Certificate of Liability Insurance. This procedure is not required for Township sponsored activities. McDonough explained

that the procedure is different this year as a result of damage to the center last year and liability. Kropozcinski asked the governing body to reconsider its decision. The matter will be discussed at the next meeting on January 14 when Deputy Mayor Beatty is present.

REVIEW 2015 INSURANCE PACKAGE AND PREMIUMS/ SCIROCCO GROUP

Fran Lusardi, Senior Marketing Executive, for Scirocco Group, was present to review the Township's insurance package for 2015. The premium for property, crime fidelity, inland marine, general liability, police professional liability, public officials, automobile, and umbrella will be \$30,437.00. The workers' compensation premium will be \$29,536.00. An increase in the premium basis per volunteer fireman contributed to the increase in the workers' compensation premium.

RESOLUTION #14-58, TRANSFER BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS

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

RESOLUTION #14-58

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hope, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, that there are insufficient funds to meet the demands necessary for the 2014 balances in the Current Fund Budget. Includes Financial Administration S/W, Construction Official O/E, Unemployment Insurance, Municipal Prosecutor S/W, Buildings & Grounds O/E, and Animal Control Services S/W.

WHEREAS, the following accounts have sufficient excess funds to meet such demands: General Administration S/W.

BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 40A:4-58 the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to make the following transfers:

TO:	Financial Administration S/W	.07
	Construction Official O/E	40.00
	Unemployment Insurance	183.18
	Municipal Prosecutor S/W	15.00
	Buildings & Grounds O/E	260.66
	Animal Control Services S/W	<u>253.37</u>
		752.28
FROM:	General Administration S/W	752.28

DISCUSS OPTIONS FOR SALT SHED REPAIR/REPLACEMENT

Rodman and the Public Works Foreman, Don Whitmore, reviewed the repair proposal dated April 15, 2014 from Alan Sauck. Whitmore expressed his concerns about the inside walls being finished

like the original design. Exposure to the salt would present a problem. Rodman will reach out to Sauck to see if a more suitable finish could be done. It was noted that Sauck's proposal is \$53,375.00; the amount received from Selective Insurance for the claim was \$48,877.69. When the work is complete, the Township will be reimbursed an additional \$2,000.00 from Selective as a Supplemental Claim.

REVIEW W.C. PUBLIC SAFETY CORRESPONDENCE, RE: W.C. HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

A letter dated January 5, 2015 from William Hunt, Deputy Public Safety Director of Warren County, regarding the Warren County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Update was discussed. A mandatory kick-off meeting is scheduled at Warren County Technical School on January 22, 2015. The governing body needed more time to review the information, and the matter was tabled to the January 14, 2015 business meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 P.M. on a motion made by McDonough, seconded by Koonz. The motion was carried.

Respectfully submitted:

Mary Pat Quinn
Municipal Clerk