

DECEMBER 30, 2015

The year-end meeting of the Hope Township Committee convened at 4:00 P.M. at the Hope Township Municipal Building with the following members present: Mayor Timothy McDonough and Committeeman John Koonz. Deputy Mayor George Beatty was absent. Municipal Clerk Mary Pat Quinn and Township Engineer Ted Rodman, P.E. 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 January 14, 2015 and January 23, 2015.

OPEN BIDS FOR CATCH BASIN REPAIR/REPLACEMENT PROJECT

A motion was made by Koonz, seconded by McDonough at 4:04 P.M. to close the time for the receipt of bids for the Catch Basin Repair/Replacement Project. Committee polled: Beatty-absent; Koonz-yes; McDonough-yes.

The following bids were received:

- M. Sky (Lake Hopatcong, NJ) \$89,700.00
- Riverview Paving, Inc. (E. Hanover, NJ) \$21,600.00
- Reivax Contracting (Newark, NJ) \$87,900.00
- Quality 1st Contracting, Inc. (Cliffwood, NJ) \$100,480.00
- K & A Paving (Hope, NJ) \$65,500.01
- John Garcia Construction (Clifton, NJ) \$60,050.00
- Salmon Brothers, Inc. (Netcong, NJ) \$76,975.00
- Consolidated Maintenance Solutions, LLC. (Pine Brook, NJ) \$42,198.00

A motion was made by Koonz, seconded by McDonough to acknowledge the apparent low bidder, Riverview Paving, Inc. of East Hanover, N.J. The Township Engineer and Township Attorney will review the bid documents and provide their recommendations prior to the next business meeting, which is January 13, 2016. Committee polled: Beatty-absent; Koonz-yes; McDonough-yes.

RECESS

A recess was called on a motion made by Koonz, seconded by McDonough. Committee polled: Beatty-absent; Koonz-yes; McDonough-yes.

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

BILLS

The bill list was noted by Koonz. A motion was made by Koonz, seconded by McDonough to approve the payment of the bills, which totaled \$48,144.71. Committee polled: Beatty-absent; Koonz-yes; McDonough-yes.

Public Hearing/ Adoption of Ordinance #15-11-Prohibit Parking on portions of Smith Street

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

ORDINANCE #15-11

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPE IN THE COUNTY OF WARREN, NEW JERSEY TO AMEND CAPTER VII OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPE ENTITLED, "TRAFFIC"

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 #15-11 was adopted on a motion made by Koonz, seconded by McDonough. Committee polled: Beatty-absent; Koonz-yes; McDonough-yes.

Public Hearing/ Adoption of Ordinance #15-12- Establish Speed Limits on Green & Smith Streets

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

ORDINANCE #15-12

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPE, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO AMEND, REVISE AND REPLACE SECTION 7-26 OF THE HOPE TOWNSHIP CODE TO ESTABLISH SPEED LIMITS FOR GREEN STREET AND SMITH STREET

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 #15-12 was adopted on a motion made by Koonz, seconded by McDonough. Committee polled: Beatty-absent; Koonz-yes; McDonough-yes.

Resolution #15-62, Transfer Appropriations

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

RESOLUTION #15-62
TRANSFER RESOLUTION

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 2015 balances in the Current Fund Budget, specifically: General Administration S/W, General Administration OE, Mayor and Council S/W, Historical Sites Office S/W, Planning Board S/W, Zoning Board of Adjustment S/W,

Zoning Board of Adjustment O/E, Road Maintenance S/W, Buildings and Grounds OE, Telephone OE, Municipal Court S/W.

WHEREAS, the following accounts have sufficient excess funds to meet such demands: Recreation OE, Maintenance of Parks OE, and Gas (Natural or Propane).

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:	General Administration, S & W	\$2,694.56
	General Administration, OE	1,488.30
	Mayor and Council, S & W	1.08
	Historical Sites Office, S & W	.04
	Planning Board, S & W	1,070.00
	Zoning Board of Adjustment, S & W	8.96
	Zoning Board of Adjustment, OE	51.13
	Road Maintenance, S & W	1,777.98
	Building & Grounds, OE	1,848.23
	Telephone, OE	455.68
	Municipal Court, S & W	<u>5,840.48</u>
	Total	\$15,236.44
FROM:	Recreation, OE	\$ 8,000.00
	Maintenance of Parks, OE	4,000.00
	Gas (Natural or Propane)	<u>3,236.44</u>
	Total	\$15,236.44

Determine 2016 Insurance Carrier

The governing body reviewed the information provided by Selective Insurance through Jamieson Insurance and Financial Services and the information provided by Traveler's Insurance through Joseph Giordano Insurance Agency. A motion was made by Koonz, seconded by McDonough to accept the policies offered by Traveler's Insurance for a total premium of \$56,580.00 (excluding the surety bond premiums for Tax Collector, Deputy Tax Collector, Chief Financial Officer and Municipal Clerk/Treasurer). Committee polled: Beatty-absent; Koonz-yes; McDonough-yes. The total premium cost for the policies through Selective Insurance would have been \$59,568.00 (excluding the surety bond premiums).

Proposal from Events Coordinator for 2016

A proposal was submitted by Patricia Whitmore, the Events Coordinator, for additional events that she would like to do. Since Beatty was absent, the governing body will discuss the proposal at the next meeting.

Public

There were no questions or comments from the public.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 P.M. on a motion made by Koonz, seconded by McDonough. The motion was carried.

Respectfully submitted:

Mary Pat Quinn
Municipal Clerk