

**APRIL 28, 2021  
WORK MEETING**

The Work 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, Committeeman Christopher John Kruk (via Zoom) and Deputy Mayor Terry Urfer (via Zoom). Also present were DPW Foreman Donald Whitmore; Municipal Clerk, Robin Keggan, RMC; Deputy Clerk, Zondra Belstra; Ted Rodman, Township Engineer (Zoom) and Brielle Whitmore, Events Coordinator (Zoom).

**FLAG SALUTE AND SUNSHINE STATEMENT**

Under the provisions of the “Open Public Meetings Act”, adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by publishing notice in the New Jersey Herald and the Star Gazette and by posting notices in the Hope Post Office and on the Township Web and Bulletin Boards.

**ELECTRONIC MEETING STATEMENT**

In addition, as a result of the State of Emergency issued by Governor Murphy, the Township has provided the pertinent information for residents to participate in, or listen to, this meeting via Zoom if they do not attend in person. The public will be muted for the meeting but will be able to participate by raising their hand with the use of the appropriate button to do so on their electronic device during the public session portion of the meeting. Questions may also be submitted to the Municipal Clerk by 4 PM up to one day **PRIOR** to the meeting to be read into the record. The public is obligated to disclose their full name, residence address and email address in any question/statement sent to the Municipal Clerk. Any question not meeting the above-described timeframe will be handled at the next available Township Committee meeting.

**Roll call: Mr. Urfer- present**

**Mr. Kruk – present**

**Mayor McDonough- present**

**Reports:**

**Township Engineer:**

Mr. Rodman spoke about the Hope Center project and the fact that that project is now being closed out. Mr. Rodman noted that the price of asphalt has come down, so that helps us with the shortfall of grant money that the township obtained for paving Ridgeway Avenue (requested \$208,000; received \$151,000). Mayor McDonough stated he has asked the DOT to look at the grant again to ascertain if more monies can be received and he is awaiting word back. Mr. Urfer asked Mr. Rodman to contact the Hope DPW to discuss a drainage issue on the 519 side of the road before the Ridgeway paving project begins. The Township Committee made note that the road they intend to pave in 2022 is Hissim Road. Mr. Rodman stated he will begin work for that grant application.

**Resolutions:**

**HOPE TOWNSHIP, WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT  
WITH THE MORRIS COUNTY COOPERATIVE PRICING COUNCIL TO  
RENEW MEMBERSHIP THEREIN FOR THE PERIOD OF  
OCTOBER 1, 2021 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2026**

**2021-29**

**WHEREAS**, the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council (“MCCPC”) was created in 1974 to conduct a voluntary cooperative pricing system with municipalities, boards of education and other bodies located in the County Of Morris and adjoining counties; and,

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the MCCPC is to provide substantial savings on various goods and services to its members through the cooperative public bidding process; and,

**WHEREAS**, Hope Township desires to enter into an Agreement with the MCCPC, which is administered by Randolph Township as the Lead Agency, to RENEW its membership in the MCCPC for the period of October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2026.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of Hope Township, County of Warren, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The Township Committee of the Township of Hope hereby authorizes the execution of this Agreement with the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council, with the Township of Randolph as the Lead Agency, dated October 1, 2021, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:11-11(5). Said Agreement is for RENEWAL membership in the MCCPC for a five (5) year period from October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2026.
2. The Hope Township Clerk is hereby directed to submit a copy of this adopted Resolution, along with the executed Agreement, to Randolph Township as Lead Agency of the MCCPC.
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon final passage according to law.
4. All appropriate Hope Township officials are authorized and directed to perform all required acts to affect the purpose of this Resolution.

Motion made by Mr. Urfer; seconded by Mr. Kruk to approve. All in favor.

**Old Business:**

**Internet** – Altice has begun to run line in Hope Township. Mayor McDonough stated he received correspondence regarding the streets that need internet line run and will be going over that to ensure that it is correct.

**Traffic Study** – Mayor McDonough reported that things are still being worked on and at this point nothing new to report.

**New Business:**

Note was made that there are some Township roads in serious need of fixing due to potholes. Foundry, Hissim, Koeck and Union Brick are the worst.

Christopher Smith was moved from Alternate #1 on the Zoning Board of Adjustment to fill the unexpired term of Gil Hankins. Both alternate positions are now vacant.

A memorandum was received by the Zoning Official requesting more hours with the municipality due to his workload. The Township Committee agreed that this was necessary. The clerk was asked to communicate with Mr. Boesze regarding salary requirements and report back to the Committee.

A public hearing will be held for the new cannabis legislation on May 18 at 4 pm at the municipal building parking lot. Rain date of May 19 at 4 pm. Postcards are being sent out to the residents.

The Township Committee gave the clerks permission to allow roadside cleanups through clean communities as long as there is money in place for them.

### **Public Participation:**

The committee thanked Monica Sobon for all of her efforts to put together the drive-through Green Fair this year. Ms. Sobon noted that it was a great success and thanked the Committee, particularly Mr. Urfer, for all of their support.

### **Executive Session:**

A motion was made by Mr. Urfer to go into Executive Session at 4:44 p.m., seconded by Mr. Kruk. All in favor.

### **RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meeting Act, Chapter 231, P. L. 1975 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting under certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hope, in the County of Warren and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from that portion of this meeting
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:
  - A. Personnel

As nearly as can be ascertained, the matter or matters to be discussed at this time will be disclosed to the public when such matters are resolved.

**Time In:** 4:44 PM

Present: Committeeman Kruk, Committeeman Urfer and Committeeman McDonough

Also Present: Robin Keggan, Municipal Clerk

**Time Out:** 4:52 PM

A motion made by Committeeman Urfer, seconded by Committeeman Kruk and carried to return to regular session. No Official Action was taken.

Seeing there was no other business for tonight, this meeting of the Hope Township Committee was adjourned at 4:53 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Urfer; seconded by Mr. Kruk. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin L. Keggan, RMC  
Municipal Clerk