

**AUGUST 14, 2019
BUSINESS MEETING**

The 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 Christopher John Kruk and Committeeman Terry Urfer, Don Whitmore and Ted Rodman. Also present were Municipal Clerk, Judith Fisher, RMC, and Deputy Clerk Robin Keggan.

Under the provisions of the "Open Public Meetings Act", adequate notice of the meeting had been provided by publishing notice in The Star Gazette and The New Jersey Herald and by posting notices in the Hope Post Office and on the Township bulletin boards.

Reports:

Mayor Tim McDonough: None.

Deputy Mayor Christopher John Kruk: Mr. Kruk read the update notice from the Sussex Warren Energy Co-op and explained to the residents present what the difference in rates between IDT and JCP&L meant.

Committeeman Urfer: Made mention of the house that the Township owns on Cedar Street that needs to be demolished and needing to come up with a plan to do so for next year.

The blower and mason dump that were approved in the budget have already gone up in price. Mr. Kruk will look into obtaining a lower price on the blower than was received by Mr. Whitmore.

Mr. Urfer made mention of wanting to use some of the left over funding from the North Locust Lake paving project to tar and chip Lake Just-It (a cost of approximately \$2500. North Locust Lake will cost approximately \$5000 and there was \$15000 set aside for the project all together).

An engine braking sign will be placed at the top of Jenny Jump mountain.

Ovens are ready to be installed at the Grange.

North Locust Lake will be paved by end of August and Turpin Road will be paved by September 18.

Township Engineer Report: Mr. Rodman spoke about the Cemetery Road resurfacing project. Was due to start on August 19, 2019 but due to weather issues the schedule has been pushed back. He will advise Mr. Whitmore of the new date as soon as he receives it from the contractor so that notice can be made to residents living on that road.

Verizon Cell Tower update was given. A pre-construction meeting is needed (date t/b/d). All other items have been met for approval.

Septic System (Blair Street): new septic needs to be installed on property. Need a notarized document from the property owner adjoining giving permission to encroach for installation of the septic. Mr. Urfer suggested a Quit Claim Deed from the Township giving up any rights we MAY have may help the homeowner out in getting his system installed.

Union Brick Road: Mr. Urfer, Mr. Whitmore and Mr. Rodman have paid visits to the site to ascertain the issue. Mr. Urfer suggested putting a swale down both sides of the road (which would entail Mr. Ayers' neighbor moving his fence out of the right-of-way) and asked Mr. Ayers to please get a copy of his deed and/or survey to him so that they can determine the right-of-way. Title work will need to be ordered through the Township attorney as well. Don will cold patch any potholes on the road in the next two weeks.

Payment of Bills: \$752,341.29 – total bills for August 14, 2019. Mr. Urfer motioned to approve; Mr. Kruk seconded. Roll call: Mr. Urfer – yes; Mr. Kruk – yes; Mayor McDonough – yes. Receipts for July 2019 - \$32,115.35.

Warren County Health Department: No report given for April due to retirement of Tracy Hess from the Health Department.

Tax Collector: July Report: Month \$88,905.57 YTD \$3,164,625.09.

Fire Department: July Report – Total number of calls - 17; Man hours 146.26; Four work nights; Work Night Man hours 96; Special Details – 4; Total man hours – 122 Total Man hours for July 2019 – 364.26

Brielle Walsh/Patti Whitmore and 250th Celebration Update: Gave an update on the 250th picnic. No food trucks are available at this time to come to the celebration. She will continue to search for some. Posters are done. Banner will be ordered.

ORDINANCE 2019-06: Public Hearing and Adoption:

2019-06 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 2019

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Hope, County of Warren, New Jersey as follows:

SECTION 1. The salaries, wages or compensation of the following officers and employees of the Township of Hope are hereby fixed and determined for the calendar year 2019, retroactive to January 1, 2019 at the amounts set forth herein below:

A. Mayor	\$ 2,994.00 per annum
B. Committeeman (not serving as Mayor)	\$ 2,642.00 per annum
C. Municipal Clerk/Registrar	\$48,224.00 per annum
D. Deputy Municipal Clerk/Registrar	\$ 18.82 per hour
E. Chief Financial Officer	\$12,813.00 per annum
F. Treasurer	\$ 5,687.00 per annum
G. Qualified Purchasing Agent	\$ 1.00 per annum
H. Collector of Taxes	\$24,870.00 per annum
I. Deputy Tax Collector	\$ 2,384.00 per annum
J. Tax Search Officer	\$ 3,272.00 per annum
K. Assessor of Taxes	\$18,611.00 per annum
L. Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator	\$ 1,658.00 per annum
M. Public Works Foreman	\$ 29.68 per hour
N. DPW Laborer	\$ 19.23 per hour
O. Equipment Operator PT/Seasonal	\$ 18.95 per hour
P. Code Enforcement Officer	\$ 7,258.00 per annum
	as of 06/01/2019
Q. Christmas Market/Public Relations Coordinator	\$ 8,916.00 per annum
R. Animal Control Officer	\$ 6,925.00 per annum
	\$ 23.10 per hour/court
S. Dog Licensing Clerk	\$ 693.00 per annum
T. Temporary Clerical Assistant	\$ 15.30 per hour
U. Custodian	\$ 13.93 per hour
V. Secretary to the Planning Board	\$12,494.00 per annum

	\$ 167.00 per meeting
W. Secretary to the Zoning Board of Adjustment	\$ 4,566.00 per annum
	\$ 167.00 per meeting
X. Secretary to the Historic Preservation Commission	\$ 1,506.00 per annum
Y. Secretary to the Environmental Commission	\$ 1,477.00 per annum
Z. Sports Director	
(a) Soccer Director	\$ 3,117.00 per annum
(b) Basketball Director	\$ 3,781.00 per annum
(c) Baseball/Softball Director	\$ 4,540.00 per annum
AA. Court Administrator	\$ 24.04 per hour
	\$ 61.00 per call out
BB. Deputy Court Administrator/Violations Clerk	\$ 17.95 per hour
CC. Court Reporter	\$ 17.95 per hour
DD. Municipal Court Prosecutor	\$ 491.00 per session
EE. Municipal Court Judge	\$28,752.00 per annum
FF. Municipal Court Treasurer	\$ 4,006.00 per annum
GG. Municipal Court Officer – Level I	\$ 130.00 per session
HH. Municipal Court Officer – Level II	\$ 27.19 per hour

SECTION II: If any selection, clause, sentence, or other part of this Ordinance shall, for any reason, be adjudged by the Court of Competent Jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder of this Ordinance.

SECTION III. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency, only.

SECTION IV. This Ordinance shall take effect and shall become operative twenty (20) days after publication thereof, after final adoption; unless within said twenty (20) days a petition signed by voters of the Township equal in number to at least five (5) percent of the registered voters of said Hope Township, protesting against the adoption of this Ordinance be presented to the Hope Township Committee, in which case the provisions of Section I of this Ordinance, which provides for increased salaries, wages or compensations of the elected officials, shall remain inoperative unless and until a proposition for the ratification of such portions of this Ordinance shall be adopted at an election by a majority of voters voting on said proposition.

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced to pass on first reading at a regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Hope held on July 9, 2019, and ordered published in accordance with the law. Said Ordinance will be considered for final reading and adoption at a regular meeting of the Township Committee to be held on August 14, 2019 at 7:00p.m. or as soon thereafter as the Township Committee may hear this Ordinance at the Municipal Building, 407 County Route 611, P.O. Box 284, Hope, New Jersey, at which time all persons interested may appear for or against the passage of said Ordinance.

Motion made to open to the public by Mr. Urfer, seconded by Mr. Kruk. All in favor.

Hearing no public comment, Mayor McDonough asked for a motion to close the public hearing session which was motioned by Mr. Urfer; seconded by Mr. Kruk. Motion made to pass and adopt

Roll Call: Mr. Kruk – yes; Mr. Urfer – yes; Mayor McDonough - yes.

ORDINANCE 2019-07: Public Hearing and Adoption:

2019-07 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPE, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING THE HOPE TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL CODE, SECTION 2-1.9A ENTITLED “TAX LIENS ON FIRE DAMAGED PROPERTIES”

WHEREAS, New Jersey statutes permit municipalities to enact an ordinance preventing insurance companies from issuing payment on claims in excess of certain dollar amounts unless certain requirements have been met; and

WHEREAS, the Hope Township Committee enacted such an ordinance in 1995 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:36-9; and

WHEREAS, the Hope Township Committee now believes that is in the best interest of the Township to amend the subject ordinance so that it is consistent with certain changes in the law.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hope, Warren County, New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1

The title to Chapter 2-1.9A of the Hope Township Municipal Code entitled “Tax Liens on Fire Damaged Properties” be amended to read as follows:

“Fire Insurance Claims”

Section 2

Chapter 2-1.9A of the Municipal Code of the Township of Hope is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 2-1.9A(a) Purpose. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:36-9, the Township may, by ordinance, prohibit the payment to a claimant by an insurance company on any claim in excess of \$2,500 for fire damages on any real property located within the municipality prior to satisfaction of certain statutory requirements.

§ 2-1.9A(b) Payment of Fire Insurance Claims Restricted. No insurance company authorized to issue fire insurance policies in the State of New Jersey shall pay an insured any claim in excess of \$2,500 for fire damages on any real property located within the municipality prior to satisfaction of certain statutory requirements.

(1) All taxes and assessments and all other municipal liens or charges due and payable appearing on an official “certificate of search for municipal liens” pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 54:5-12*, shall have been paid either by the owner of such real property or by the insurance company; or

(2) The Township submits to the insurance company a copy of a resolution adopted pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 17:36-11* (installment payments), provided that if an appeal is taken on the amount of any lien or charge, other than an appeal on the assessed valuation of real property, pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 54:3-21*, the insurance company shall withhold 75 percent of the full amount of the lien or charge being contested pending termination of all proceedings.

§ 2-1.9A(c) Agreement with Owner; Restoration of Property. The Township Committee may, by resolution, enter into an agreement with the owner of any fire damaged property situated in the Township to pay in full all delinquent taxes, assessments or other municipal liens by installments, pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 54:5-19*, or for the redemption of a tax sale lien by installments, pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 54:5-7*, if the Township Committee is satisfied that the claim for fire damages is to be used to restore or improve the fire damaged property.

In the event of such resolution, a certified copy of the resolution shall be sent to the insurance company authorizing the insurance company to make full payment on the claim to the insured.

§ 2-1.9A(d) Mortgagee as Named Insured. Notwithstanding the provision of this Section, an insurance company may pay proceeds of a fire insurance policy to a mortgagee of a fire damaged real property where the fire insurance policy, at the time of the loss, listed the mortgagee as a named insured; provided the payment may not be in an amount which exceeds that due and payable to the mortgagee under the mortgage contract.

Section 3

This ordinance shall take effect immediately after passage.

Section 4

All ordinances or parts of ordinances of the Township of Hope inconsistent herewith are repealed to the extent of such inconsistency

Section 5

The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged to be unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

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accordance with the law. Said Ordinance will be considered for final reading and adoption at a regular meeting of the Township Committee to be held on August 14, 2019, at 7:00 PM, or as soon thereafter as the Township Committee may hear this Ordinance at the Municipal Building, County Route 611, Hope, New Jersey, at which time all persons interested may appear for or against the passage of said Ordinance.

Motion made to open to the public by Mr. Urfer, seconded by Mr. Kruk. All in favor.
Hearing no public comment, Mayor McDonough asked for a motion to close the public hearing session which was motioned by Mr. Urfer; seconded by Mr. Kruk. Motion made to pass and adopt
Roll Call: Mr. Kruk – yes; Mr. Urfer – yes; Mayor McDonough - yes.

RESOLUTION 2019-42:

Motion was made by Mr. Urfer, seconded by Mr. Kruk and carried to adopt Resolution 2019-42.
Roll call vote: Mr. Urfer – yes; Mr. Kruk – yes; Mayor McDonough – yes.

RESOLUTION 2019-42

Resolution: Approval to submit a grant application and execute a grant contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Overlay of Hope Center Project

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Council of Hope formally approves the grant application for the approved project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as MA-2020-Overlay of Hope Center-00579 to the new Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of Hope Township

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of Hope Township and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approved the execution of the grant agreement.

Certified as a true copy of the Resolution adopted by the Council on this 14th day of August, 2019.

RESOLUTION 2019-43:

Motion was made by Mr. Urfer, seconded by Mr. Kruk and carried to adopt Resolution 2019-43.
Roll Call Vote: Mr. Urfer – yes; Mr. Kruk – yes; Mayor McDonough - yes.

RESOLUTION 2019-43

Award of Contract for Road Resurfacing

WHEREAS, Resolution 2019-41 was adopted on July 9, 2019 at a Regular Meeting of the Hope Township Committee and needs to be rescinded and corrected per New Jersey DOT, and

WHEREAS, The Township of Hope is a member of the Morris County Cooperative Pricing System and wishes to utilize the contract for Road Resurfacing for Resurfacing of Cemetery Road; and

WHEREAS, Tilcon New York, Inc., Wharton, NJ has been awarded Contract #6 for Road Resurfacing and Denville Line Striping Contract #36 through the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council of which the Township of Hope is an active participant; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Hope, County of Warren, and State of New Jersey that road resurfacing services for Cemetery Road, is awarded to Tilcon New York, Inc., 625 Mt. Hope Road, Wharton, New Jersey, 07885 and Denville Line stripping as follows:

Awarded to Tilcon through MCCPC Contract #6	Unit Price	Qty	Total
HMA 9.5M64, including tack coat, del/laid/compacted	\$75.15/ton	670 T	\$50,350.50

Resetting of inlet frames and grates as per specs	\$585/Each	1	\$ 585.00
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Awarded to Denville Line Stripping Contract #36

Stop Lines – 12” latex	\$ 1.00/LF	22lf	\$ 22.00
		TOTAL	\$50,957.50

CERTIFICATION:

It is hereby certified that this is a true and accurate copy of a Resolution adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Hope, Warren County, NJ at a Regular meeting held on August 14, 2019.

RESOLUTION 2019-44:

Motion was made by Mr. Urfer, seconded by Mr. Kruk and carried to adopt Resolution 2019-44.

Motion was unanimous

2019-44 Resolution to Extend Third Quarter Tax Payment Grace Period

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of Taxation did not strike the 2019 Hope Township property tax rate until July 25th resulting in late billing of Hope Township taxpayers for the last half of 2019 and first half of 2020 property taxes; and

WHEREAS, NJSA 54:4-64, Delivery of Tax Bills, provides that bills must be mailed or delivered no less than 25 days prior to the end of the grace period and Hope Township tax bills were mailed to taxpayers on July 26th:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Hope on this 14th day of August 2019 that the Tax Collector be authorized to set the deadline of the extended third quarter 2019 tax payment grace period to August 20, 2019.

CERTIFICATION:

It is hereby certified that this is a true and accurate copy of a Resolution adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Hope, Warren County, NJ at a Regular meeting held on August 14, 2019.

RESOLUTION 2019-45:

Motion was made by Mr. Urfer, seconded by Mr. Kruk and carried to adopt Resolution 2019-45.

Motion was unanimous

2019-45 RECOGNIZING THE NEGATIVE EFFECTS OF ANY LARGE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT ON THE 22 MUNICIPALITIES OF WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, the County of Warren, all 22 Municipalities, its Citizens and Institutions will be directly and indirectly affected by a 6 million square foot Warehouse and “to prove this, let facts be submitted to a candid World”

WHEREAS, Hope Township is one of 22 Municipalities in Warren County

WHEREAS, Hope was the first planned Community in New Jersey

WHEREAS, Hope was planned and built by Moravians, a Christian Denomination in 1760

WHEREAS, Hope Geographically a hub of 7 roads, was once considered for the location of the County seat

WHEREAS, Hope is currently a Community of 1900 people within 20 square miles

WHEREAS, Hope is a Community of diverse commerce: Banking, Real-estate, Amusement Park, Farming, Motorcycle Dealership, Antiques, Accountants, Insurance brokers, Gas station, Wedding venue, Farmers market, Volunteer Fire Department, State Park

WHEREAS, a Conceptual plan has been proposed for a 6 million square foot of warehousing in White Township

WHEREAS, the Professional estimate of Truck traffic would produce many thousands of trucks a day

WHEREAS, current Truck traffic is creating Kinetic energy producing mini-earthquakes destroying the foundations and structures of buildings within the Historic Village of Hope

WHEREAS, Hope Township lies in the direct path between Interstate 80 and the proposed Warehouses

WHEREAS, Warren County Planning Department's 2018 Transportation Technical Study, page 70 cites: CR 519 Intersection with US 46 White Township approaching capacity, US 46 pavement deficient, NJRTM-E US 46 approaching capacity, CR 519 approaching capacity

WHEREAS, WCTTS page 68 cites: Interstate 80, Interstate 78 and US 22 as some of the most heavily congested roadway segments in Warren County

WHEREAS, the unintended consequences of the warehouse development project are not limited to Hope Township and its residents

WHEREAS, it is professionally estimated CR 519, the only main North-South Warren County roadway will be reduced to a parking lot

WHEREAS, this CR 519 log jam will cause spill over to other roads of Warren County through the Townships of Blairstown, Allamuchy, Belvidere, Knowlton, White, Harmony, Frelinghuysen, Liberty, Independence, Hardwick, Oxford, Franklin, Greenwich, Hackettstown, Mansfield, Washington Borough & Township, Alpha, Pohatcong, Lopatcong, and Phillipsburg will become alternate routes resulting in longer commutes measured in hours not minutes.

WHEREAS, the unintended consequences will be and not limited to the following: School busing- additional time of transportation of Elementary, High School, and Vo Tech students

WHEREAS, School transportation will be directly impacted creating hardships for elementary, High School, Vo-Tech and Community College students and their parents

WHEREAS, unintended consequences will be longer response time for Fire, Rescue and Police Departments

WHEREAS, unintended consequences will be lower property values, higher taxes, higher Fire Insurance premiums, accelerated people moving out of Warren County

WHEREAS, an unintended consequence will be diminished County Commerce resulting in business closures, Job layoffs, depleted tax retables, higher taxes bills

WHEREAS, County Government was originally created for the primary purpose of providing Roads & Bridges for Commerce

WHEREAS, Commerce is the life blood of Healthy Communities, Counties, States and Country

WHEREAS, a 6 million square foot Warehouse complex exceeds all known transportation capacities within Warren County

WHEREAS, a 6 million square foot warehouse will negatively affect all aspects of normal living for all Warren County residents

WHEREAS, Warren County 2018 Transportation Technical Study boldly states page 11 "Transportation and land use decision making must be grounded in a firm understanding of existing conditions and context: including the region's needs, assets, deficiencies, goals and priorities"

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we petition all other 21 Municipalities to address the impact of the 6 million square foot Warehouse complex on their Citizens and their Towns future, and

NOW BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we petition the Warren County Board of Freeholders to protect all its Citizens from the Unintended Consequences of the 6 million square foot warehouse complex, including but not limited to the alteration of our quality of life, taxes, education, police, fire, rescue squads, property values and the reasons we live here.

NOW BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to Congressman Gottheimer, the Warren County Freeholders, Members of the 24th Legislative District, the 21 Municipalities of Warren County, New Jersey, the New Jersey League of Municipalities and New Jersey Conference of Mayors.

CERTIFICATION

I, Judith M. Fisher, RMC, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Hope in the County of Warren, New Jersey hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and accurate copy of a Resolution adopted by the Hope Township Committee on August 14, 2019.

A 2-minute intermission was motioned for by Mayor McDonough to allow members of the public to leave the room after adoption of the Resolution at 7:44 PM. Mr. Urfer motioned; Mr. Kruk second. All in favor.

At 7:45 PM Mayor McDonough asked for a motion to reconvene the meeting. Motion made by Mr. Urfer, seconded by Mr. Kruk. All in favor.

RESOLUTION 2019-46:

Motion was made by Mr. Urfer with the understanding the Resolution will be amended or add the Mayor and Committeemen as members of the Creative Team, seconded by Mr. Kruk and carried to adopt Resolution 2019-46. All in favor

2019-46 To Extend the Hope250 Committee into the Hope Creative Team

WHEREAS, the Hope250 Committee has been successfully operating with a representation of Local History, Arts, Crafts, Agriculture, Environmental, Businesses, Committees, Commissions, Organizations and Volunteers, since November, 2017.

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Hope intends to support this collaboration of expertise and connections beyond events specific to the 250th Anniversary of the establishment of Hope.

WHEREAS, the Hope250 Committee has already established new Creative Activities beyond Anniversary Events, such as the Moravian Lantern Tour, May Faire, Arts and Crafts Pop-Ups, Township Calendar, and “Heart of Hope”.

WHEREAS, the Township Committee is already exploring new cultural offerings and opportunities based on the recommendations of the Hope250 Committee,

WHEREAS, the Township Committee is committed to energizing a more creative and sustainable community and economy, engaging more practitioners, broadening the base of community involvement, and sustainably expanding upon the history and culture that identifies Hope.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hope that we do hereby establish a Creative Team consisting of the members of the Hope250 Committee, whose members include representatives from local History, Arts, Crafts, Agriculture, Environmental, Businesses, Committees, Commissions, Organizations and Volunteers from the greater Hope Area, as of June 1, 2019

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hope that the Purpose and Objectives for the Creative Team through December 31, 2019 are established as follows:

Purpose

The Hope Creative Team/Currently Hope250 Committee will explore and evaluate ways to sustainably expand art and culture into Township activities, and advise the Township Committee of their recommendations.

Objectives

1. Continue to organize the Hope 250 Celebration Weekend for September 20-22, 2019
2. Create the Hope 2020 Calendar to promote Township Culture and events
3. Report to the Township Committee by December 31, 2019, identifying the Hope 250 elements that will be continued
4. Establish and support sub-committees to address new endeavors as necessary
5. Develop strategies for sustainable art and culture initiatives in municipal operations.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hope that the following persons are hereby appointed to the Creative Team for the remainder of 2019 and all of 2020:

NAME	POSITION	REPRESENTATIVE
Emily Brown	Chairman	Historic Preservation Commission
John Kruk	Member	Township Committee
Robert May	Member	Agriculture Board, Heirloom Sheep
Mio French	Member	H.O.P.E.
Elsie Donohue	Member	Hope Historical Society
Peggy Schaedel	Member	Quilters Guild
Ann Rhinesmith	Member	Hope Historic Society
Audrey Planer	Member	Grange, Quilters Guild
Bonnie Eamigh	Member	Quilter, St. John's Methodist Church
Nora McKeever-Drew	Member	School – Re-union coordinator
Dawn Decker	Member	Historic Preservation Commission
Patti Maertens	Member	Environmental Commission
Zondra Belstra	Member	Hope PTA
Josh Belverio	Member	Classic Ballroom Dance
Monica Sobon	Member	Environmental Commission
Chris Maier	Member	Hope Chamber of Commerce Chair
Norman Beatty	Member	First Hope Bank
Jane Primerano	Member	Writer
Rev Carla Costantino	Member	United Methodist Church
Donna Marie	Member	Ag Board
Phyllis Howe	Member	Realtor, Writer
Ellen Benoit	Member	Environmental Commission
Tom Gabel	Member	Sunrise Farms, Horticulture
Lisa Iulo	Member	Hope Junction Antiques, Artisan
Deb Billow Snyder	Member	Crafter, Environmental Commission
Norina Bonner	Member	Moravian Christmas Volunteer
Patti Whitmore	Member	Christmas Craft fair coordinator
Chris Beatty	Member	Photography
Kevin Newman	Member	Hope School Principal
Megan Boyd	Member	Graphic Arts
Christine Reidmiller	Member	Metal Artisan
Brian Kathenis	Member	Musician
Chris Rusin	Member	Photographer, Writer, Poet
Timothy McDonough	Member	Mayor
Terry Urfer	Member	Committeeman

CERTIFICATION

I, Judith M. Fisher, RMC, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Hope in the County of Warren, New Jersey hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and accurate copy of a Resolution adopted by the Hope Township Committee on August 14, 2019.

RESOLUTION 2019-47:

Motion was made by Mr. Urfer, seconded by Mr. McDonough and carried to adopt Resolution 2019-47. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Urfer – yes; Mr. Kruk – abstain; Mayor McDonough – yes

2019-47 RESOLUTION APPROVING NEW JERSEY STATE ALCOHOL BEVERAGE CONTROL SPECIAL AFFAIRS PERMIT FOR HOPE TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

WHEREAS, the Hope Township Volunteer Fire Company special affair permit application is complete in all respects, the proper fees have been paid to the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control and

WHEREAS, the fees to the Township of Hope have been waived; and,

WHEREAS, the licensees are qualified according to all statutory, regulatory and local governmental New Jersey Alcoholic Beverage Control laws and regulations;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of Hope Township hereby approves NJABC special affair permit for the Hope Township Volunteer Fire Company to be held on September 21, 2019 with a rain date of September 22, 2019 at the Hope Township Recreation Field located at 328 Johnsonburg Road, Hope, New Jersey.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Hope, Warren County, State of New Jersey at a regular meeting held on August 14, 2019

RESOLUTION 2019-48:

Motion was made by Mr. Urfer, seconded by Mr. Kruk and carried to adopt Resolution 2019-48. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Urfer – yes; Mr. Kruk – yes; Mayor McDonough – yes

2019-48 RESOLUTION APPROVING NEW JERSEY STATE ALCOHOL BEVERAGE CONTROL SPECIAL AFFAIRS PERMIT FOR HOPE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

WHEREAS, the Hope Historical Society special affair permit application is complete in all respects, the proper fees have been paid to the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control and

WHEREAS, the fees to the Township of Hope have been waived; and,

WHEREAS, the licensees are qualified according to all statutory, regulatory and local governmental New Jersey Alcoholic Beverage Control laws and regulations;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of Hope Township hereby approves NJABC special affair permit for the Hope Historical Society be held on September 20, 2019 at the Inn at Millrace Pond located at 313 Johnsonburg Road, Hope, New Jersey.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Hope, Warren County, State of New Jersey at a regular meeting held on August 14, 2019

RESOLUTION 2019-49:

Motion was made by Mr. Urfer, seconded by Mr. Kruk and carried to adopt Resolution 2019-49.
Roll Call Vote: Mr. Urfer – yes; Mr. Kruk – yes; Mayor McDonough – yes

2019-49 RESOLUTION REFUNDING TAX SALE CERTIFICATE 2019-004 THAT WAS REDEEMED

WHEREAS, the property owned by Joyce Iannaccone known as block 3200 lot 3000 located at 66 Ridgeway Avenue had unpaid 2018 property taxes and was sold at a Tax Sale held on 31 January 2019 by the Hope Township Tax Collector; and

WHEREAS, Christiana T c/f CE 1 / Firstrust of PO Box 5021 located in Philadelphia, PA 19111 was the successful bidder of the above stated property. The amount of the Tax Sale consisted of unpaid 2018 property taxes, interest, and other costs, and totaled \$772.44 and is represented by Tax Sale Certificate 2019-004; and

WHEREAS, Reliant Title Agency, Inc, agent of the supposed owner of the property, paid \$3,179.74 on 08 August 2019 to the Hope Township Tax Collector to satisfy the outstanding Tax Sale Certificate, subsequent taxes, and delinquent taxes:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Hope on this 14th day of August 2019 that the Chief Financial Officer be authorized to draw a check payable to Christiana T c/f CE 1 / Firstrust in the amount of \$3,179.15 for the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate 2019-004.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer also be authorized to draw a check payable to Christiana T c/f CE 1 / Firstrust in the amount of \$2,900.00 for the return of a premium paid at tax sale.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the satisfied executed Tax Sale Certificate 2019-004 be returned to Reliant Title Agency, Inc of 54 Woodport Road in Sparta, NJ 07871.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Hope, Warren County, State of New Jersey at a regular meeting held on August 14, 2019

Old Business: None

New Business:

Warren County Human Services – Municipal Alliance for July 2019 – June 2020 in the amount of \$3,042.00.
Motion was made by Mr. Urfer to accept the grant; seconded by Mr. Kruk. Roll Call: Mr. Urfer – yes; Mr. Kruk – yes; Mayor McDonough – yes.

Approval of Minutes: None.

Public Participation:

Emily Brown read two letters (one from the Hope 250th Celebration Committee and one from the Hope Preservation Commission) into the minutes in reference to their opposition to the warehouse project being contemplated in White Township.

Residents from the Silver Lake area spoke to the Committee about the ongoing water/flooding issues that occur off of Smith Street. Mr. Whitmore and Mr. Urfer will schedule with the homeowner to inspect the property and determine the best course of action.

Residents also spoke about their internet issues. Mayor McDonough explained what they are doing to try to help residents and stated that the Committee will continue to do all that they can to push for better internet.

Mrs. Hoffman spoke about the ongoing issue on the property next door to hers (Campbell Foundry). Dumping of dirty fill is causing continuing issues at her home as well as the Beaver Brook. DEP has done nothing to contain/control the damage that has occurred to the adjoining property. Mayor McDonough stated he would reach out to the DEP and ask them to please take action as quickly as possible. Mr. Urfer explained the DEP process to her and the fact that an LSRP will need to be hired to do a report on how to tackle the issue.

Many members were present to comment on and make known their opposition to the warehouse project that is being contemplated in White Township.

Monica Sobon asked about the possibility of getting Swayze Mill's water tested in light of the fact of the algae bloom problems ongoing in the area. The committee agreed that it was a good idea and will look into finding a company to do so.

Use of Facilities:

Mrs. Keggan confirmed to the Township Committee that Mrs. Peters provided a certificate of insurance as well as a copy of the 5013c form to hold her event for the Pet Adoption League at the Community Center on September 7 at 10:30 A.M.

Mrs. Keggan also updated the Township Committee on the progress made to date of the Inn at Millrace liquor license transfer. Everything is in order, just waiting the State Police sign off.

Seeing there was no other business for tonight, this meeting of the Hope Township Committee was adjourned at 9:13 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Urfer, seconded by Mr. Kruk. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith M. Fisher RMC
Municipal Clerk