

**DECEMBER 26, 2018  
YEAR END MEETING**

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, Deputy Mayor Christopher John Kruk and Committeeman Terry Urfer, Don Whitmore and Ted Rodman. Also present was Municipal Clerk, Judith Fisher, RMC.

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:** Is looking into the possibility of having a Grant writer for projects other than roads.

**Deputy Mayor Christopher John Kruk:** Willow Court property, trying to think of some uses for it to generate money for the town, i.e. have a company lease it for signage.

**Committeeman Urfer:** Discussed the possibility of having the Zoning Officer, Mr. Boesze waiving the \$100 zoning fee for the Belstra's. The Committee was in agreement with this.

Mr. Urfer then motioned to authorize the waiving of the \$100.00 zoning fee for the Belstra's, seconded by Mr. Kruk. Motion carried and a roll call vote followed:

Roll Call: Mr. Urfer – yes, Mr. Kruk – yes, Mayor McDonough – yes

Mrs. Fisher will let the Zoning Officer know to waive the fee.

Also brought up street lights that need to be replaced.

**Don Whitmore:** Salt that's left in shed will most likely last until the end of the year. If we need to borrow from surrounding towns, we can do that and give it back to them.

**Township Engineer Report:** The amount of money (\$9,000) left over from Osmun Road project – Don was given options of what to do for guardrails. 2 sections 375 feet of guardrail. Need to get this into the State now. The bill is being held until the entire project is done. Birch Ridge – 9 backings needed for the catch basin. 4 bicycle grates also needed for some of the basins. Those are being ordered.

**Old Business:**

Verizon Nodes: No change in status.

Benbrook & Stevens: No update. no change in status

Cell Tower: Permissions requested to auto deposit checks into our account. CFO requested to fill out the paperwork for this

Service Electric & CenturyLink Updates No Change in status

**New Business:**

Warren County Municipal and Charitable Conservancy Trust Fund: They are requesting a Representative from Region 3, which is Hope Township. It is a two-year term that rotates among Knowlton, Belvidere, Liberty, White and Hope. Their meeting is between June and November and are held in Oxford at the Land Preservation Office. The member's major responsibility is to review applications and make recommendations for finding of grants for Farmland Preservation, Passive and Active Recreation Land, Open Space Preservation and Historic Sites to the Freeholders of Warren County.

Mr. McDonough nominated Terry Urfer to be the Representative with Donna Marie as the Alternate, seconded by Mr. Kruk. Motion carried and a voice vote was unanimous.

**Discussion:**

Snow Plow Stand-by Drivers for 2019 – applications needed

Snow Plow Quotes for 2019 – The Committee discussed with Mr. Whitmore on how they are going to quote out (by hour, inch, etc.) Need 2 bids – hourly for man and truck; hourly for man, truck and salt. \$1 million liability and \$2 million aggregate. Certificate of Liability needs to specify snowplowing only.

**Payment of Bills:**

Receipts \$36,776.41; Bills \$6,753.54.

Motion was made by Mr. Urfer seconded by Mr. Kruk to pay the bills presented tonight. Motion carried.

Roll Call: Mr. Urfer, yes. Mr. Kruk, yes. Mayor McDonough, yes.

**RESOLUTION 2018-69: TRANSFER RESOLUTION**

Motion was made by Mr. Urfer, seconded by Mr. Kruk and carried to adopt Resolution 2018-69.

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

**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 2018 balances in the Current Fund Budget. Includes Financial Administration S/W, Tax Collector O/E, Planning Board S/W, Planning Board O/E, Buildings & Grounds O/E, Environmental Health Services S/W, Telephone O/E, Fuel Oil O/E, Municipal Court S/W, and Municipal Court O/E.

**WHEREAS**, the following accounts have sufficient excess funds to meet such demands:

General Admin O/E, Tax Assessment O/E, Tax Assessment S/W, and Road Maintenance O/E.

**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	1.00
	Tax Collector O/E	325.00
	Planning Board S/W	654.00
	Planning Board O/E	1,594.00
	Buildings & Grounds O/E	23,757.00
	Environmental Health Services S/W	1.00
	Telephone O/E	1,202.00
	Fuel Oil O/E	2,574.00
	Municipal Court S/W	5,445.00
	Municipal Court O/E	<u>2,492.00</u>
		38,045.00
FROM:	General Admin O/E	2,000.00
	Tax Assessment O/E	29,000.00
	Tax Assessment S/W	4,100.00
	Road Maintenance O/E	<u>2,945.00</u>
		38,045.00

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Judith M. Fisher, Clerk of the Township of Hope, do hereby certify the foregoing Resolution to be a true and accurate copy adopted by the Township Committee on December 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

**Public Participation:**

Frank Pavese spoke about the property on the side of his house and if any more discussion has been had regarding putting it out to bid yet. It is currently in limbo and no decision has been made yet. Still looking into possibilities of either selling it or making it a small park. Once a decision has been made, Mr. Pavese will be called in.

Seeing there was no other business for tonight, this meeting of the Hope Township Committee was adjourned at 4:48 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Urfer, seconded by Mr. Kruk. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith M. Fisher RMC  
Municipal Clerk