

DECEMBER 27, 2017

The yearend 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 Christopher John Kruk. Also present was Municipal Clerk, Judith Fisher, RMC.

Absent: Deputy Mayor George Beatty

Under the provisions of the “Open Public Meetings Act”, adequate notice of the meeting had 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 bulletin boards.

The flag was saluted and roll call taken.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Mayor McDonough reviewed the bills list – Total: \$28,281.84.

Following review of the bill list, Mr. Kruk made a **motion** to pay the bills, \$28,281.54, holding the Heyer, Gruel & Assoc. bill and the S&L Equipment bill, both requiring further information and itemization, seconded by Mayor McDonough.

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Kruk, yes, Mayor McDonough, yes
Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS:

2017-61 Transfer Resolution as Recommended by Kathleen Reinalda, CFO

**RESOLUTION 2017-61
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 2017 balances in the Current Fund Budget. Includes General Administration S/W, General Administration O/E, Mayor and Council O/E, Financial Administration S/W, Tax Collector O/E, Tax Assessment S/W, Tax Assessment O/E, Historical Sites Official S/W, Planning Board S/W, Planning Board O/E, Liability Insurance, Unemployment Insurance, Emergency Management S/W, Buildings & Grounds O/E, Maintenance of Parks O/E, Fuel Oil, and Municipal Court S/W.

WHEREAS, the following accounts have sufficient excess funds to meet such demands: Zoning Board of Adjustment O/E, Municipal Prosecutor S/W, Employee Group Insurance, Road Maintenance S/W, 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:	General Administration S/W	3,072.79
	General Administration O/E	921.80
	Mayor and Council O/E	3,245.00
	Financial Administration S/W	21.96
	Tax Collector O/E	2,131.80
	Tax Assessment S/W	.04
	Tax Assessment O/E	400.11
	Historical Sites Official S/W	8.05
	Planning Board S/W	159.56
	Planning Board O/E	4,110.22
	Liability Insurance	893.25
	Unemployment Insurance	193.67
	Emergency Management S/W	15.00
	Buildings & Grounds O/E	.39
	Maintenance of Parks O/E	3,305.95
	Fuel Oil	2,212.43
	Municipal Court S/W	<u>7,356.74</u>
		28,048.76

FROM:	Zoning Board of Adjustment O/E	4,000.00
	Employee Group Insurance	6,000.00
	Municipal Prosecutor S/W	7,000.00
	Road Maintenance S/W	8,000.00
	Road Maintenance O/E	<u>3,048.76</u>
		28,048.76
TO:	Municipal Court S/W	94,074.86
FROM:	Municipal Court O/E	94,074.86

CERTIFICATION:

I, Judith M. Fisher, clerk of the Township of Hope, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was introduced and adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Hope at their regular meeting convened on December 27, 2017

Mr. Kruk made a **motion** to adopt Resolution 2017-61, seconded by Mayor McDonough.

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Kruk, yes, Mayor McDonough, yes
Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resignation: Bradley Bartow, II, Soccer Sports Director

Mr. Kruk made a **motion** to accept the resignation of Bradley Bartow, seconded by Mayor McDonough.

All were in favor; motion carried.

Mrs. Fisher will advertise for the position on the township website and an interview date will be scheduled. A thank you letter will be sent to Mr. Bartow.

COAH Housing Element:

The Committee discussed the timeline for the housing element. They agreed introducing the ordinance at the first meeting in January 2018 would allow sufficient time for Planning Board review and approval at their January meeting. This would allow the ordinance to be adopted in February to meet the deadline.

Public Participation: This portion of the meeting was opened to the public for any questions or concerns. There being no members of the public wishing to speak, this portion of the meeting was closed.

REORGANIZATION MEETING: Tuesday, January 9, 2018 – 6:30 p.m.

The Committee briefly discussed liaison appointments for 2018 and reorganization packets were distributed. The procedure for the reorganization meeting was reviewed.

Seeing there was no other business for tonight, this meeting of the Hope Township Committee was adjourned at 4:24 p.m. on a **motion** made by Committeeman Kruk, seconded by Mayor McDonough. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith M. Fisher RMC
Municipal Clerk