

**DECEMBER 27, 2023
YEAR-END 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, and Deputy Mayor Terry Urfer. Also present were Municipal Clerk, Robin Keggan, RMC, Patti Whitmore, Event Coordinator and Donald Whitmore, CPWM.

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 Express Times New Jersey Edition and by posting notices in the Hope Post Office and on the Township Web and Bulletin Boards.

Roll call: Mr. Kruk- present Mr. Urfer – present Mayor McDonough- present

Public Session – Items Not on Agenda

No comments.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

On a motion by Mr. Urfer, seconded by Mr. Kruk and roll called: Mr. Kruk – yes; Mr. Urfer – yes; Mayor McDonough – yes bills in the amount of \$179,310.32 were approved for payment.

RESOLUTIONS:

**HOPE TOWNSHIP, WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION 2023-58
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 2023 balances in the Current Fund Budget. Includes General Administration O/E, Mayor & Council S/W, Financial Administration S/W, Audit Services O/E, Tax Collection O/E, Tax Assessment O/E, Engineering Services O/E, Environmental Services S/W, Recreation S/W, Celebration of Public Events O/E, Electricity O/E, Fuel Oil O/E, Social Security O/E, and Municipal Court S/W O/S CAP.

WHEREAS, the following accounts have sufficient excess funds to meet such demands:
Legal Services O/E, Recreation O/E 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:	General Administration O/E	876.00
	Mayor & Council S/W	370.00
	Financial Administration S/W	1.00
	Audit Services O/E	127.00
	Tax Collection O/E	733.00
	Tax Assessment O/E	500.00
	Engineering Services O/E	8,000.00
	Environmental Services S/W	39.00
	Recreation S/W	935.00
	Celebration of Public Events O/E	123.00
	Electricity O/E	872.00

Fuel Oil O/E	9,000.00
Social Security O/E	1,700.00
Municipal Court S/W O/S CAP	<u>16,300.00</u>
	39,576.00

FROM:	Legal Services O/E	8,000.00
	Recreation O/E	11,000.00
	Road Maintenance O/E	<u>20,576.00</u>
		39,576.00

Motion: Mr. Urfer

Second: Mr. Kruk

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

Unfinished Business:

Hissim Road – The clerk updated the committee on the status of payments to various contractors for the 2022 Hissim Road paving contract. On a motion made by Mr. Kruk, seconded by Mr. Urfer and roll called: Mr. Kruk – yes; Mr. Urfer – yes; Mayor McDonough – yes the payment to South State for Section 2 paving was approved. The clerk advised that the vouchers have been sent to the Township engineer for forwarding to South State for signature.

New Business:

2023 Zoning Official’s Report - The committee received the 2023 report from Mr. Boesze regarding the issuance of zoning permits. A discussion took place regarding unregistered/unlicensed/abandoned trailers on properties. The committee asked Mr. Boesze to write correspondence to a property owner who has an unregistered/unlicensed trailer on his/her property.

Event Coordinator:

Mrs. Whitmore discussed with the Committee the issues that occurred during this year’s Christmas Craft Market. She stated that she would need to step down from cleaning the buildings, which the Committee agreed to, in order to concentrate better on running the events. Moving forward, she will need an assistant. It was discussed and agreed that the Committee would sit down with Mrs. Whitmore to go over issues and changes that need to be made in the very near future.

A posting will be put on the Township website advertising the need for a cleaning service for the Township buildings.

Public Participation:

None.

Seeing there was no other business for tonight, this meeting of the Hope Township Committee was adjourned at 4:56 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Urfer; seconded by Mr. Kruk. Motion carried.

Robin L. Keggan, RMC
Municipal Clerk