

**FEBRUARY 21, 2024  
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, Deputy Mayor Christopher John Kruk, and Committeeman Terry Urfer. Also present were Municipal Clerk, Robin Keggan, RMC; Donald Whitmore, DPW Foreman and Patti Whitmore, Events Coordinator.

**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. Urfer- present**

**Mr. Kruk – present**

**Mayor McDonough- present**

**Public Session:**

Dave Stroud was present and a discussion was held about the annual Fishing Derby which is dedicated to his son. The potential date for this to be held is the first weekend in June. Mr. Stroud will let a member of the Committee know once he has checked that that weekend works for his wife in order to choose a date. He also discussed a project he is undertaking on Locust Lake Road. He is helping his son to put in a driveway on a piece of property that he purchased to build a home. He will be moving dirt from the lot to his home here in the municipality in order to accomplish getting the driveway put in. Mr. Urfer stated that he is fine with that dirt movement occurring as long as there is no importing of dirt into the municipality or exporting of the dirt out of the municipality – it must remain in Hope Township. The other committeemen agreed that they were fine with that and asked the clerk to send a memo to the Zoning Official so that he knows what is going on in case any phone calls are received regarding this.

**Mayor Tim McDonough:** Provided an update as it pertains to the truck traffic signage that will be put in place regarding the banning of truck (except for local deliveries) along the 521/519 corridor. The hope is that that signage will be put in place by the end of April 2024. The State Police can then begin enforcing the no truck traffic ban.

**Events Coordinator:** Mrs. Whitmore reported that she is currently working on the Appreciation Dinner.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-20**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPE, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TRANSFERRING CERTAIN BOARD OF HEALTH RESPONSIBILITIES TO THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Hope, Warren County, New Jersey (the “Township”) currently maintains its own Board of Health for the provision of health services to the Township; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Local Health Services Act, N.J.S.A. 26:3A2-1 to -38, health services may be administered by local boards of health or by areawide systems; and

**WHEREAS**, Warren County maintains its own areawide Board of Health; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township desires to transfer all septic-related services currently performed by the Township to the Warren County Board of Health.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Hope, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, that all septic-related services currently performed by the Township be formally transferred and provided by the Warren County Board of Health.

Motion: Mr. Urfer  
Seconded: Mr. Kruk  
All in favor by voice vote.

**HOPE TOWNSHIP, WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
CANCELLATION OF VARIOUS UNEXPENDED AND DEDICATED BALANCES  
RESOLUTION 2024-21**

**WHEREAS**, certain improvement appropriation balances within the General Capital Fund remain dedicated to projects now completed or not being pursued; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to formally cancel balances so that the unexpended balances may be returned to each prospective Capital Improvement Fund, or Surplus, and unused debt authorization be canceled within the General Capital Fund.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Hope that the following unexpended and dedicated balances be canceled:

<u>Ordinance No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Funding Source</u>
2015-09	Catch Basins	\$1,750.38	CIF
2021-07	Pick-Up Truck	\$3,222.00	CIF
2023-03	Enclosed Trailer	\$75.00	CIF

**TOTALS:** **\$5,047.38 Returned to CIF**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that two certified copies of this resolution are to be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

Motion: Mr. Urfer  
Second: Mr. Kruk  
Roll Call: Mr. Kruk – yes      Mr. Urfer – yes      Mayor McDonough – yes

**ORDINANCES – INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING**

**ORDINANCE 2024-02  
CALENDAR YEAR 2024**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPE PROVIDING FOR THE APPROPRIATION OF \$11,200.00 ‘THREE NEW GARAGE DOORS – DPW GARAGE’ FROM THE GENERAL CAPITAL – CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND**

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

1. The sum of **\$11,200.00** shall be appropriated for the following item from the Capital Improvements Budget for the year 2024:

**THREE NEW GARAGE DOORS – DPW GARAGE**

2. The sum of \$11,200.00 is available in the Capital Improvement Fund
3. The appropriation herewith does not authorize any debt of the Township of Hope.
4. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately on final passage and publication as provided by law.

Motion to introduce: Mr. Urfer

Second: Mr. Kruk

Roll Call:

Committeeman Kruk: Yes      Committeeman Urfer: Yes      Mayor McDonough: Yes

**Unfinished Business:**

Salt Shed – It was noted that a bid package will be put together for the rebuilding of the salt shed in the DPW yard

Truck Traffic – See Mayor McDonough’s comments above.

**New Business:**

Mr. Urfer stepped down from his temporary position of Deputy Mayor and nominated Mr. Kruk to the position of Deputy Mayor again. Mr. Urfer made the motion; Mayor McDonough seconded. All in favor by a voice vote.

Mayor McDonough updated the Committee and those members in the audience that it looks like State aid will remain flat.

Hope Forum – Potential date for this meeting to be held is April 20 at the Community Center.

**Public Participation:**

Chris Rusin mentioned that truck traffic has been increasing on Delaware Road recently. Mayor McDonough made note of that to let the State Police know.

Jutta Jansen spoke about the 55 Plus Club and the activities that they had done in the past year. Also noted that she would still like a meeting with the HVFD regarding what took place at the Christmas Craft Market regarding food sales.

Seeing there was no other business for tonight, this meeting of the Hope Township Committee was adjourned at 4:45 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Urfer; seconded by Mr. Kruk. Motion carried.

Robin L. Keggan, RMC  
Municipal Clerk