

**FEBRUARY 26, 2020
WORK MEETING**

The Work Meeting of the Hope Township Committee convened at 7:10 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 Ted Rodman, Township Engineer; Don Whitmore, DPW Foreman; Municipal Clerk, Robin Keggan, RMC; Deputy Clerk, Zondra Belstra and Brielle Walsh, Events Coordinator/Sports Director.

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.

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

Public Session:

Mr. Maier was in attendance to discuss the opening of Hope Township Elementary School before Labor Day. He requested the Township Committee send a letter to the school listing concerns surrounding the opening of school before Labor Day as it pertains to commerce in the community and the employment of children in the area. Mr. Urfer made a motion to send a letter to the school with attachments (Frank VanHorn's letter and letter from Dr. Will); Mr. Kruk seconded. All in favor.

Ms. Rusin discussed the fact that all websites will need to become ADA compliant in the very near future and offered this knowledge to the Township Committee for their use and benefit.

ORDINANCES – PUBLIC SESSION AND ADOPTION:

ORDINANCE 2020-02

**Ordinance 2020-02
CALENDAR YEAR 2020**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPE PROVIDING FOR THE APPROPRIATION OF \$6,000.00 FOR 'DPW BLOWER' 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 **\$6,000.00** shall be appropriated for the following items, from the Capital Improvements Budget for the year 2020

DPW Blower - \$6,000.00

2. The sum of \$6,000.00 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: Committeeman Urfer

Second: Committeeman Kruk

Roll Call:

Committeeman Kruk: yes Mayor McDonough: yes Committeeman Urfer: yes

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced for first reading at a regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Hope held on January 28, 2020 and ordered published in accordance with the law. Said Ordinance will be considered for final reading and adoption at a meeting of the Township Committee to be held on February 26, 2020 at 7:00P.M., or as soon thereafter as the Township Committee may hear this Ordinance at the Municipal Building, 407 Hope-Great Meadows Road, Hope, New Jersey, at which time all persons interested may appear for or against the passage of said Ordinance.

ORDINANCE 2020-03

**ORDINANCE 2020-03
CALENDAR YEAR 2020**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPE PROVIDING FOR THE APPROPRIATION OF \$16,000.00 FOR 'DPW TRUCK DUMP BODY, HYDRAULIC SYSTEM, SAFETY LIGHTING' 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 **\$16,000.00** shall be appropriated for the following items, from the Capital Improvements Budget for the year 2020

DPW Truck Body with Associated Equipment - \$16,000.00

5. The sum of \$16,000.00 is available in the Capital Improvement Fund
6. The appropriation herewith does not authorize any debt of the Township of Hope.
7. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately on final passage and publication as provided by law.

Motion: Committeeman Urfer

Second: Committeeman Kruk

Roll Call:

Committeeman Kruk: yes Mayor McDonough: yes Committeeman Urfer: yes

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced for first reading at a regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Hope held on January 28, 2020 and ordered published in accordance with the law. Said Ordinance will be considered for final reading and adoption at a meeting of the Township Committee to be held on February 26, 2020 at 7:00P.M., or as soon thereafter as the Township Committee may hear this Ordinance at the Municipal Building, 407 Hope-Great Meadows Road, Hope, New Jersey, at which time all persons interested may appear for or against the passage of said Ordinance.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion was made by Mr. Kruk; seconded by Mr. Urfer; all in favor - to appoint Donna Marie as Cross-over Liaison from the Planning Board to the Environmental Commission - term expires 12/2020. (filling unexpired term of Betsy Peterson)

Motion was made by Mr. Kruk; seconded by Mr. Urfer; all in favor - to appointment Betsy Peterson as a Class IV Planning Board seat – term expires. 12/2021 (filling unexpired term of Donna Marie)

TOWNSHIP ENGINEER REPORT:

Mr. Rodman spoke about the Montalvo property and the soil importation that has been occurring. Also discussed the septic system that is being installed. The soil importation ordinance in our Township does not pertain to septic systems. Therefore, the septic work can commence. Any other soil importation/removal issues are under the jurisdiction of the DEP at this time.

Campbell Foundry was also discussed. PEAK Environmental provided documentation to the Township regarding their findings at this site. The DEP has signed off on this and given the site a clean bill of health. The Township has no further involvement in this case. Mr. Urfer made a motion to recommend that no further permits for soil importation/exportation from Campbell Foundry property be necessary. Mr. Kruk seconded. All in favor.

Discussed the Tilcon issue (Cemetery Road – bad core test samples). Mr. Rodman has paperwork from the State for Mayor McDonough to sign off on relating to the penalty that Tilcon is accepting for the faulty work. The penalty is \$8,512. This money is grant money that was awarded to us through the DOT for paving Cemetery. Mayor McDonough will sign off once he has an answer as to where the penalty money will be kept and how the Township will access it if Cemetery Road starts deteriorating due to the faulty work.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEEMEN REPORTS:

Mayor McDonough: Spoke briefly about the Governor's Budget address which was made earlier in the week.

Mr. Kruk: Spoke briefly regarding the Warren County Governing Officials' Association meeting he attended on Monday, February 24th and the 2nd Amendment Resolution (Sanctuary State) and the fact that most Townships are supporting this. This will be discussed at next Business meeting.

Mr. Urfer: Spoke briefly about a lawsuit that occurred against Quaker Valley Farm (Hunterdon County) due to the owner (who is in Farmland Preservation) building a greenhouse and disturbing the soils on the property and its impact on the Farmland Preservation program and people going into Preservation.

Also spoke about pursuing a DOT application to require truck traffic restrictions at Exit 12 running through Hope Township. Mayor McDonough approved Mr. Urfer looking into what is required to submit an application, but asked him to hold off on working on/submittal of the application until a meeting with DOT which has been forthcoming is set.

He also cautioned that residents will be looking for answers to noise issues now that summer months are almost upon us. Suggested the Township Committee start looking into how to deal with the situation.

No. Locust Lake – abandoned car issue at the end of the road in the Township right-of-way is still ongoing. Needs to be dealt with by the Zoning Officer after several requests from the Township Committee have been ignored.

Seeing there was no other business for tonight, this meeting of the Hope Township Committee was adjourned at 7:51 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Urfer, seconded by Mr. Kruk. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin L. Keggan, RMC
Municipal Clerk