

**JUNE 10, 2020  
BUSINESS MEETING**

The Business 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 (Zoom), Committeeman Christopher John Kruk and Deputy Mayor Terry Urfer (Zoom). Also present were Don Whitmore, DPW Foreman; Municipal Clerk, Robin Keggan, RMC; Deputy Clerk, Zondra Belstra; CFO Kathleen Reinalda, Ted Rodman, Township Engineer 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**

**Reports:**

**Mayor Tim McDonough:** .

**Committeeman Christopher John Kruk:**

Updated the Committee and public on the fire truck. Members of the HVFD will be flying down to Texas next week to look at the firetruck and potentially purchase.

**Deputy Mayor Urfer:**

Mr. Urfer spoke about the old Tramontin Harley Davidson building and the need to block access to Camp Hope Road (a private lane) from the parking lot. Also noted that that site needs to be cleaned up asap (abandoned car has been there a few weeks now). The monument also needs to be moved out there for re-installation at the HVFD. Mr. Benbrook is moving offices into town and Mr. Urfer asked that a welcoming package be put together for him. Clean up at Exit 12 will take place once Mount is done doing their roadwork or they will not be paid by the County. Discussion took place regarding the take down of the house across from the Community Center. Needs to be discussed and approved at next meeting (estimates are being compiled).

**Don Whitmore:**

Spoke briefly about taking down the house across from the Community Center (Township owned) and the fact that he is compiling estimates.

**Tax Collector's Report:** May collections: \$ 1,030,318.39 YTD \$3,081,991.26.

**Health Department:** No report filed with Clerk.

**Hope Volunteer Fire Department Report:** April – Total calls – 10; man hours – 70.9; 1 work night; 5 man hours; special details – 13; man hours – 5. Total Man Hours for April 155.9 May – Total calls – 13; man hours – 101; work night; 2 – man hours 10; special detail – 7; man hours 20. Total Man Hours for May 131 hours.

**Township Engineer Report:** Mr. Rodman reported on estimates he put together for the paving of Ridgeway Avenue. A couple of options are available – (1) paving from Johnsonburg Road to Route 80 Bridge and from CR 608 to Green Street - \$208,970 or (2) paving from Hope Johnsonburg Road to Route 80 bridge and Smith Road to CR 608 - \$264,653.00. Option 1 was the chosen option and upon a motion made by Mr. Urfer; seconded by Mr. Kruk and Roll Call Vote of Urfer - yes; Kruk – yes; McDonough –

yes, that option was approved. However, Mayor McDonough will be calling DOT to discuss the funding as Hope Township has not come near the amounts of money other municipalities have in the past to see if funding monies can be improved. Mr. Rodman also discussed the town center paving project and the County needing further information regarding the crosswalks and the pads at the intersections.

**Payment of Bills:** June bills totaled \$331,727.31. Receipts for May 2020 \$24,604.59. On a motion made by Mr. Kruk and seconded by Mr. Urfer, the bills were approved for payment. Roll Call vote: Mr. Urfer – yes; Mr. Kruk – yes; Mayor McDonough – yes.

## **RESOLUTIONS:**

### **TOWNSHIP OF HOPE, COUNTY OF WARREN STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

#### **A RESOLUTION FOR SELF EXAMINATION OF BUDGET RESOLUTION NO. 2020-41**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A.40A:4-78b has authorized the Local Finance Board to adopt rules that permit municipalities in sound fiscal condition to assume the responsibility, normally granted to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, of conducting the annual budget examination; and,

**WHEREAS**, N.J.A.C.5:30-7 was adopted by the Local Finance Board on February 11, 1997; and,

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.A.C.5:30-7.2 thru 7.5 the Township of Hope has been declared eligible to participate in the program by the Division of Local Government Services, and the Chief Financial Officer has determined that the Township of Hope meets the necessary conditions to participate in the program for the 2020 budget year, so now therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hope that in accordance with N.J.A.C.5:30-7.6a & b, and based upon the Chief Financial Officer's certification, the governing body has found the budget has met the following requirements:

1. That with reference to the following items, the amounts have been calculated pursuant to law and appropriated as such in the budget:
  - a. Payment of interest and debt redemption charges
  - b. Deferred charges and statutory expenditures
  - c. Cash deficit of preceding year
  - d. Reserve for uncollected taxes
  - e. Other reserves and non-disbursement items
  - f. Any inclusions of amounts required for school purposes
2. That the provisions relating to limitation on increases of appropriations pursuant to N.J.S.A.40A:45.2 and appropriations for exceptions to limits on appropriations found at 40A:4-45.3 et seq. are fully met. (Complies with the "CAP" law.)
3. That the budget is in such form, arrangement and content as required by the Local Budget Law and N.J.A.C.5:30-4 and 5:30-5.

4. That pursuant to the Local Budget Law:
  - a. All estimates of revenue are reasonable, accurate and correctly stated;
  - b. Items of appropriation are properly set forth;
  - c. In itemization, form, arrangement and content, the budget will permit the exercise of the comptroller function within the municipality.
5. The budget and associated amendments have been introduced, publicly advertised and adopted in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Local Budget Law, except that failure to meet the deadlines of N.J.S.A.40A:4-5, shall not prevent such certification.
6. That all other applicable statutory requirements have been fulfilled.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

Motion: Mr. Urfer

Second: Mr. Kruk

Committee Polled: Mr. Urfer – yes Mr. Kruk – yes Mayor McDonough - yes

#### **CERTIFICATION**

It is hereby certified that this is a true and accurate copy of a Resolution adopted by the governing body of the Township of Hope at a meeting held on June 10, 2020.

Witness my hand and the SEAL of the Township of Hope.

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Robin L. Keggan, Municipal Clerk

#### **Certification of Approved Budget**

It is hereby certified that the Approved Budget complies with the requirements of the law and approval is given pursuant to N.J.S.A.40A:4-78(b) and NJAC 5:30-7.

It is further certified that the municipality has met the eligibility requirements of NJAC 5:30-7.4 and 7.5, and that I, as Chief Financial Officer, have completed the local examination in compliance with NJAC 5:30-7.6.

Dated: June 10, 2020

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Kathleen Reinalda, Chief Financial Officer

**TOWNSHIP OF HOPE, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION OF THE ANNUAL AUDIT**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-42**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A 40a:5-4 requires the governing body of every unit to have made an annual audit of its books, accounts and financial transactions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Annual Report of Audit for the year 2019 has been files by a Registered Municipal Accountant and with the Municipal Clerk pursuant to N.J.S.A 40A:5-6, and a copy has been received by each member of the governing body; and

**WHEREAS**, R.S. 52:27BB-34 authorizes the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey to prescribe reports pertaining to the local fiscal affairs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Local Finance Board has promulgated N.J.A.C. 5:30-6-5, a regulation requiring that the governing body of each municipality shall, by resolution, certify to the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey that all members of the governing body have reviewed, as a minimum, the sections of the annual audit report entitled “Comments and Recommendations”; and

**WHEREAS**, the members of the governing body have personally reviewed, as a minimum, the Annual Report of Audit, and specifically the sections of the annual Audit entitled “Comments and Recommendations”, as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body attached hereto; and

**WHEREAS**, such resolution of certification shall be adopted by the Governing body no later than forty-five days after the receipt of the annual audit, pursuant to N.J.A.C 5:30-6-5; and

**WHEREAS**, all members of the governing body have received and have familiarized themselves with, at least, the minimum requirements of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey, as stated aforesaid and have subscribed to the affidavit, as provided by the Local Finance Board; and

**WHEREAS**, failure to comply with the regulations of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey may subject the members of the local governing body to the penalty provisions of R.S. 52:27BB-52 to wit”

R.S. 52:27BB-52: A local officer or member of a local governing body who, after a date fixed for compliance, fails or refuses to obey an order of the director (Director of Local Government Services), under the provisions of this Article, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, may be fined not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisoned for not more than one year or both, in addition shall forfeit his office.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township Committee of the Township of Hope, hereby state that it has complied with N.J.A.C 5:30-6-5 and does hereby submit a certified copy of this resolution and the required affidavit to said Board to show evidence of said compliance.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A TRUE COPY OF THE RESOLUTION PASSED AT THE TOWNSHIP MEETING HELD ON JUNE 10, 2020.

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Robin L. Keggan, RMC, Township Clerk

COUNTY OF WARREN

We, members of the governing body of the Township of Hope, in the County of Warren, being duly sworn according to law, upon our oath depose and say:

1. We are duly elected members of the Township Committee  
Of the Township of Hope, in the County of Warren;
2. In the performance of our duties, and pursuant to N.J.A.C 5:30-6-5,  
we have familiarized ourselves with the contents of the Annual Municipal Audit filed  
with the Clerk pursuant to N.J.S.A 40:5-6 for the year 2019;
3. We certify that we have personally reviewed and are familiar with  
As a minimum, the sections of the Annual Report of Audit entitled “Comments and  
Recommendations”.

(L.S.) \_\_\_\_\_  
Timothy McDonough, Mayor

(L.S.) \_\_\_\_\_  
Terry Urfer, Deputy Mayor

(L.S.) \_\_\_\_\_  
Christopher John Kruk, Committeeman

(L.S.) \_\_\_\_\_

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 10<sup>th</sup> day of June 2020

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Notary Public of New Jersey

The Municipal Clerk shall set forth the reason for the absence of signature of any members of the governing body

IMPORTANT: This certificate must be sent to the Bureau of Financial Regulation and Assistance, Division of Local Government Services, P. O. Box 803, Trenton, New Jersey 08625

Motion: Mr. Kruk

Second: Mr. Urfer

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

**TOWNSHIP OF HOPE  
COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
RESOLUTION 2020-43**

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING GOVERNOR MUPRHY RELEASE DISCRETIONARY FUNDS  
FOR THE RELIEF OF COVID-19 EXPENSES IN WARREN COUNTY AND THEIR  
MUNICIPALITIES**

**WHEREAS**, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act was passed by Congress with overwhelming, bipartisan support and was signed into law by the President on March 27th, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the CARES Act provided payments to State, Local, and Tribal governments navigating the impact of the COVID-19 outbreak in the following amounts to counties in NJ:

Bergen	\$162,000,000
Camden	\$88,000,000
Essex	\$139,000,000
Hudson	\$117,000,000
Middlesex	\$143,000,000
Monmouth	\$107,000,000
Ocean	\$105,000,000
Passaic	\$87,000,000
Union	\$97,000,000

**WHEREAS**, On April 24, 2020, the President signed into law a second federal package of funding intended to provide relief from COVID expenses, known as the “COVID-19 3.5” relief package, which provided the following funds to NJ counties:

Atlantic	\$704,535
Bergen	\$8,310,445
Burlington	\$876,000
Camden	\$2,186,348
Essex	\$4,792,503
Gloucester	\$804,857
Hudson	\$1,874,303
Mercer	\$TBD
Middlesex	\$1,739,905
Monmouth	\$2,348,328
Morris	\$2,182,700
Ocean	\$820,000
Passaic	\$537,434
Somerset	\$646,398
Union	\$4,139,331

**WHEREAS**, Warren County and their respective municipalities have not yet received any federal funding despite being located in the so-called “hot” region of the COVID-19 outbreak and despite having case counts of Covid higher than many counties that were awarded funds through antiquated and pre-determined formulas; and

**WHEREAS**, as part of the CARES Act, the State of NJ received certain non-entitlement funding through the CDGB (\$4 million) and ESG (more than \$11 million) that could be used for discretionary needs throughout the state; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 4, 2020, Congressman Josh Gottheimer and Senator Steven Oroho wrote to Governor Murphy requesting that these discretionary funds be allocated to Warren and Sussex Counties and their respective municipalities; and

**WHEREAS**, to date plans for those discretionary funds have not been announced; and

**WHEREAS**, to date Warren County has spent \$919, 849 on operations of a COVID-19 testing facility for New Jersey residents; and

**WHEREAS**, as part of the plan to re-open the state, the Governor has asked for increased COVID-19 testing, but Warren County’s testing site must cease operations at the end of May due to the total lack of federal or state funding.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Township Committee of Hope hereby requests that Governor Murphy allocate discretionary funds to the County of Warren for the reimbursement of expenses related to its significant number of Covid-19 cases and to aid with the Governor’s goal of continuing and increasing testing required for the re-opening of the state.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution be sent to Warren County’s federal delegation with a request for their support and advocacy for New Jersey residents who reside here.

#### **CERTIFICATION**

It is hereby certified that this is a true and accurate copy of a Resolution adopted by the governing body of the Township of Hope at a regular meeting held June 10, 2020, at the Municipal Building, Hope, New Jersey.

Motion: Mr. Kruk

Second: Mr. Urfer

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

#### **TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPE WARREN COUNTY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

#### **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TOWNSHIP AMENDMENTS TO OUTDOOR DINING PERMITS**

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2020-44**

**WHEREAS**, Governor Murphy has issued Executive Order No. 150 permitting the resumption of outdoor dining and beverage sales and consumption with restrictions imposed by the New Jersey Department of Health; and,

**WHEREAS**, according to Executive Order No. 150, effective at 6:00 a.m. on Monday, June 15, 2020, restaurants, cafeterias, dining establishments, and food courts, with or without a liquor license, bars, and all other holders of a liquor license with retail consumption privileges, collectively referred to as “food or beverage establishments,” are permitted to offer in-person service at outdoor areas; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee desires to assist restaurant businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic and emergency by establishing an expedited process for the possible temporary expansion of the space available for outdoor dining in compliance with Executive Order No. 150 and the New Jersey Department of Health.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that, in light of the fact that Executive Order No. 150, and Department of Health Executive Directive 20-014 have specifically allowed outdoor dining to resume with the restrictions contained therein, the Township Committee of the Township of Hope, hereby temporarily waives the regular procedures for land use permits for outdoor dining expansion by

permitting businesses to submit an expedited Outdoor Dining Permit application and plan for the balance of the year 2020, including the potential expansion of such dining onto sidewalks and parking lots, to the Township Zoning Code Official for review; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Zoning Code Official, in consultation with the Fire Code Official, Sub-code Official, local Police Department and the Board of Health and any other official that the Zoning Code Official deems necessary, shall review such application and plan on an expedited basis, and shall work with such business to reach accommodations to assist such businesses with obtaining an Outdoor Dining Permit from the Township, keeping in mind that the safety and health of the public shall be of the utmost importance; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that once the Zoning Code Official, in consultation with the other aforementioned Township officials, is satisfied that the business has demonstrated that their outdoor seating plan is safe for customers, staff and the general public, the Zoning Code Official shall issue such Outdoor dining permit; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the fees associated with such Outdoor Dining Permit shall be waived for the year 2020 to assist such businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Motion: Mr. Kruk  
Second: Mr. Urfer  
All in Favor

## **TOWNSHIP OF HOPE, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY PREPARATION OF ESTIMATED TAX BILLS**

### **RESOLUTION NO 2020-45**

**WHEREAS**, Governor Philip D. Murphy has declared a state of emergency via Executive Order 103 in response to the COVID-19 outbreak, the Division of Local Government Services has recommended municipalities prepare to issue estimated property tax bills for 2020; and,

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 3 of P.L. 1994, c. 72 (C.54:4-66.3) provision is made for the issuance of estimated tax bills when the Governing Body has determined that there will be insufficient cash flow to support operations in late July 2020 unless third quarter revenue is received on time; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Collector and the Chief Financial Officer have reviewed and computed an estimated tax levy in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54: 4-66.3.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Hope on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of June 2020 that:

1. The Tax Collector is directed to prepare and issue estimated tax bills for the third quarter 2020, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 54: 4-66.2et seq.
2. The entire estimated tax levy for 2020 is hereby set at \$6,662,081.58, with the estimated tax rate being \$3.030.
3. The Tax Collector is authorized to take any additional steps necessary to immediately implement this resolution.

**Roll Call Vote**



**Yes:** Mr. Urfer: yes; Mr. Kruk: yes; Mayor McDonough: yes  
**No:** None  
**Absent:** None **Abstained:** None

**TOWNSHIP OF HOPE, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF RE-OPENING OF SMALL BUSINESSES**

**RESOLUTION #2020-46**

**WHEREAS**, on January 31, 2020 the United States Department of Health declared the 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19) to be a public health emergency in the United States, under Section 319 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d); and,

**WHEREAS**, on March 9, 2020, due to the danger to public health caused by COVID-19 and its rapid spread through New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware and New York, New Jersey Governor Philip D. Murphy declared COVID-19 to be public health emergency and state of emergency under N.J.S.A. 26:12-1, et. seq. and N.J.S.A. App 9-30, et. seq., respectively; and,

**WHEREAS**, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic, which means it is an epidemic that has spread over several countries or continents and affects a large percentage of the population; and,

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, as the rates of infection continued to rise in many locations around the world and across the United States, President Donald J. Trump declared that COVID-19 outbreak constituted a national emergency in accordance with the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C., et seq.; and,

**WHEREAS**, on March 21, 2020 Governor Murphy issued Executive Order 107 further enacting “social distancing” regulations, including but not limited to, directing all New Jersey residents to remain in their home or place of residence with specific limited exceptions, prohibiting gatherings of any size, closed all non-essential retail businesses and identified businesses permitted to continue to operate subject to specific limitations, and reiterated and strengthened social distancing requirements when in public; and,

**WHEREAS**, Administrative Orders 2020-05, 2020-06 and 2020-10 expanded and/or amended the list of essential retail businesses permitted to continue operating during the COVID-19 pandemic; and,

**WHEREAS**, small businesses are an essential part of our community and there are a number of businesses that were forced to close for business through Executive Order 107 and have not been able to reopen; and,

**WHEREAS**, on May 13, 2020 Governor Murphy issued Executive Order 142 which allowed small businesses to open for phone, internet and curbside pickup which allows them to conduct business, but there are a number of businesses that will not be able to operate in this fashion; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Hope believes that small businesses should be able to reopen for business, allowing customers to enter while maintaining social distancing guidelines, which will ensure that the businesses are able to remain within our community and the municipality and not be forced to close down completely due to an economic issue that is caused by this Executive Order.

**WHEREAS**, Land of Make Believe is an outdoor recreational facility with lots of open space. It provides family fun in a clean, open outdoor environment and is one of the biggest employers in Warren County and surrounding area. The Land of Make Believe is also one of the largest financial contributors to our local economy. As such, it is the Hope Township Committee's belief that the Land of Make Believe should be permitted to open for its season with proper safety protocols in place.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and the Township Committee of Hope, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, that the Governor consider allowing small businesses to reopen following the same guidelines that have been set forth for stores deemed essential through Executive Order 107 and amended through Administrative Orders 2020-05, 2020-06 and 2020-10.

Motion: Mr. Kruk  
Second: Mr. Urfer  
All in favor

**TOWNSHIP OF HOPE, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
AWARD OF BID TO PURCHASE  
ONE (1) 2009 MODEL PIERCE HEAVY RESCUE PUMPER**

**RESOLUTION NO 2020-47**

**WHEREAS**, the Hope Township Volunteer Fire Department has determined that it is in need of a new fire truck to assist in its day-to-day operations of assisting the public; and,

**WHEREAS**, a bid package was put together by the Chief Financial Officer of Hope Township and advertised, per State guidelines, regulations and statutes, in the Official Newspaper of Hope Township inviting bids to be received by the Hope Township Municipal Clerk for said firetruck; and,

**WHEREAS**, the advertisement appeared in the Thursday, May 21, 2020 edition of the Express Times, Warren County edition, with explicit instructions on how to obtain a bid package and fixing a day and time for those bids to be received by, that date being Wednesday, June 10, 2020 by 11 A.M. prevailing time; and,

**WHEREAS**, once the time obligation has been met, the Municipal Clerk of Hope Township will open any bids received and make known the amount of the bid and by whom the bid was received; and,

**WHEREAS**, one (1) bid was received by Siddons Martin Emergency Group, LLC in the amount of \$159,000.00 for said fire truck, as-is, no warranty.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Hope on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of June 2020 that this bid is hereby **ACCEPTED** as received by Siddons Martin Emergency Group, LLC. The above-described fire truck is now available for purchase by the Township of Hope.

**Roll Call Vote**

**Yes:** Mr. Urfer: yes; Mr. Kruk: yes; Mayor McDonough: yes  
**No:** None  
**Absent:** None **Abstained:** None

**ORDINANCES – PUBLIC SESSION AND ADOPTION:**

**ORDINANCE 2020-04  
CALENDAR YEAR 2020**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPE PROVIDING FOR THE APPROPRIATION OF \$ 180,000.00 FOR A FIRE TRUCK 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 **\$180,000.00** shall be appropriated for the following items, from the Capital Improvements Budget for the year 2020  
  
Fire Truck - \$180,000.00
2. The sum of \$180,000.00 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 and passed on first reading by the Township Committee of the Township of Hope at a meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> of May 2020. It was then published in the Express Times Warren County edition and after second reading and public hearing it was finally adopted on the 10<sup>th</sup> of June 2020 at a meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Hope held in the Municipal Building, 407 Hope-Great Meadows Road, Hope, New Jersey.

**ORDINANCE 2020-05  
CALENDAR YEAR 2020**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPE PROVIDING FOR THE APPROPRIATION OF \$ 13,215.94 FOR HOPE TOWNSHIP'S PORTION OF A WATER TREATMENT SYSTEM (MILLBROOK ROAD) 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 **\$13,215.94** shall be appropriated for the following items, from the Capital Improvements Budget for the year 2020

Hope Township's Portion – Millbrook Road Water Treatment System

2. The sum of \$13,215.94 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

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#### Discussion:

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#### Public Participation:

A couple members of the public made comments regarding the internet service and asking for the Township to look into making improvements. With the Covid-19 pandemic, it became apparent quickly that they would struggle to work from home. Mr. Moore (member of public) spoke about his interactions with Senator Oroho and trying to improve broadband. Service Electric is being acquired by Altese (Optimum) but this has not been approved by the BPU as of yet. May be an opportunity to ensure Warren and Sussex Counties have provisions for better internet access. The BPU has not responsibility for broadband. The Mayors of Knowlton, Blairstown, Hardwick, Frelinghuysen and Hope have been speaking to the attorney for Altese/Service Electric and have resubmitted the streets that need service.

Another member of the public thanks the Hope Township Committee for their continued updates on Facebook and online during the pandemic. She is running for Freeholder and discussed the need to get a group of legislators together regarding the issue. She offered her assistance with this venture.

Maria McDonough spoke about the grant for the Hope Community Center. The fee would be \$3500 for the individual to write the grant. The Township will be asking the County for \$150,000 for the Community Center work. Hope would need to pay 25% of the \$150,000 (which would be in next year's budget as we would not receive the money until then). The grant writer is an architectural engineer. **A motion was made by Mr. Urfer; seconded by Mr. Kruk – Roll call: Mr. Urfer – yes; Mr. Kruk – yes; Mayor McDonough – yes to approve the grant writer to start work.** Mrs. McDonough also brought up the integrity of the Hope Historic District and the need to tighten things up. It was determined that meetings between the HPC, Mr. Boesze (Zoning Official) and the Township Committee will be forthcoming. A resignation will also be tendered for a member of the HPC in the coming weeks.

The owner of Hope Pizza spoke about the propane tanks that need to be screened from CR 521. He is currently looking into getting smaller ones and installing them behind the pizzeria. He needs some firm direction on what to do if the tanks cannot be moved to the back. Trees that were planted there prior have died.

**Approval of Minutes:** None.

Seeing there was no other business for tonight, this meeting of the Hope Township Committee was adjourned at 5:36 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Urfer, seconded by Mr. Kruk. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin L. Keggan, RMC  
Municipal Clerk