

**June 27, 2018
Work Meeting**

The monthly business meeting of the Hope Township Committee convened at 7:00 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, Judith Fisher, RMC; Township Engineer, Ted Rodman, P.E.; Don Whitmore, CPWM Supervisor.

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.

Reports:

Township Engineer: Work underway with Fairclough and Wires to get generator up and going. Trench was dug yesterday by Drake's for \$300. Motion was made per Mr. Kruk; seconded per Mr. Urfer to purchase millings for an additional \$100 to finish off the trench in the Grange driveway like the rest of the parking lot. Roll call: Mr. Urfer – yes; Mr. Kruk – yes; Mayor McDonough – yes. Discussion took place regarding extension being needed to complete the generator in timeframe. Ballards are still needed in front of tank and generator. Mr. Whitmore questioned whether they wanted him to do it or get quotes from Drake's Landscaping. Township Committee suggested getting quotes first before making decision. Certain specs are needed to be followed for the installation of the ballards. Mr. Whitmore will pick up the ballards so they are cheaper. Wire's Electric is aware of the deadline for the installation/grant. Mrs. Fisher stated she needs all bills in and paid by end of August.

Osmun Road - preliminary approval received from DOT. Submitted without road striping. Summary of bids needs to be submitted to Warren County Co-op and Resolution received for approval of paving then we can have a preconstruction meeting.

Birch Ridge Road – submitted the initial paperwork for initial approval – nothing back yet. Shouldn't take much longer to receive.

Ross Jones – Silver Lake Road – clarification needed of where his property is. He is on Smith Street, not Blair Street. Drainage problem, water is running off into his property. He has complained about a pipe that someone installed (Township put in a pipe across the road) but an owner of the lot above him has put in a 4-inch plastic pipe through the adjoining lot directly into the pipe and out the other side and is continuing running water onto Mr. Jones' property. Mr. Whitmore stated this is not a township issue, it is property owners' issue (civil issue). However, the property owners are not allowed to use the Township's pipe that's already installed. Mr. Urfer will ride up with Mr. Whitmore to look at the situation and a determination will be at that time as to how to deal with the issue.

Cell tower application – in review now. Should be coming up at next Planning Board meeting.

Mr. Urfer spoke about Ordinances that need to be drafted for parking and stop sign by Hope Market. Mr. Whitmore and Mr. Urfer will draft the Ordinances and submit paperwork to Mr. Rodman and Mrs. Fisher, who will then send it to Mr. Selvaggi.

Mr. Kruk spoke about school and outdoor gazebo being built with Mr. Rodman. Described the project to him and asked if building and zoning permits were needed for it. Mr. Rodman suggested it be run by the Planning Board since it is a capital improvement to the school. The Construction Official will need to be involved to make sure the gazebo is structurally sound.

Mayor McDonough spoke about the Shiloh Road/millings issue. Mr. Boesze stated he wanted a letter stating approximate time project would wrap up.

John Kruk: No report.

Terry Urfer: Discussion took place regarding naming the Grange after Tom Planer. A business in town will be paying for the sign. Specific verbiage must be used in naming the building. Mr. Urfer motioned to make the Grange Building after the Planer Family; Mr. Kruk seconded. All in favor.

Planning Board meeting discussed as far as new signage for businesses in town coming off of Route 80. He wanted the Township Committee to know this is being discussed so they are prepared when it comes to the Township Committee.

Tax liens: Birch Ridge parcel – tax lien accruing on books - \$99,000.00. Offering to property owners surrounding. Best way is an In Rem (township forecloses on it) and then it can be sold (5 surrounding property owners may be interested). John Kruk – lake bottom parcel – it's the western shore that the Baptist Church is interested in so they can have the shoreline. In Rem foreclosure should occur for this too so that the Township can auction it off. Mr. Motyka has to establish the value of the properties involved.

Salt Shed: setback problems, will we need to go before the Zoning Board of Adjustment? Double checking with Mr. Selvaggi to ensure we are exempt. Walnut and Prospect properties need to be sold. Mr. Selvaggi is working on it. Will be offered to neighboring property owners.

Dump truck, plows, generator – all need to be auctioned. Municipal Bid, County Auction (September?). Pews – taking a picture of them so they can be put online for auction.

Forest Manor signs – Mr. Whitmore stated he is just waiting for them to come in (they are ordered). One will be before Jenny Jump Road and one before Shiloh Road that states 3.3 miles ahead. Walnut Street sign re-ordered also.

Zoning Map – wants to put pieces that are farmland assessed to be asterisked. Mr. Kruk stated that has already been done and will get Mr. Urfer a copy of it.

St. Johns – discussions regarding doing a Fire Department drill. Also wanted to discuss the streetlights. Mayor McDonough stated they need to talk to the County for approval. County needs to be made aware that every county intersecting road needs a streetlight and there are a few intersections in town without one. They are getting close to bringing a childcare center back as well.

Mr. Urfer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kruk and carried to joining the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Urfer also made a motion to join the Hope Historical Society (\$25.00 dues), seconded by Mr. Kruk and carried. Mrs. Fisher stated she needs the paperwork for both in order to firm up memberships.

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

Painting of garage needs to be started. Roof is a big issue/expense. Has been being put into the budget for years – at least \$3,000-\$4,000 is needed for it. Roof on shed needs to be done. Mr. Whitmore stated he will do that in the Fall.

Securing the chairs in the courtroom was discussed. Need to speak to the Judge.

Paving – cold patch Donna Hutchinsons's driveway. Needs to be done.

Old Business:

Hope Community Center – Quote for replacing existing lights with new LED vandal proof fixtures.

Wire's Electric, Hackettstown, NJ \$2,335.00

Seidel Electric, Blairstown, NJ \$3,895.00

Townsend – no quote.

Mr. Urfer motioned to accept Wire's quote for \$2335.00, seconded by Mr. Kruk and carried.

Roll call: Mr. Urfer – yes; Mr. Kruk – yes; Mayor McDonough – yes.

Verizon Nodes – no change in status

Benbrook & Stevens – Easement at Distillery – spoke to Benbrook who is trying to get everything moving in order to effectuate getting off of Millbrook Water Company.

Belvidere Heritage Days – status on request to hang banner over CR 519 announcing Victorian Days. Mr. Kruk stated he spoke about them needing the County approval and that they could hang the banner further south on 519, but not in the center of town. Done issue for us now, in County’s hands.

Centurylink – map of Hope updates. Requests are in to power up nodes. Public will need to notify Centurylink that they want the higher speeds.

New Business:

Car Show – Rose Maguire spoke about the fact that the school is not engaging on the car show this year. She filed the paperwork for the Children of Hope Foundation but it will not be ready before the car show occurs in October. She’d like the Township Committee’s blessing to proceed with the event and continue it into the future. Originally the proceeds were split between the 6/7/8 grade classes, but that is not the case anymore as school policy has changed. She stated the only thing she needs from the Township is the use of their insurance this year, so it will need to be sanctioned by the Township Committee. Discussion ensued about speaking to Mr. Selvaggi (Township attorney) to make sure everything is on the up-and-up. Date is October 6 (Saturday) rain date is October 7 (Sunday). Mr. Kruk spoke about tying next year’s car show event into the Hope Township 250th anniversary celebration.

Historic Preservation Commission – Jane Guthrie stepping down (term expires 12/2020). Mayor McDonough asked that Mrs. Fisher send her a thank you letter for her years of service. Spoke about replacements/appointments being made to the Historic Preservation Commission.

Land of Make Believe – kids from the park will be coming to the Community Center to see how our government works. Mayor McDonough said he will make an effort to reach out to our Hope kids as well.

RESOLUTION 2018-40:

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AWARDING CONTRACT FOR ROAD RESURFACING – OSMUN ROAD

WHEREAS, The Township of Hope is a member of the Morris County Cooperative Pricing System and wishes to utilize the contract for Road Resurfacing for Resurfacing of Osmun Road; and

WHEREAS, Tilcon New York, Inc., Wharton, NJ has been awarded Contract #6 for Road Resurfacing through the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council of which the township of Hope is an active participant; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Hope, County of Warren, and State of New Jersey that road resurfacing services for Osmun Road, is awarded to Tilcon New York, Inc., 625 Mt. Hope Road, Wharton, New Jersey 07885, in the amount not to exceed \$107,321.00.

Motion was made by Mr. Urfer, seconded by Mr. Kruk and carried to award the above contract to Tilcon New York in the amount not to exceed \$107,321.00

Roll call: Mr. Urfer – yes, Mr. Kruk – yes, Mayor McDonough – yes.

RESOLUTION 2018-39:

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RESOLUTION APPROVING PERSON TO PERSON TRANSFER OF LIQUOR LICENSE FOR PLENARY DISTRIBUTION LICENSE

**NUMBER 2111-44-001-005 FROM COUNTRY LIQUOR STORE, INC. TO
HOPE COUNTRY LIQUORS, INC.**

WHEREAS, an application has been filed for a person to person transfer of Country Liquor Store Inc. Distribution License 2111-44-001-005 heretofore issued to Hope Country Liquor Store Inc, for premises located at 433 Route 521 South, Hope, New Jersey 07844, and,

WHEREAS, the submitted application form is complete in all respects, transfer fees have been paid, and the license has been properly renewed for the current license term; and,

WHEREAS, the New Jersey State Police Alcohol Beverage Control investigation clearance is complete and the applicant is qualified to be licensed according to all standards established by Title 33 of the New Jersey Statutes, regulations promulgated thereunder, as well as pertinent local ordinances and conditions consistent with Title 33; and,

WHEREAS, the applicant has agreed to disclose to the issuing authority the source of all funds used in the purchase of the license and the licensed business and all additional financing obtained in connection with the licensed business and provided an affidavit of qualification for ownership interest in a New Jersey alcoholic beverage license;

NOW THEREORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Hope, County of Warren, State of New Jersey hereby approves the transfer of the aforesaid Country Liquor Store, Inc. to Hope Country Liquors, Inc. for operation under the license.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that approval is subject to completion of all State of New Jersey, Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control regulations.

Motion was made by Mr. Urfer, seconded by Mr. Kruk and carried to approve the above Resolution 2018-39

Roll call: Mr. Urfer – yes; Mr. Kruk – yes; Mr. McDonough – yes.

Public Participation:

None.

Seeing there was no other business for tonight, this meeting of the Hope Township Committee was adjourned at 8:07 p.m. on a motion made by Committeeman Urfer, seconded by Committeeman Kruk. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith M. Fisher RMC
Municipal Clerk