

**MARCH 9, 2022
BUSINESS MEETING**

The 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 John Kruk and Committeeman Terry Urfer. Also present were Municipal Clerk, Robin Keggan, RMC; Deputy Clerk, Zondra Belstra; George Boesze, Zoning Official; Grace Boesze, daughter of George and several members of the public.

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 Express Times New Jersey edition and the New Jersey Herald 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

Payment of Bills: March Bills - \$388,538.93. On a motion made by Mr. Urfer; seconded by John Kruk and roll called as follows: Mr. Kruk – yes; Mr. Urfer – yes; Mayor McDonough – yes - the bills were approved for payment.

Reports:

Tax Collector: Month Ending February 2022 - \$999,239.22 Y-T-D for 2022 \$1,463,307.20.

Mayor Tim McDonough: A meeting with the County and the DOT, Hope Township, White Township and possibly Knowlton Township is in the process of being set up. The Commission of the DOT has been out of work due to surgery, but is now back and will be scheduling the meeting shortly. Also noted that the Governor gave his budget address and municipal aid is flat again. Also made mention that NJ is “fee free” for certain things this year, i.e. driver’s licenses. A Covid clinic will be held for booster shots at the municipal building on March 31, 2022 from 10 am – 1 pm.

Deputy Mayor Christopher John Kruk: Noted that the HVFD will be taking part in the St. Patrick’s Day Parade in Hackettstown on Sunday, March 14, 2022. Also discussed the fire truck that was recently sold on Muncibid for \$11,700. **A motion was made by Mr. Kruk, seconded by Mr. Urfer and roll called as follows: Mr. Kruk – yes; Mr. Urfer – yes; Mayor McDonough -yes** to donate this money to the HVFD. Also discussed the Altice Zoom call that recently took place where residents could log on and discuss their issues with obtaining Optimum services or request their services. It was noted that this “meeting” would have gone much better in person. Several residents have still seen no movement yet as of that Zoom call. Suggested a letter be sent to the DEP in support of several residents interested in having the DEP test soil at 549 Hope Blairstown Road due to dumping of solid waste. The clerk will type the letter up and send to Mr. Kruk for his revisions and additions.

Committeeman Urfer: Discussed the Community Center grant with Michael Margulies, Architect (who attended via phone). The bid specs and notice, along with the drawings, were sent to the clerk who distributed them to the Committee and Mike Selvaggi, Esq., for his approval. He noted that there were some minor revisions to be made and the clerk alerted Mr. Margulies to that. Mr. Margulies will reach out to Mr. Selvaggi directly to work through the revisions. The Committee approved the documents for the bid package submitted, subject to the minor revisions that Mr. Selvaggi noted, on a **motion made by Mr. Urfer; seconded by Mr. Kruk and roll called as follows: Mr. Kruk – yes; Mr. Urfer – yes; Mayor McDonough – yes.** Mr. Urfer noted that the next grant applications through the County are due in June or July and that he and Mr. Margulies will discuss this in April or May.

Mr. Urfer discussed his meeting with the Township engineer regarding Foundry Road and Union Brick Road and the repaving of them, as well as the costs incurred by the municipality and how the engineering firm should go about handling those. Discussion took place regarding the rest of Ridgeway Avenue being paved in 2023 with a DOT grant.

Township Engineer: Not in attendance.

Events Coordinator: Not in attendance.

DPW: Not in attendance due to salting and plowing from snow during the day.

RESOLUTIONS:

**HOPE TOWNSHIP, WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT DESIGNATION OF
THE DELAWARE WATER GAP AS A NATIONAL PARK
RESOLUTION NO. 2022-23**

TABLED

**HOPE TOWNSHIP, WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESERVE TRANSFER RESOLUTION
2022-24**

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 2021 Reserve Balances in General Administration O/E, Planning Board O/E, Buildings & Grounds O/E, Celebration of Public Events O/E, and Gasoline O/E.

WHEREAS, the following accounts have sufficient excess funds to meet such demands: Municipal Prosecutor S/W, Engineering O/E, and Road Maintenance S/W.

BE IT RESOLVED that in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 40A:4-59 the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to make the following transfers:

To:	General Administration O/E	11,000.00
	Planning Board O/E	771.00
	Buildings & Grounds O/E	1,400.00
	Celebration of Public Events O/E	834.00
	Gasoline O/E	<u>1,406.00</u>
		15,411.00
From:	Municipal Prosecutor S/W	5,700.00
	Engineering O/E	3,800.00
	Road Maintenance S/W	<u>5,911.00</u>
		15,411.00

Motion: Mr. Urfer

Seconded: Mr. Kruk

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

ORDINANCES:

Introduction and First Reading:

Motion made by Mr. Urfer; seconded by Mr. Kruk, all in favor to Introduce:

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPE, COUNTY OF WARREN REQUESTING
CONSENT FOR THE OPERATION OF A CABLE TELEVISION SYSTEM WITHIN THE
TOWNSHIP TO CSC TRK, LLC**

ORDINANCE 2022-02

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of Township of Hope (hereinafter referred to as the “Township”) determined that CSC TKR, LLC (hereinafter referred to as “the Company”) has the technical competence and general fitness to operate a cable television system in the Municipality (as defined in Section 1 of this Ordinance), and by prior ordinance granted its municipal consent for the Company’s predecessor in interest, Service Electric Cable T. V. of New Jersey, Inc. (“SECTV”) to obtain a non-exclusive franchise (the “Franchise”) for the placement of facilities and the establishment of a cable television system in the Municipality; and,

WHEREAS, by application for renewal consent filed with the Township and the Office of Cable Television on or about October 14, 2011, SECTV, and the Company as its successor in interest, has sought a renewal of the Franchise; and,

WHEREAS, on or about July 14, 2020; with the prior approval of the Board of Public Utilities of the State of New Jersey (hereinafter the “Board”) the Company completed its purchase of the assets of SECTV, including the cable television franchise for, and the cable television system within the territorial limits governed by, the Township, and,

WHEREAS, the Township having held public hearings has made due inquiry to review the Company’s performance under the Franchise, and to identify the Township’s future cable-related needs and interests and has concluded that the Company has substantially complied with its obligations under the Franchise and applicable law and has committed to certain undertakings responsive to the Township’s future cable-related needs and interests; and,

WHEREAS, the Township has accordingly concluded that the consent should be renewed subject to the requirements set forth below; and that, provided the Company’s proposal for renewal embodies the commitments set forth below, the Township’s municipal consent to the renewal of the Franchise should be given; and,

WHEREAS, imposition of the same burdens and costs on other competitors franchised by the Township is a basic assumption of the parties.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Committee of the Township Hope, County of Warren, and State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this Ordinance, the terms defined above shall have the meanings there indicated, and the following additional terms shall have the following meanings:

- (a) “Act” or “Cable Television Act” shall mean that statute of the State of New Jersey relating to cable television, known as the Cable Television Act, N.J.S.A. 48:5A-1 et seq.

- (b) “Application” shall mean the Company’s application for Renewal of Municipal Consent, which application is on file in the Township Clerk’s office and is incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof, except as modified, changed, limited or altered by this Ordinance.
- (c) “Board” shall mean the Board of Public Utilities of the State of New Jersey or its successor agency.
- (d) “Township” shall mean the governing body of the Township Hope in the County of Warren, and the State of New Jersey.
- (e) “Company” shall mean CSC TKR, LLC, the grantee of rights under this Ordinance.
- (f) “FCC” shall mean the Federal Communications Commission.
- (g) “Federal Act” shall mean that federal statute relating to cable communications commonly known as the Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984, 47 U.S.C. Section 521 et seq. and the Telecommunications Act of 1996, or as those statutes may be amended.
- (h) “Federal Regulations” shall mean those federal regulations relating to cable television services, 47 C.F.R. Section 76.1 et seq. (and, to the extent applicable, any other federal rules and regulations relating to cable television, including but not limited to, those described in 47 C.F.R. Section 76.3), or as such regulations may be amended.
- (i) “Municipality” shall mean the area contained within the present municipal boundaries of the Township of Hope in the County of Warren, and the State of New Jersey.
- (j) “Standard installation” shall mean the installation of drop cable to a customer’s premise where the distance from the point of entry into the building being served is less than 150 feet from the active cable television system plant.
- (k) “State” shall mean the State of New Jersey.
- (l) “State Regulations” shall mean those regulations of the State of New Jersey Board of Public Utilities relating to cable television. N.J.A.C. 14:17-1.1 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 14:18-1 et seq., or as such regulations may be amended.

SECTION 2. STATEMENT OF FINDINGS

A public hearing concerning the consent herein granted to the Company was held after proper public notice pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Act. Said hearing having been held and fully open to the public, and the Township having received all comments regarding the qualifications of the Company to receive this consent, the Township hereby finds the Company possesses the necessary legal, technical, character, financial and other qualifications to support municipal consent, and that the Company’s operating and construction arrangements are adequate and feasible.

SECTION 3. GRANT OF AUTHORITY

The Township hereby grants to the Company its non-exclusive consent to place in, upon, along, across, above, over, and under its highways, streets, alleys, sidewalks, public ways, and public places in the Municipality poles, wires, cables, and fixtures necessary for the maintenance and operation in the Municipality of a cable television system or other communications facility, and for the provision of any

communication service over such facilities. Operation and construction, pursuant to said consent, is conditioned upon prior approval of the Board of Public Utilities.

SECTION 4. DURATION OF FRANCHISE

This consent granted herein shall be non-exclusive and shall be for a term of ten (10) years from the date of issuance of a Certificate of Approval by the Board.

SECTION 5. EXPIRATION AND SUBSEQUENT RENEWAL

If the Company seeks successive consent, it shall, prior to the expiration of this consent, apply for a municipal consent and certificate of approval in accordance with N.J.S.A 48:5A-16, and applicable state and federal rules and regulations. In accordance with N.J.S.A. 48:5A-25.1, both the Township and the Company shall be bound by the terms of this municipal consent until such time as the Company converts the municipal consent (and any certificate of approval) into a system-wide franchise.

SECTION 6. FRANCHISE TERRITORY

The consent granted under this Ordinance to the Company shall apply to the entirety of the Municipality and any property hereafter annexed.

SECTION 7. SERVICE AREA

The Company shall be required to proffer video programming service along any public right-of-way to any person's residence within the "primary service area," as it exists on the effective date of any written approval order by the Board of this consent, at the Company's schedule of rates for standard and nonstandard installation.

SECTION 8. EXTENSION OF SERVICE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Board, as ordered in its approval of the transfer of the Franchise from SECTV to The Company (Docket No. CM20030211, effective July 6, 2020), upon request, the Company shall extend service along any public right of way outside its primary service area to those residences or small businesses within the franchise territory which are located in areas that have a residential home density of twenty-five (25) homes per mile or greater (as measured from the then existing primary service area), or areas with less than twenty-five (25) homes per mile where residents and/or small businesses agree to share the cost of such extension in accordance with the line extension formula as provided by the Company in its application for municipal consent.

SECTION 9. FRANCHISE FEE

Pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Cable Television Act, the Company shall pay to the Township, as an annual franchise fee, a sum equal to two percent (2%) of the actual gross revenues received from all recurring charges in the nature of subscription fees paid by subscribers for its cable television reception services in the Municipality. In the event applicable law hereinafter permits a larger franchise fee to be collected, but does not fix the amount thereof, the Township and the Company shall negotiate in good faith with respect to the amount thereof; provided, however, that nothing herein shall be construed to permit the Township to require payment of a franchise fee by the Company that is higher than the fee paid by all other cable television service providers offering service in the Municipality.

SECTION 10. FREE SERVICE

Subject to applicable federal regulations, the Company shall, upon written request, provide free of charge, one (1) standard installation and monthly cable television reception service to all State or locally accredited public schools and all municipal public libraries, as well as municipal buildings located within the Municipality.

SECTION 11. CONSTRUCTION/SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

The Company shall perform construction and installation of its plant and facilities in accordance with applicable State and federal law. The Company shall be subject to the following additional construction requirements with respect to the installation of its cable plant and facilities in the Municipality:

(a) In the event that the Company or its agents shall disturb any pavement, street surfaces, sidewalks, driveways or other surfaces, the Company shall at its sole expense restore and replace such disturbances in as good a condition as existed prior to the commencement of said work.

(b) If at any time during the period of this consent, the Township shall alter or change the grade of any street, alley or other way or place, the Company, upon reasonable notice by the Township shall remove or relocate its equipment, at its own expense.

(c) Upon request of a person holding a building or moving permit issued by the Township, the Company shall temporarily move or remove appropriate parts of its facilities so as to permit the moving or erection of buildings or for the performance of other work. The expense of any such temporary removal or relocation shall be paid in advance to the Company by the person requesting the same. In such cases, the Company shall be given not less than fourteen (14) days prior written notice in order to arrange for the changes required.

(d) During the exercise of its rights and privileges under this consent, the Company shall have the authority to trim trees upon and overhanging streets, alleys, sidewalks and public places of the Township so as to prevent the branches of such trees from coming in contact with the wires, cables, conduits and fixtures of the Company. Such trimming shall be only to the extent necessary to maintain proper clearance for the Company's facilities.

SECTION 12. TECHNICAL AND CUSTOMER SERVICE STANDARDS

The Company shall comply with the technical and customer service standards established for the cable industry under applicable federal and State laws, rules and regulations.

SECTION 13. LOCAL OFFICE OR AGENT

The Company shall establish and maintain during the entire term of this consent a local area business office or agent for the purpose of receiving, investigating and resolving complaints regarding the quality of service, equipment malfunctions and similar matters. Said office shall be open daily during normal business hours, and in no event less than 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, with the exception of holidays.

SECTION 14. DESIGNATION OF COMPLAINT OFFICER

The Office of Cable Television is hereby designated as the complaint officer for the Township pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 48:5A-26. All complaints shall be reviewed and processed in accordance with N.J.A.C. 14:17-6.5.

SECTION 15. LIABILITY INSURANCE

The Company agrees to maintain and keep in force and effect at its sole cost at all times during the term of this consent, sufficient liability insurance naming the Township as an additional insured and insuring against loss by any such claim, suit, judgment, execution or demand in the minimum amounts of five-hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) for bodily injury or death to one person, and one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for bodily injury or death resulting from any one accident or occurrence stemming from or arising out of the Company's exercise of its rights hereunder.

SECTION 16. PERFORMANCE BOND

The Company shall obtain and maintain, at its sole cost and expense, during the entire term of this Agreement, a bond to the Township in the amount of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00). Such bond shall be to insure the faithful performance of its obligations as provided in this Franchise.

SECTION 17. RATES

A. The rates of the Company for cable television service shall be subject to regulation to the extent permitted by federal and State law.

B. The Company shall implement a senior citizen discount in the amount of ten percent (10%) off the monthly broadcast basic level of cable television service rate to any person sixty-two (62) years of age or older, who subscribes to cable television services provided by the Company, subject to the following:

- (i) Such discount shall only be available to eligible senior citizens who do not share the subscription with more than one person in the same household who is less than sixty-two (62) years of age; and,
- (ii) In accordance with N.J.S.A. 48:5A-11.2, subscribers seeking eligibility for the discount must meet the income and residence requirements of the Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and Disabled program pursuant to N.J.S.A. 30:4D-21; and,
- (iii) The senior discount herein relates only to the broadcast basic level of cable television service, and shall not apply to any additional service, feature, or equipment offered by the Company, including any premium channel services and pay-per-view services; and,
- (iv) Senior citizens who subscribe to a level of cable television service beyond expanded basic service, including any premium or per channel a la carte service, shall not be eligible for the discount; and,

C. The Company shall have no further obligation to provide the senior discount herein in the event that (a) the Company converts the municipal consent granted herein to a system-wide franchise in accordance with N.J.S.A. 48:5A-25.1; or (b) upon Board approval of a certification that another cable television service

provider offering services to residents of the Municipality files, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 48:5A-30(d), is capable of serving sixty percent (60%) or more of the households within the Municipality. In the event the Company does cease providing a senior discount pursuant to this provision, it shall comply with all notice requirements of applicable law.

SECTION 18. EMERGENCY USES

The Company shall be required to have the capability to override the audio portion of the system in order to permit the broadcasting of emergency messages by the Township pursuant to state and federal requirements. The Company shall in no way be held liable for any injury suffered by the Township or any other person, during an emergency, if for any reason the Township is unable to make full use of the cable television system as contemplated herein. The Township shall utilize the state-approved procedures for such emergency uses.

SECTION 19. EQUITABLE TERMS

In the event that the service of another multi-channel video program provider not subject to the Township's regulatory authority within the Municipality creates a significant competitive disadvantage to the Company, the Company shall have the right to request from the Township lawful amendments to its Franchise that relieve it of burdens which create the unfair competitive situation. Should the Company seek such amendments to its Franchise, the parties agree to negotiate in good-faith appropriate changes to the Franchise in order to relieve the Company of such competitive disadvantages. If the parties can reach an agreement on such terms, the Township agrees to support the Company's petition to the Board for modification of the consent in accordance with N.J.S.A 48:5A-47 and N.J.A.C. 14:17-6.7.

If the parties are unable to reach an agreement on appropriate amendments to the franchise, the Township acknowledges that the Company shall have the right to petition the Board directly for such amendments in accordance with N.J.S.A. 48:5A-47 and N.J.A.C. 14:17-6.7; provided, however, the Township shall be under no obligation to support The Company's request for such relief from the Board.

In any subsequent municipal consent, Township shall require, at a minimum, the same terms and conditions of any other provider of multi-channel video programming subject to the Township's regulatory authority as those contained in the instant consent. In the event such subsequent consent does not contain the same terms and conditions as the instant consent, Township agrees to support the Company's petition to the Board for modification of the consent in accordance with NJSA 48:5A-47 and NJAC 14:17-6.7 to relieve the Company of competitive disadvantages identified in the Company's petition.

SECTION 20. REMOVAL OF FACILITIES

Upon expiration, termination or revocation of this Ordinance, the Company at its sole cost and expense and upon direction of the Board, shall remove the cables and appurtenant devices constructed or maintained in connection with the cable services authorized herein, unless The Company, its affiliated entities or assignees should, within six (6) months after such expiration, termination or revocation obtain certification from the FCC to operate an open video system or any other federal or state certification to provide telecommunications.

SECTION 21. PUBLIC, EDUCATIONAL, AND GOVERNMENTAL ACCESS

A. The Company shall continue to make available non-commercial public, educational and governmental (PEG) access services available to the residents of the Municipality as described in the

Application for municipal consent. All the Company support for PEG access shall be for the exclusive benefit of the Company's subscribers.

B. The Township agrees that the Company shall retain the right to use the PEG access channel, or portion thereof, for non-PEG access programming, during times when the Township is not utilizing the channel for purposes of providing PEG access programming. In the event that the Company uses said PEG access channel for the presentation of such other programming, the PEG programming shall remain the priority use and the Company's rights with respect to using the channel for non-PEG programming shall be subordinate to the Township's provision of PEG access programming on such channel.

C. The Company shall have discretion to determine the format and method of transmission of the PEG access programming provided for in this Section 21.

SECTION 22. INCORPORATION OF APPLICATION

All of the commitments contained in the Application and any amendment thereto submitted in writing to the Township by the Company except as modified herein, are binding upon the Company as terms and conditions of this consent. The Application and any other written amendments thereto submitted by the Company in connection with this consent are incorporated in this Ordinance by reference and made a part hereof, except as specifically modified, changed, limited, or altered by this Ordinance, or to the extent that they conflict with State or federal law.

SECTION 23. CONSISTENCY WITH APPLICABLE LAWS

This consent shall be construed in a manner consistent with all applicable federal, State and local laws; as such laws, rules and regulations may be amended from time to time.

SECTION 24. SEPARABILITY

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion thereof.

SECTION 25. NOTICE

Notices required under this Ordinance shall in writing and shall be mailed, first class, postage prepaid, to the addresses below. Either party may change the place where notice is to be given by providing such change in writing at least thirty (30) days prior to the time such change becomes effective. The time to respond to notices under this Ordinance shall run from receipt of such written notice.

Notices to the Company shall be mailed to:

Altice USA
1 Court Square West, 49th Floor
Long island City, NY 11101
Attention: Senior Vice President for Government Affairs
With a copy to:

CSC TKR, LLC
c/o Altice USA
1 Court Square West
Long island City, NY 11101
Attention: Legal Department

Notices to the Township shall be mailed to:
Township of Hope
P.O. Box 284
Hope, NJ 07844
Attention: Township Clerk

SECTION 26. EFFECTIVE DATE AND BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITY APPROVAL

This Ordinance shall take effect upon issuance of a Certificate of Approval as issued by the Board of Public Utilities that incorporates the material terms of this Ordinance. Nothing herein shall alter the right of the Company to seek modification of this Ordinance in accordance with N.J.S.A 48:5A-47 and N.J.A.C. 14:17-6.7. In accordance with N.J.S.A. 48:5A-25.1, the terms of this Ordinance will no longer be in effect upon The Company converting the municipal consent (and any certificate of approval) into a system-wide franchise.

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced to pass on first reading at a regular meeting of the Committee of the Township of Hope held on March 9, 2022 and ordered published in accordance with the law. Said Ordinance will be considered for final reading and adoption at a regular meeting of the Township Committee to be held on April 13, 2022 at 7:00 PM, or as soon thereafter as the Township Committee may hear this Ordinance at the Municipal Building, County Route 611, Hope, New Jersey, at which time all persons interested may appear for or against the passage of said Ordinance.

Old Business:

Traffic Study – See report from Mayor McDonough above.

Community Center Grant – See report above from Mr. Urfer.

New Business:

Combining PB/ZBofA to LUB: More discussion needs to be had regarding this. Several questions need to be answered, one being the estimated cost savings which they will look to the CFO to provide. It was also noted by Mr. Kruk that the Chairmen of both Boards should send in correspondence to the clerk (via an email is fine) with their pro/con thoughts on combining the Boards.

Direct Install: a proposal was submitted by JCP&L through work with Monica Sobon, EC Chairperson and Mr. Urfer. The direct install program would change over lighting in two buildings and start saving money for the municipality on their lighting bills. Mr. Kruk asked that the CFO look over the proposals and weigh in on the financing (at 0% interest) of the \$6,000 that the town would need to put up in order to have the Direct Install work done.

Use of Facilities: The Moravian Grange, through Lanie Vorse, submitted their request to the Committee for the use of Swayze Mill Park for the annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 9, 2022 from 9 – 12 pm with a

raindate of April 16, 2022. On a motion made by Mr. Urfer, seconded by Mr. Kruk this request was approved. All in favor.

Energy Tax: Mayor McDonough noted that the municipality legislation was passed allowing municipalities to begin collecting the appropriate gross energy receipts again.

Zoning Board of Adjustment Report: The Annual report was distributed to the Township Committee by the Zoning Board of Adjustment for their review.

Public Participation:

Elise Hoffman and Sherry Shaw were present to discuss the ongoing issues with the dumping that occurred at 549 Hope Blairstown Road. The letter that the Township Committee is sending in support of their request for testing is discussed in Mr. Kruk's report above.

The Township Committee spoke with Grace Boesze about how municipal government works and allowed for her to ask any questions she had.

Executive Session:

A motion was made by Mr. Urfer, seconded by Mr. Kruk and carried to adopt the Resolution to go into Closed Session at 8:27 PM.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Pubic Meeting Act, Chapter 231, P. L 1975 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting under certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hope, in the County of Warren and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from that portion of this meeting
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:
 - A. Potential Litigation

As nearly as can be ascertained, the matter or matters to be discussed at this time will be disclosed to the public when such matters are resolved.

Time In: 8:27 PM

Present: Committeeman Kruk, Committeeman Urfer, Mayor McDonough, George Boesze, Zoning Official.

Also Present: Robin Keggan, Municipal Clerk

Time Out: 8:41 PM

A motion made by Committeeman Urfer, seconded by Committeeman Kruk and carried to return to regular session. No Official Actions were taken.

Motion was made by Mr. Urfer; seconded by Mr. Kruk and all in favor to re-open the meeting to the public at 8:41 p.m.

Seeing there was no other business for tonight, this meeting of the Hope Township Committee was adjourned at 8:42 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Urfer; seconded by Mr. Kruk. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin L. Keggan, RMC
Municipal Clerk