

MAY 30, 2019
WORK MEETING

The work meeting of the Hope Township Committee convened at 2:30 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, Don Whitmore and Ted Rodman. Also present was Municipal Clerk, Judith Fisher, RMC and Deputy Clerk Robin Keggan,.

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:

Mayor Tim McDonough: Mayor McDonough made note that there is a meeting this evening at the Community Center for concerned residents to discuss the pending warehouse application in White Township.

Deputy Mayor Christopher John Kruk:

Committeeman Urfer:

Township Engineer Report: Flood maps were provided to Judy Fisher for the FEMA files that she is working to close. The paperwork has been put in for the approval to pave Cemetery Road. Submitting paperwork to pave Hope Center in 2020 (trying to resubmit for discretionary 2019). The roads that are next on the list should be addressed and given to Mr. Rodman as soon as possible.

Hope Post Office is doing work on their building and have discussed putting ballards in front of the post office along CR 521. This is a County issue and will need to be taken up with them. The crosswalks need to be discussed for the Hope Center paving project. Mr. Whitmore showed pictures of crosswalks he had taken while on vacation as an example of how the Township may be able to re-do the crosswalks.

RESOLUTION 2019-33:

Motion was made by Mr. Urfer, seconded by Mr. Kruk and carried to adopt **Resolution 2019-33**.

RESOLUTION 2019-33

WHEREAS, the Hope Volunteer Fire Department Association, Inc. holds a Club License #2111-31-005-001; and

WHEREAS, the Hope Volunteer Fire Department has filed an application to renew said license for the 2019/2020 license term; and

WHEREAS, the application, fees and New Jersey Division of Taxation Clearance Certificate has been filed with the Municipal Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Hope does not object to the application and knows of no local ordinance or other reason which would prevent an application from being approved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Hope, County of Warren State of New Jersey that the Club License No. 2111-31-005-001 be renewed for the Hope Volunteer Fire Department Association, Inc. for the 2019/2020 license term.

Motion: Mr. Urfer

Second: Mr. McDonough

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

CERTIFICATION

I, Judith M. Fisher, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Hope hereby certifies that the foregoing to be a true and accurate copy of a Resolution adopted by the Hope Township Committee on May 30, 2019.

Motion was made by Mr. Urfer, seconded by Mr. Kruk and carried to adopt **Resolution 2019-34**.

RESOLUTION 2019-34:

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WHEREAS, Chotee, Inc. t/a The Inn at Millrace Pond holds a Plenary Retail Consumption License #2111-33-004-003; and

WHEREAS, the Chotee, Inc., Inc. has filed an application to renew said license for the 2019/2020 license term; and

WHEREAS, the application, fees and New Jersey Division of Taxation Clearance Certificate has been filed with the Municipal Clerk.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Hope in the County of Warren and State of New Jersey that the Plenary Retail Distribution License be renewed for Chotee, Inc. t/a The Inn at Millrace Pond for the 2019/2020 license term.

Motion: Mr. Urfer

Second: Mr. Kruk

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

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I, Judith M. Fisher, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Hope hereby certifies that the foregoing to be a true and accurate copy of a Resolution adopted by the Hope Township Committee at the Work Meeting on May 30, 2019.

Motion was made by Mr. Urfer, seconded by Mr. Kruk and carried to adopt **Resolution 2019-35**

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WHEREAS, Hope Country Liquors, LLC t/a County Liquor Store holds a Plenary Distribution License #2111-44-001-006; and

WHEREAS, the Hope Country Liquors, LLC. has filed an application to renew said license for the 2019/2020 license term; and

WHEREAS, the application, fees and New Jersey Division of Taxation Clearance Certificate has been filed with the Municipal Clerk.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Hope in the County of Warren and State of New Jersey that the Plenary Distribution License be renewed for Hope Country Liquors, LLC. for the 2019/2020 license term.

Motion: Mr. Urfer

Second: Mr. Kruk

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

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Old Business:

Benbrook & Stevens: No change in status.

Service Electric & Centurylink Updates: No update.

Donnelly Energy: The Mayor was authorized to sign the Contract for changes to be made to the Municipal Building, Community Center, Grange and DPW Garage that were identified as energy saving in a municipal audit. On a motion by Mr. Urfer, seconded by Mr. Kruk the motion was made to authorize Mayor McDonough to sign this contract.

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

New Business:

Land Conservancy – Renewal of Agreement July 2019-July 2020

Motion was made by Mr. Urfer; seconded by Mr. Kruk and carried to accept the Land Conservancy's Agreement for the year July 2019-July2020 and to pay \$2,500 per quarter for a total of \$10,000 for the year. This contract renewal was approved by the Ag Committee

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

It was noted that White Township pays \$100/hour for these services instead of an annual agreement amount. Mr. Urfer asked that the Clerk let Mr. May know this Agreement was approved.

Motion was made to pause session recording at 2:35 by Mr. Urfer; seconded by Mr. Kruk. All in favor.

Motion was made to return to recording session at 2:38 by Mr. Urfer; seconded by Mr. Kruk. All in favor.

North Warren Court – Alternate Attendant

Judge Mennen asked that the Township Committee approve the appointment of Mr. George Parsons as a Court Attendant in the absence of Mr. Hawkswell for the summer. He will be paid on an hourly basis.

Mr. Urfer motioned to accept this appointment; Mr. Kruk seconded. Motion carried

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

Zoning Official Hours

Discussion took place that it has become necessary to add hours onto the Zoning Official's day at the Township. It was decided that this would take place commensurate with the passage of Ordinances 2019-04 and 2019-05 (Vacant and Abandoned Properties) which are set for second reading and adoption at the June 12, 2019 business meeting. Discussion was to add an extra hour to his regular office hours.

Motion made by Mr. Urfer; seconded by Mr. Kruk and carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

Discussion:

Discussion took place about placing ads for the FT Deputy Clerk position and the FT DPW position in the newspaper. It was determined to place the DPW ad for the weeks of 6/7 and 6/14/19. This position is available immediately. Resumes to be reviewed by the Township Committee and Don Whitmore with interviewing by Mr. Whitmore as deemed necessary. The Deputy Clerk position will run from 6/7 – 6/28/19. This position's start date is to be determined.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Judith M. Fisher RMC
Municipal Clerk