

OCTOBER 10, 2018

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, Don Whitmore, Michael Selvaggi, Esq. and Ted Rodman. Also present were Municipal Clerk, Judith Fisher, RMC.

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:

Tax Collector: for month ending August 2018 \$1,370,707.24; YTD \$4,646,882.85
September 2018 \$66,362.49 and YTD \$4,713,245.34.

Warren County Health Department: 119 Nightingale – currently original well being used. Water test pending; 329 High Street – expansion of use beyond the approved septic capacity. Approved septic system has been installed – file closed; Between 406-402 Main Street – complaint received concerning flooding due to possible broken water line, complaint forwarded to Zoning Official. No Kennel Activity. No food establishment activity. Rabies – 1 dog bite, quarantined and released after 10 day hold. Recreational bathing – no activity. Septics/Wells – 2 septic repair applications approved; 1 septic alterations installed; 1 septic alteration application approved.

Mayor Tim McDonough: Thanked Patti Whitmore and Brielle Walsh for their work with the Township picnic.

Deputy Mayor Christopher John Kruk: Spoke about the animal ordinance again and the need for an updated ordinance. He will draft something with Mr. Selvaggi.

Committeeman Urfer: Several pieces of property that the town owns that are costing the residents. If town owns the property, we pay the taxes. The pieces are Farview Road, Beaver Road, Walnut Street, Bottom of Silver Lake and Prospect Street. Values are to be set and then out to bid for contiguous property owners. Farview is worth about \$500; Beaver Road about \$500; Walnut Street and 4 Prospect Street - \$1000.00. Letters will be going out in the mail. Mr. Selvaggi will prepare the paperwork for it. Planning Board made recommendation to put the Master Plan on the website. Also would like Mr. Matthews (State Forrester) to walk Swayze Mill Park to help point out invasive species, etc. Don is doing a great job cleaning up the yard. Wants to run a PT listing for DPW help for Don on an as-needed basis (CDL mandatory) – will be working off the ad we had for last year. Working on the equipment list for things for sale on MuniBid.

Mrs. Fisher: Spoke about the need for the 3 quotes on the ballards. Needs them ASAP in order to get the generator put to rest.

Mr. Don Whitmore: Spoke about the need for reduction in speed limit on Route 519. Stated the County needs a letter from the Township Committee with that recommendation.

Fire Department Report: Number of calls – 13; Man hours – 162.50 . Special detail 4; Total man hours - 50 ; Night Man hours 4 . Total hours for 96. Total Man hours for September 2018 - 308.50

Township Engineer Report: Grange generator is up and running. Birch Ridge Road is milled and paving scheduled for the 16th. Osmun Road tentative date is October 17. No striping on either road. Two grants submitted for 2019 Cemetery Road - \$61,950.00 and center of Hope - \$99,100. Also met with Don to go over the parking ordinances in town. Terry asked Ted to give the Township Committee the Ordinance first and then it will go to Mr. Selvaggi. Also will be dealing with some through streets. Terry mentioned that they are paving CR 519 from Hope to Route 46. Mr. Urfer made a motion to sell Block 27, Lot 3512 - \$500; Block 2700, Lot 1200 - 500; Block 2400, Lot 200 - \$1000.00; Block 4400, Lot 200 - \$1000.00 Mr. Kruk seconded. Roll call – Mr. Urfer – yes; Mr. Kruk – yes; Mayor McDonough – yes.

Michael Selvaggi, Esq: Spoke about the ATC Ordinance and the history behind it being introduced in Hope Township. Ordinance was introduced at September meeting. Had to go to the Township Planning Board because of the Master Plan. This evening it comes back to the Township for the second reading and public comment. Mayor McDonough reported the Planning Board did confirm it is consistent with our Master Plan. Mayor McDonough motioned to open the floor to the public on this, seconded by Mr. Kruk. All in favor.

Old Business:

Verizon Nodes: No change in status.

Benbrook & Stevens: Easement at the Distillery – no change, Mr. Selvaggi will be reaching out to Mr. Benbrook regarding the easement.

New Business:

Hope Township PTA: Raffle application 2018-10 - November 2, 2018 50/50 (6p-10p)
Bingo application 2018-01 - November 2, 2018 (6p-10p)

Mr. Urfer motioned to accept the applications; Mr. Kruk seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Urfer – yes; Mr. Kruk – yes; Mayor McDonough – yes.

Payment of Bills:

Receipts \$15,415.75; Bills \$688,970.94. Motion was made by, seconded by Mr. Urfer and carried to pay the bills presented. Mr. Urfer motioned, Mr. Kruk seconded. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Urfer, yes. Mr. Kruk, yes. Mayor McDonough, yes.

RESOLUTION 2018-56:

**RESOLUTION 2018-56
REFUND 2018 REAL ESTATE TAXES
BLOCK 5300 LOT 501**

WHEREAS, the Hope Township Tax Assess reduced the taxable assessment on Block 5300, Lot 501 located at 97 Union Brick Road from \$3,100 during 2017 to \$1,000 for 2018. This created an over payment for year 2018 of \$10.76; and

WHEREAS, CoreLogic, the tax servicing agent of the property, has requested that the overpayment be refunded and has provided the Tax Collector with proof of their payment.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Hope on the 10th day of October, 2018 that the Chief Financial Officer be authorized to draw a check in the amount of \$10.76 payable to CoreLogic of P. O. Box 9202, Coppell, TX to refund the Tax Overpayment.

Motion was made by Mr. Urfer, seconded by Mr. Kruk and carried to adopt Resolution 2018-56. All in favor.

RESOLUTION 2018-57:

**RESOLUTION 2018-57
APPOINTING JAMES A. CONNORS,
BROKER/AGENT FOR TOWNSHIP INSURANCE**

WHEREAS, the Township of Hope needs to appoint a Broker/Agent for the Township Insurance, and
WHEREAS, this authorization shall take effect immediately with respect to the following policies:

H-660-5G99110A-PHX
ZLP71M48311-18
BA7G18737218P

UB9J658308
ZUP31M48786-18, and

WHEREAS, this authorization thereby waives the customary waiting period as they will not be issuing a countermanding letter, and

WHEREAS, this appointment rescinds all previous appointments and the authority contained herein shall remain in full force and effect until cancelled in writing.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that effective immediately James A. Connors Associates, Inc., 225 Madison Avenue, Morristown, New Jersey 07960 is hereby appointed as the Township's Broker/Agent for the Township of Hope.

Motion was made by Mr. Urfer, seconded by Mr. Kruk and carried to adopt Resolution 2018-57
All in favor.

RESOLUTION 2018-58:

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**APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH
THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE
OVERLAY OF CEMETERY ROAD PROJECT**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Council of Hope formally approves the grant application for the above stated project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as MA-2019-Overlay of Cemetery Road -00543 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of Hope Township.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant application on behalf of Hope Township and that their signatures constitute acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approved the execution of the grant agreement.

Motion was made by Mr. Urfer, seconded by Mr. Kruk and carried to adopt Resolution 2018-58
Roll call: Mr. Urfer – yes; Mr. Kruk – yes; Mayor McDonough – yes.

RESOLUTION 2018-59:

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**APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH
THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE
OVERLAY OF HOPE CENTER PROJECT**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Council of Hope formally approves the grant application for the above stated project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as MA-2019-Overlay of Hope Center-00706 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of Hope Township.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant application on behalf of Hope Township and that their signatures constitute acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approved the execution of the grant agreement.

Motion was made by Mr. Urfer, seconded by Mr. Kruk and carried to adopt Resolution 2018-59
Roll call: Mr. Urfer – yes; Mr. Kruk – yes; Mayor McDonough – yes.

RESOLUTION 2018-60:

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CHAPTER 159 OVERLAY BIRCH RIDGE ROAD

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount, thereof, was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, the director may also approve the insertion of any item of appropriation for equal amount,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township Hope, County of Warren, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2018 in the sum of \$140,000.00, "NJDOT Trust Fund, Overlay of Birch Ridge Road Project", which is now available from the 'New Jersey Department of Transportation Trust Fund Grant Program, Local Aid Infrastructure Fund Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a like sum of \$140,000.00 is hereby appropriated under the caption 'NJDOT Trust Fund, Overlay of Birch Ridge Road Project'.

Motion was made by Mr. Urfer, seconded by Mr. Kruk and carried to adopt Resolution 2018-60
Roll Call: Mr. Urfer – yes Mr. Kruk – yes Mayor McDonough – yes

RESOLUTION 2018-61:

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CHAPTER 159 OVERLAY OSMUN ROAD

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount, thereof, was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, the director may also approve the insertion of any item of appropriation for equal amount,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township Hope, County of Warren, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2018 in the sum of \$115,000.00, "NJDOT Trust Fund, Overlay of Osmun Road Project", which is now available from the 'New Jersey Department of Transportation Trust Fund Grant Program, FY 2018 Municipal Aid Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a like sum of \$115,000.00 is hereby appropriated under the caption 'NJDOT Trust Fund, Overlay of Osmun Road Project'.

Motion was made by Mr. Urfer, seconded by Mr. Kruk and carried to adopt Resolution 2018-61
Roll Call: Mr. Urfer – yes Mr. Kruk – yes Mayor McDonough – yes

ORDINANCE 2018-04: SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

**ORDINANCE OF TOWNSHIP OF HOPE, COUNTY OF WARREN,
STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO AMEND ARTICLE 20-14 OF ZONING ORDINANCES
OF TOWNSHIP OF HOPE TO INCLUDE ALTERNATIVE TREATMENT CENTERS LICENSED**

**BY NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, DIVISION OF MEDICINAL MARIJUANA
TO BE PERMITTED USES IN THE POP-PLAN OFFICE PARK DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of New issued Executive Order No. 6 (2018) directing that the New Jersey Department of Health (“Department”) consider ways to expand access to marijuana for medical purposes;

WHEREAS, the Department proposed new medicinal marijuana rules intended to increase the number of licensed Alternative Treatment Centers (“ATCs”); and

WHEREAS, the Township of Hope believes establishing ATCs in its municipality would enable more patients to gain sensible access to medical marijuana to treat authorized debilitating medical conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Hope believes that the POP-Plan Office Park District would be the appropriate zone district where licensed ATCs should be established.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hope, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, that the Hope Township Zone Ordinance, Section 20-14.1 be amended as follows:

Section 1:

20-14.1 - Principal Uses.

(c) Alternative Treatment Centers licensed by the State of New Jersey, Department of Health, Medicinal Marijuana Division.

Section 2:

Severability. The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

Section 3.

Repealer. Any ordinances or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed as to their inconsistencies only.

Section 4.

Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication.

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the above Ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at the Regular Business Meeting of the Governing Body of the Township of Hope held in the Municipal Building on the 12 day of September, 2018, and the same shall come up for public hearing at the Regular Business Meeting of the Governing Body to be held on the 10 day of October 2018, at 7:00 P.M., at which times any persons interested shall be given the opportunity to be heard concerning said Ordinance. Following the public hearing, said Ordinance shall be considered for final adoption.

Mayor McDonough motion to open this portion of the meeting to the public for any questions or comments, seconded by Mr. Urfer. Motion carried.

Questions/comments were entertained from Chris Maier and Chris Rusin regarding the ATC Ordinance up for adoption at this evening’s meeting.

Motion was made by Mr. Kruk, seconded by Mr. Urfer to close this portion of the meeting to the public. Motion carried,

Mr. Urfer motioned to adopt the Ordinance 2018-04, Mr. Kruk seconded. Motion carried
Roll Call Vote: Mr. Urfer – yes; Mr. Kruk – yes; Mayor McDonough – yes.

PROCLAMATION: NOVEMBER 15 AS WORLD PANCREATIC CANCER DAY

Proclamation declaring November 15th, 2018 as
“World Pancreatic Cancer Day”
in the Township of Hope.

WHEREAS, in 2018, an estimated 53,670 people in the United States will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, one of the deadliest cancers, and 43,090 will die from the disease; and,

WHEREAS, pancreatic cancer surpassed breast cancer this year to become the third leading cause of cancer death in the United States and it is projected to become the second leading cause by 2020; and,

WHEREAS, pancreatic cancer is the only major cancer with a five-year relative survival rate in the single digits at just nine (9) percent; and,

WHEREAS, when symptoms of pancreatic cancer present themselves, it is generally in the later stages and 71 percent of pancreatic cancer patients die within the first year of their diagnosis, while 91 percent of pancreatic cancer patients die within the first five years; and

WHEREAS, approximately 1,270 deaths will occur in New Jersey in 2018; and,

WHEREAS, pancreatic cancer is the seventh most common cause of cancer-related death across the world; and,

WHEREAS, there will be an estimated 367,000 new pancreatic cancer cases diagnosed in 2017; and,

WHEREAS, the good health and well-being of the residents of the Township of Hope are enhanced as a direct result of increased awareness about the symptoms and risk factors of pancreatic cancer and research into early detection, causes and effective treatments.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor designate November 15th as
“World Pancreatic Cancer Day”
in the Township of Hope.

Public Participation:

Connie Loughlin stated he had 2 estimates for the tree by the Long House and that he would bring them down to the clerk. Mrs. Fisher stated she needs a certificate of insurance as well. Mr. Urfer made a motion to help with the costs of the tree takedown for up to \$1000.00 (subject to receiving all paperwork needed); Mr. Kruk seconded. Roll call: Mr. Urfer – yes; Mr. Kruk – yes; Mayor McDonough –yes.

Seeing there was no other business for tonight, this meeting of the Hope Township Committee was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Urfer, seconded by Mr. Kruk. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith M. Fisher RMC
Municipal Clerk