

**SEPTEMBER 11, 2019
BUSINESS MEETING**

The work meeting of the Hope Township Committee convened at 7:02 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 and Ted Rodman. Also present was 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:

Mayor Tim McDonough: Had a conversation with Historic Trust and they are looking into the situation with the traffic in Hope Township. Someone should be here in the next couple of weeks to start looking into the traffic issues now affecting the Township from the State/Federal levels. September 4 there was a meeting with CenturyLink and surrounding Mayors with updates on what is being accomplished. Asking that we identify people that are on "the last mile" – services going so far and then others being left out. Also specific areas within our town that did not receive the upgrades. CenturyLink will also be giving out maps with what they have done as far as upgrades.

Deputy Mayor Christopher John Kruk:

Traffic control has been covered with the State Police for the 250th. Parade is set to go and food vendors are set. Volunteers still needed for a few things.

Committeeman Urfer:

No title work, etc. has been received from Mr. Ayers. Meeting with Mr. Rodman on the 9/16/2019 regarding the drainage issue. Mr. Urfer made motion for Road Department to clear Zach Whitmore's lot if necessary with Mr. Kruk's approval. All in favor.

Mr. Urfer recommended Chris Smith for the position of 2nd alternate on the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Mr. Urfer stated that he has received complaints about noise from the Inn at Millrace Pond venue.

Spoke about grants for the Community Center, Distillery, take down building across from the Community Center.

Township Engineer Report:

Paved Cemetery Road on September 6, 2019. Center double stripe will be done within funding that we received.

Allentown SMSA Tower – waiting for a preconstruction meeting with Martinelli to be set up. Tower is already constructed.

Soil importation – Montalvo – letter was sent regarding the soil importation and the need to know where it came from. Asked Montalvo to respond by October 31. Mr. Montalvo wants to meet with Mr. Rodman regarding the application.

Ms. Hoffman and Mr. Rodman have been speaking about what's going on with all the waste dumping going on near her (Campbell Foundry).

Payment of Bills: \$348,503.83 – total bills for September 11, 2019. Mr. Urfer motioned to approve; Mr. Kruk seconded. Roll call: Mr. Urfer – yes; Mr. Kruk – yes; Mayor McDonough – yes. Receipts for August 2019 - \$18,589.92.

Warren County Health Department: No report given for April due to retirement of Tracy Hess from the Health Department.

Tax Collector: August Report: \$1,527,323.97 YTD \$4,691,949.06

Fire Department: August Report – Total number of calls - 13; Man hours - 86.83; Four work nights; Work Night Man hours - 96; Special Details – 3; Total man hours – 28 Total Man hours for August 2019 – 210.83.

PROCLAMATIONS:

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**INTERNATIONAL OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY
AUGUST 31, 2019**

WHEREAS, Hope Township does affirm and acknowledge the harm and hardship caused by drug overdose; and,

WHEREAS, we recognize the purpose of International Overdose Awareness Day as remembering loved ones lost to overdose and ending the stigma of drug-related deaths; and,

WHEREAS, we resolve to play our part in reducing the toll of overdose in our community, which claimed the lives of 2,685 New Jersey residents in 2017 together with countless more affected forever; and,

WHEREAS, we affirm that the people affected by overdose are our sons and daughters, our mothers and fathers, our brothers and sisters, and deserving of our love, compassion and support.

THEREFORE, I, TIMOTHY C. MCDONOUGH, Mayor, do hereby proclaim August 31st as Overdose Awareness Day in Hope Township.

CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Hope Township Committee at a meeting held on September 11, 2019.

Judith M. Fisher, RMC, Municipal Clerk

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION 2019-37: Path to Progress

**RESOLUTION 2019-37
IN SUPPORT OF PATH TO PROGRESS RECOMMENDATIONS
MADE BY NEW JERSEY ECONOMIC AND FISCAL
POLICY WORKGROUP**

WHEREAS, New Jersey faces a daunting financial crisis; and

WHEREAS, for two decades, while county and municipal governments made the proper pension payments, New Jersey governors from both parties severely underfunded the pension system for teachers and State government workers; and

WHEREAS, while the government pension systems are funded at the national average, the State's unfunded liability for pension and retiree health benefits now tops \$150 billion – four times the size of the State budget; and

WHEREAS, actuaries project the State will have to increase its contribution from \$3.2 billion in this year's budget to \$6.7 billion to reach the Actuarially Required Contribution (ARC) by FY 2023; and

WHEREAS, health care costs continue to rise, and New Jersey and its local governments cannot sustain the unparalleled platinum-level benefits that they provide to their employees; and,

WHEREAS, the State has held municipal aid flat, moved the Energy Tax Receipts out of the Property Tax Relief Fund, and with the sunseting of Chapter 78 relief and the 2% arbitration cap; and,

WHEREAS, the State must bring pension and health care costs under control in order to hold down property taxes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Hope Township in the County of Warren expresses its support for the recommendation of the Path to Progress report issued by the New Jersey Economic and Fiscal Policy Workgroup; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution is forwarded to Congressman Josh Gottheimer, State Senator Robert Menendez, Senate President Sweeney, Assembly Speaker Coughlin, Senator Paul Sarlo, Senator Steve Oroho, Assemblywoman Eliana Pintor-Martin, Senator Tony Bucco, Senator Troy Singleton, Senator Dawn Addiego, the Governor of the State of New Jersey, the New Jersey Association of Counties and the New Jersey State League of Municipalities.

Motion: Mr. Urfer

Second: Mr. Kruk

Motion carried and a voice vote was unanimous

CERTIFICATION

I, Judith M. Fisher, RMC, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Hope in the County of Warren, New Jersey hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and accurate copy of a Resolution adopted by the Hope Township Committee on September 11, 2019.

Judith M. Fisher, RMC, Municipal Clerk

RESOLUTION 2019-50

TOWNSHIP OF HOPE COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY RESOLUTION 2019-50

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING HOPE TOWNSHIP AS A STIGMA-FREE COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, the Warren County Stigma-Free Communities Initiative is a county-wide program that aims to eradicate the stigma associated with mental illness and substance use disorders; and

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders and County Department of Human Services supports the designation in every municipality; and

WHEREAS, Warren County recognizes that 1 in 4 Americans has experienced mental illness, including substance use disorders, in a given year according to the National Institute of Mental Health; and

WHEREAS, given the serious nature of this public health problem, we must continue to reach the millions who need help; and

WHEREAS, the stigma associated with the disease of mental illness is identified as the primary reason individuals fail to seek the help they need to recover from the disease; and

WHEREAS, Stigma-Free Communities aim to inspire public interest and open dialogues about stigma, raise awareness of mental illness and create a culture wherein residents who have the disease of mental illness feel supported by their community and feel free to seek treatment for the disease without fear of stigma; and

WHEREAS, promoting awareness that there can be no “health” without mental health will break down barriers and encourage residents of all ages to be mindful of their mental health and ask for help when needed; and

WHEREAS, local resources are available to treat the disease of mental illness so no one resident needs to suffer alone; and

WHEREAS, establishing a Stigma-Free Community will raise awareness of resources and encourage residents to engage in care as soon as the need is identified so recovery can begin, hope is inspired, and tragedies are avoided.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Hope Township recognizes the community need for and supports the efforts of the County in Warren in designating Hope Township as a Stigma-Free Community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Township Committee welcomes any residents interested in volunteering to coordinate awareness-raising activities in Hope and asks them to contact a member of the governing body for more information.

Motion: Mr. Urfer

Second: Mr. Kruk

Motion carried and a voice vote was unanimous

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RESOLUTION 2019-51

TOWNSHIP OF HOPE
COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION 2019-51

RESOLUTION FOR SALE OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTY

WHEREAS, the Township of Hope is in the process of updating the Moravian Grange kitchen for use during the Hope 250th Celebration; and,

WHEREAS, it has become necessary to replace the oven currently in the kitchen of the Grange in favor of updated equipment for use by the Township and its Commissions, Committees and Clubs for their use in hosting Township functions; and,

WHEREAS, this needs to be accomplished in a timely manner due to the timeframe parameters being worked with for the Hope Township 250th Celebration.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee does herewith approve this equipment to be disposed of for scrap at the current prevailing scrap rate.

Motion: Urfer

Second: Kruk

Roll Call: Kruk -yes Urfer - yes McDonough -yes

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Judith M. Fisher, RMC, Municipal Clerk

RESOLUTION 2019-52

TOWNSHIP OF HOPE
COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION 2019-52

**RESOLUTION TO REPEAL FOR ONE DAY ONLY
SECTION 3-1.3 OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPE
FOR THE DAY OF SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2019**

WHEREAS, the Township of Hope is planning its 250th Celebration to be held at various locations throughout the Township on September 20, 21 and 22, 2019; and,

WHEREAS, the Hope Volunteer Fire Company is hosting a beer tent on their property at Westbrook Field; and,

WHEREAS, Section No. 3-1.3 reads as follows:

3-1.3 Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages in Public Places. *No person shall drink or consume any alcoholic beverages in or upon: (a) A public street, lane, roadway, avenue, sidewalk, public parking place, park, playground, recreation area, school premises, shopping center parking lot, shopping mall or plaza. (b) A public conveyance. (c) a private motor vehicle while the same is in motion or parked in any public street, lane, public parking lot or public or quasi-public place. (d) Any private property not his or her own, without the express permission of the owner or other person with authority to grant such permission (e) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) above, the Board of Recreation Commissioners, pursuant to the powers granted to it under subsection 2-4.4 of the Revised General Ordinances of the township of Hope, shall have the authority to permit the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages in the public parks and recreation areas of the Township of Hope provided that a one (1) day permit, signed by both the Township Committee and an authorized representative of the State Police, has been issued by the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control. (1978 Code Section 6-127; Ord. #7/12/82; Ord. #93-14, Section 1)*

WHEREAS, the Hope Volunteer Fire Department has applied for a Social Affairs Permit through the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control, and the Township Committee has given its approval for same.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee does herewith approve the repealing of Ordinance No. for the day of September 21, 2019 in order to hold this event on Township property (Westbrook Field).

Motion: Urfer

Second: Kruk

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

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Judith M. Fisher, RMC, Municipal Clerk

RESOLUTION 2019-53

Motion made by Mr. Urfer; seconded by Mr. Kruk. Roll Call. Mr. Urfer –yes; Mr. Kruk – yes; Mayor McDonough – yes.

**2019-53 APPROVING PERSON TO PERSON TRANSFER OF
LIQUOR LICENSE FOR PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE
NUMBER 2111-33-004-003 FROM CHOTEE INC. TO
THE INN AT MILLRACE POND, LLC**

WHEREAS, an application has been filed for a person-to-person transfer of Chotee Inc.'s Distribution License 2111-33-004-003 heretofore issued to the Inn at Millrace Pond, LLC, trading as the Inn at Millrace Pond for premises located at 313 Johnsonburg Road, 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 provided an affidavit of qualification for ownership interest in a New Jersey alcoholic beverage license.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Hope, County of Warren, State of New Jersey hereby approves the aforesaid Chotee, Inc to the Inn at Millrace Pond, LLC 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.

Dated: September 11, 2019

Motion: Mr. Urfer

Second: Mr. Kruk

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

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Hope, Warren County, State of New Jersey at a regular meeting held on September 11, 2019.

Judith M. Fisher, RMC, Municipal Clerk

RESOLUTION 2019-54

Motion made by Mr. Urfer; seconded by Mr. Kruk. Roll Call: Mr. Urfer – yes; Mr. Kruk – yes; Mayor McDonough – yes.

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPE, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF 1994 FORD 800 DUMP TRUCK

WHEREAS, the Township of Hope has in its possession **1994 Ford 800 Dump Truck**; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Hope placed the **1994 Ford 800 Dump Truck** on the Muni-Bid, and has received a bid of \$700.00 at the close of auction on Tuesday, September 10, 2019; and; and

WHEREAS, the personal property being sold is no longer needed for a public purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hope, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, that the sale of the **1994 Ford 800 Dump Truck** belonging to the Township of Hope shall take place as soon as it is mutually convenient for both parties.

CERTIFICATION

I, Judith Fisher, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Hope, County of Warren, State of New Jersey do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of a resolution duly authorized by the Hope Township Committee on September 11, 2019.

Judith M. Fisher, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Old Business:

Personnel Policy: Discussion took place regarding changes that needed to be made/revised/deleted.

Facilities Use Request: Wedding back-up at the Community Center. If alcohol will be involved, a Township employee must be present. Mr. Kruk recommended that the Committee approve. Mr. Urfer mentioned that the couple needs to confirm that they are using it if that ends up being the case. Fee waived. Motion made by Mr. Urfer; seconded by Mr. Kruk. All in favor.

PTA Raffles: Application for 2019-11 for December 12, 2019 raffle. Mr. Urfer motioned; Mr. Kruk seconded. Roll call: Mr. Urfer –yes; Mr. Kruk – yes; Mayor McDonough – yes.

Old Union Brick Road – still working on ways to combat the drainage issues. No deeds, etc. received by Mr. Ayers as of yet. Mr. Whitmore did fill potholes.

Silver Lake Drainage – serious issues need to be addressed with the flooding issues. Mr. Kruk and Mr. Urfer have been witnessing the serious flooding issues.

New Business:

Note was made that Josh Miller will receive a \$30.00 stipend per month for use of his cell phone.

Warren County Human Services – Municipal Alliance for July 2019 – June 2020 in the amount of \$3,042.00. Motion was made by Mr. Urfer to accept the grant; seconded by Mr. Kruk. Roll Call: Mr. Urfer – yes; Mr. Kruk – yes; Mayor McDonough – yes.

Inn at Millrace Pond Liquor License transfer update was given by Mrs. Fisher.

Approval of Minutes: July 9, 2019 Business meeting; July 24, 2019 work meeting; August 14, 2019 business meeting. Mr. Urfer made a motion to approve; Mr. Kruk seconded. All in favor.

Public Participation:

Stan Prader from JCP&L was in attendance. He congratulated the Township on their 250th anniversary. A news release was sent out about trip savers (isolates power outages to customers). Tree trimming going on as well. Tom Bodolsky asked about remote readings on JCP&L services.

Tom Bodolsky spoke about the warehouse project in White Township and the Planning Board meeting in White Township that he attended. Mr. Urfer spoke about the manner of conduct people must attend meetings with.

Use of Facilities:

Wedding back-up at the Community Center. If alcohol will be involved, a Township employee must be present. Mr. Kruk recommended that the Committee approve. Mr. Urfer mentioned that the couple needs to confirm that they are using it if that ends up being the case. Fee waived. Motion made by Mr. Urfer; seconded by Mr. Kruk. All in favor.

Motion made by Mr. Urfer to adjourn; Mr. Kruk seconded. All in favor. 8:35 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Judith M. Fisher RMC
Municipal Clerk