

September 12, 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, 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 July 2018 \$180,769.57; YTD \$3,276,175.61.

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 not been installed; 32 Lakeview Avenue – complaint received re: high grass, animals and feral cats. Reinspection conducted and grass was mowed. File closed. Between 406-402 Main Street – complaint received concerning flooding due to possible broken water line, complaint forwarded to Zoning Official. Land of Make Believe complaint received regarding mouse droppings in roll bins and no A/C working in the food locations. No Kennel Activity. Land of Make Believe was inspected and satisfactory. Rabies – 2 dog bites, one quarantined and released. One died (had been injured). Rabies testing done on 2 bats – both negative results. Recreational bathing – Hope Conference Center, Land of Make Believe Pools (3) and Silver Lake Property Owners Association were all inspected and received satisfactory ratings. Royal Family Youth Camp (Camp Hope) was inspected; Cranford West was inspected. Septics/Wells – 3 septic alterations installed; two septic alteration applications were approved.

Use of Facilities Request: Joel Peterson, Bereavement Counselor/Wavefree Community Outreach & Educational Coordinator. Mr. Urfer motioned to accept application and waive the fee; Mr. Kruk seconded. Motion carried and a voice vote was unanimous. Mrs. Fisher stated needs a certificate of insurance and a 503c certificate.

"Go Green with Hope" Green Fair – April 13, 2019 from 9 am – 1 pm at Hope Township Elementary School. Just an FYI from the Environmental Commission.

Wendy – Sand Pond Society – Use of Community Center for dinner for the actors/actresses in Friday the 13th films. Sunday, October 14th. Mr. Urfer motioned to waive fee; Mr. Kruk seconded. Motion carried and a Roll Call vote followed: Mr. Urfer – yes; Mr. Kruk - yes; Mayor McDonough – yes.

Michael Selvaggi, Esq.: spoke about the ATC Ordinance. Explained to the Township Committee and public in attendance what the ATC are for. Explained the process by which the Ordinance would move through the Township and to public hearing. Not covered by the Right-to-Farm Act.

Mayor Tim McDonough: Mayor McDonough mentioned the 9/11 candlelight celebration that occurred at Swayze Mill Park. Marvin Fish has tendered his resignation to the Planning Board. Mayor McDonough would like to honor Mr. Fish in some way and asked the Township Committee to please give it some thought. Mr. Urfer motioned to accept his resignation; Mr. Kruk seconded (with regrets). Motion carried and a voice vote was unanimous. Mr. Urfer would like to make a motion to appoint Donna Marie to the Planning Board to take Mr. Fish's position, Mr. Kruk seconded. Motion carried and a voice vote was unanimous. Mrs. Fisher will notify the Secretary, Mrs. Schemm of this appointment.

Deputy Mayor Christopher John Kruk: Silver Lake Property Association – asked if we could get SLPOA sign under street sign so that people can find it. Don can order it. Yogurt drinks (Tammera) – asked if they could be sold at the Hope Picnic. Committee will look into it for next year. He is being encouraged to hand out free samples.

Committeeman Urfer: Mr. Urfer discussed with Mr. Selvaggi the parcels of land that the Township wants to "auction off" to clear off of our books. Mr. Selvaggi explained they can be offered for sale without going to

auction to any adjacent property owner (annexation/merger) with their existing property. Ag Board discussion took place regarding a display at the Hope Picnic on where farmland has been preserved. Sandy will be working on labeling/larger map. Farmland assessment seminar for woodland owner's information received. DeCarolis - \$100 per month expense – where do we stand? Cleaning up the yard is going well. Pews will be leaving soon. Will get on top of the Community Center light project as well.

Fire Department Report: Number of calls – 13; Man hours - 103 . Special detail 3 ; Night Man hours 96 . Total hours for August 234 hours. Application for membership was received from John Mikish. Motion to accept Mr. Urfer; seconded by Mr. Kruk. Roll Call: Mr. Urfer –yes; Mr. Kruk – yes; Mayor McDonough – yes.

Township Engineer Report: Generator – ballards are in, inspection was done. Fairclough will not fill tank until the ballards are painted yellow. Mrs. Fisher stated she needs three quotes and a certificate of insurance from whomever performed the ballard work. Osmun road – paving to occur October 2. Birch Ridge – paving to occur October 3. Landfill – DEP is looking for additional files. Mayor McDonough asked Mr. Rodman to hold off on speaking to Mr. Singh until we hear back from Ms. Pflugh. State aid due December 8. Mayor McDonough suggested putting in for Cemetery Road and whatever roads Mr. Urfer and Don decide are in bad shape. Drainage needs to be looked at over in Silver Lake (any drains the Township owns).

Old Business:

Verizon Nodes: No change in status.

Benbrook & Stevens: Easement at the Distillery – no change.

New Business:

Connie Loughlin spoke to the Township Committee regarding a tree that needs to be taken down near the Long House. Asked for help from the Township Committee in the expense of taking it down. Township Committee asked to get estimates before making any decisions regarding helping towards the expense of it. Mr. Loughlin will have estimate for the next Committee meeting.

Joel Peterson introduced himself as a Bereavement Counselor. Interested in using the Moravian Grange/Community Center – Coping with the Holidays. Free public lecture series. Only one night is needed.

Farmer's Market Permit – correspondence received from Jim Alworth. To be held between Dogwood and the liquor store. Would have to sell 75% of farmer grown products.

Payment of Bills:

Receipts \$17,293.76; Bills \$794,928.00. Motion was made by Mr. Kruk (except for the donation to the Fire Department), 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. Mr. Urfer motioned to pay the Fire Department donation \$22,950.00; Mayor McDonough seconded. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Urfer – yes; Mr. Kruk – abstain; Mayor McDonough – yes.

RESOLUTION 2018-46:

**RESOLUTION 2018-46
RESOLUTION TO CHANGE PETTY CASH CUSTODIAN
MUNICIPAL CLERK**

WHEREAS, Mary Pat Quinn was the custodian of the Municipal Clerk's Office Petty Cash Fund; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:5-21, the Township of Hope is changing custodians to Judith Fisher, Registered Municipal Clerk; and

WHEREAS, Judith Fisher is bonded in the amount of \$100.00 by virtue of a surety bond.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Hope, County of Warren, State of New Jersey hereby authorizes such action and two copies of this resolution be filed with the Division of Local Government Services, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for approval.

Motion was made by Mr. Urfer, seconded by Mr. Kruk and carried to adopt Resolution 2018-46.
All in favor.

RESOLUTION 2018-47:

**RESOLUTION 2018-47
CHANGE PETTY CASH CUSTODIAN
RECREATION COMMISSION**

WHEREAS, L. Gabel was the custodian of the Recreation Commission Petty Cash Fund;
and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:5-21, the Township of Hope is changing
custodians to Robin Keggan, Deputy Clerk; and

WHEREAS, Robin Keggan is bonded in the amount of \$400.00 by virtue of a surety
bond.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township
of Hope, County of Warren, State of New Jersey hereby authorizes such action and two copies
of this resolution be filed with the Division of Local Government Services, New Jersey
Department of Community Affairs for approval.

Motion was made by Mr. Urfer, seconded by Mr. Kruk and carried to adopt Resolution 2018-47
All in favor.

RESOLUTION 2018-48:

**RESOLUTION 2018-48
CHANGE PETTY CASH CUSTODAIN
ROAD REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE**

WHEREAS, F. Van Scoten was the custodian of the Road Repairs and Maintenance
Petty Cash Fund; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:5-21, the Township of Hope is changing
custodians to Donald Whitmore, Road Supervisor; and

WHEREAS, Donald Whitmore is bonded in the amount of \$200.00 by virtue of a surety
bond.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township
of Hope, County of Warren, State of New Jersey hereby authorizes such action and two copies
of this resolution be filed with the Division of Local Government Services, New Jersey
Department of Community Affairs for approval.

Motion was made by Mr. Urfer, seconded by Mr. Kruk and carried to adopt Resolution 2018-48
All in favor.

RESOLUTION 2018-49:

**RESOLUTION 2018-49
RESCINDING WELFARE PETTY CASH**

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Township Committee of the Township of Hope, Warren
County, State of New Jersey that the petty cash fund for the Welfare Director, J. Rocco, \$200,
be rescinded.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township
of Hope, County of Warren, State of New Jersey hereby authorizes such action and two copies
of this resolution be filed with the Division of Local Government Services, New Jersey
Department of Community Affairs for approval.

Motion was made by Mr. Urfer, seconded by Mr. Kruk and carried to adopt Resolution 2018-49
All in favor.

RESOLUTION 2018-50:

**RESOLUTION 2018-50
CANCEL STALE DATED CHECKS**

WHEREAS, checks are considered stale dated after a period of six months; and
WHEREAS, the following checks have remained outstanding according to the Chief
Financial Officer's Current Account Reconciliation of the Township of Hope.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Committee of the
Township of Hope that the following checks be considered void and the cumulative total in the
amount of \$4,142.71 be added back to the appropriate balances of the Current Account of the
Township of Hope.

<u>Check#</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Vendor</u>
8680	100.00	12/10/2014	Patricia Whitmore
9127	175.00	7/8/15	Megan Boyd
9475	2593.22	12/8/15	State of NJ
9726	159.25	4/13/16	Atco International
10032	84.00	8/10/16	Treasurer, State of NJ
10414	100.00	2/22/17	Harley Overko
10438	3.00	2/22/2017	Stephanie Turcic
10759	27.89	7/10/2017	Jiorle's Office Supply
11041	150.35	11/8/17	Jiorle's Office Supply
11178	750.00	12/26/2017	Denville LinePainting

Motion was made by Mr. Urfer, seconded by Mr. Kruk and carried to adopt Resolution 2018-50
Roll Call: Mr. Urfer – yes Mr. Kruk – yes Mayor McDonough – yes

RESOLUTION 2018-51:

**RESOLUTION 2018-51
CHANGING MONETARY AMOUNT OF RECREATION PETTY CASH**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-21 authorizes the establishment of a Petty Cash Fund; and
WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Township Committee of the Township of Hope, County
of Warren, State of New Jersey that the petty cash fund for the Recreation Commission be
increased from \$400 to \$500.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township
of Hope, County of Warren, State of New Jersey hereby authorizes such action and two copies
of this resolution be filed with the Division of Local Government Services, New Jersey
Department of Community Affairs for approval.

Motion was made by Mr. Urfer, seconded by Mr. Kruk and carried to adopt Resolution 2018-51
Roll Call: Mr. Urfer – yes Mr. Kruk – yes Mayor McDonough – yes

RESOLUTION 2018-52:

**RESOLUTION 2018-52
CREATING PETTY CASH FOR PUBLIC EVENTS COORDINATOR**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 5-21 authorizes the establishment of a Petty Cash Fund in any county or municipality by application and resolution; and,

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Township of Hope, County of Warren, State of New Jersey to establish such a fund for the Public Events Coordinator in the amount of \$500.00; and

WHEREAS, the custodian for this fund is Patricia Whitmore, who is bonded for the amount of \$500.00; such custodian shall maintain records for this fund in a manner conducive to proper accounting and auditing procedures;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Hope, County of Warren, State of New Jersey hereby authorizes such action and two copies of this resolution be filed with the Division of Local Government Services, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for approval.

Motion was made by Mr. Urfer, seconded by Mr. Kruk and carried to adopt Resolution 2018-52

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

RESOLUTION 2018-53:

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CHAPTER 159 GENERATOR GRANT

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 White, 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 \$15,500.00, Hope Township Moravian Grange Hall Generator Grant, which is now available from the 'Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, FEMA - DR-4086-NJ-273-R'.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a like sum of \$15,500.00 is hereby appropriated under the caption 'Hope Township Moravian Grange Generator Grant'.

Motion was made by Mr. Urfer, seconded by Mr. Kruk and carried to adopt Resolution 2018-53

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

RESOLUTION 2018-54:

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SALE OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTY THROUGH MUNICIPAL BID

WHEREAS, the Township of Hope has in its possession **14 Church Pews**; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Hope placed the **14 Church Pews** on the Muni- Bid, and has received a bid of \$10.00 at the close of auction on Monday, September 10, 2018; 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 **14 Church Pews** belonging to the Township of Hope shall take place as soon as it is mutually convenient for both parties.

Motion was made by Mr. Urfer, seconded by Mr. Kruk and carried to adopt Resolution 2018-54

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

RESOLUTION 2018-55:

**RESOLUTION 2018-55
DECLARING TOWNSHIP OF HOPE SUPPORT
FOR THE JCP&L RELIABILITY PLUS**

WHEREAS: The Township of Hope recognizes that reliable electric service plays a crucial role in the daily lives of Township residents; and

WHEREAS: The Township of Hope recognizes that reliable electric service also is critical to the local businesses within our community, and drives commerce in our Township and across the region; and

WHEREAS: The Township of Hope supports efforts to enhance our energy infrastructure to continue to provide families and businesses the reliable source of energy they need; and

WHEREAS: The Township of Hope supports efforts to enhance the reliability and resiliency of the electric distribution system against severe weather and reduce the number of customers affected by outages and shorten the duration of outages; and

WHEREAS: The Township of Hope has been informed that Jersey Central Power and Light Company's (JCP&L) Reliability Plus includes approximately \$400 million in targeted investments above and beyond its regular annual investments to enhance JCP&L's service reliability and resiliency; and

WHEREAS: The Township of Hope has been informed that the JCP&L plan includes nearly 4,000 enhancements that will help the reliability and resiliency of overhead and underground distribution lines, as well as new equipment to reduce the number of customers affected by outages and shorten the duration of outages; and

WHEREAS: The Township of Hope has been informed that the JCP&L plan also outlines additional vegetation management to reduce the potential for tree damage, which is the primary cause of outages during severe storms in JCP&L's service area.

WHEREAS: The Township of Hope has been informed that JCP&L expects the plan's economic benefit to customers and businesses from enhanced reliability and resiliency will be \$1.9 billion over the estimated life of the equipment installed through the program; and

WHEREAS: The Township of Hope has been informed that JCP&L estimates the initial increase on the monthly bill for an average residential customer would be about 25 cents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Mayor Tim McDonough and Township of Hope hereby finds and declares:

That JCP&L's Reliability Plus will benefit residents and businesses in the Township of Hope and throughout Warren County by making JCP&L's electric distribution system during storm and non-storm events more resistant to outages and enabling the system to recover more quickly when outages do occur and increase the distribution system's resiliency, operational flexibility, safety and security.

JCP&L's Reliability Plus should be approved by the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities.

Motion was made by Mr. Urfer, seconded by Mr. Kruk and carried to adopt Resolution 2018-55
All in favor.

INTRODUCTION ORDINANCE 2018-04:

**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 Jersey 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.

Mr. Urfer motioned to introduce the Ordinance, Mr. Kruk seconded. All in favor. Mr. Urfer – yes; Mr. Kruk – yes; Mayor McDonough – yes.

Second reading at October 10, 2018 meeting.

Public Participation:

Member of public spoke about quality of Hope Township’s water. Aquifer Overlay Protection Ordinance. Mayor McDonough stated he would give to the Planner and find out why it was taken out.

Energy Aggregate Program – letter will be going out in the mail to residents this week or next. New auction was held and a new bidder was involved.

Chris Rusin spoke about the professionalism and friendliness of the Clerk and Deputy Clerk and that the Township committee made a wise decision in hiring them.

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