

**SEPTEMBER 22, 2021  
WORK MEETING**

The Work Meeting of the Hope Township Committee convened at 4:00 P.M. at the Hope Township Municipal Building with the following members present: Mayor Timothy McDonough, Deputy Mayor Christopher John Kruk, Committeeman Terry Urfer. Also present was Deputy Clerk, Zondra Belstra.

**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 New Jersey Herald and the Star Gazette and by posting notices in the Hope Post Office and on the Township Web and Bulletin Boards.

**Roll call: Mr. Kruk- present**

**Mr. Urfer – present**

**Mayor McDonough- present**

**Reports:**

**Mr. Urfer:** Mr. Urfer spoke with the DPW Foreman regarding Old Union Brick Rd. They will be moving forward with repairs. Timeframe that was given, stated that the job will begin within 30 days and be completed within 60. Mr. Urfer authorized for this to be completed on overtime, if the DPW Foreman wishes to do so. A second request for repairs will be requested from Stroud. Mr. Kruk brought up the possibility that the township may be able to use COVID funds to help offset the cost. This is something we will need to look into also. Committee agreed to put Old Union Brick on the 2022 schedule for paving.

Mr. Urfer and township engineer Mr. Rodman went to Ridgeway Avenue, regarding recent drain issue. Mr. Rodman was able re-engineer it. Suggestion is to use perforated pipe, shouldn't be a large expense. Paving is schedule to begin on or around 10/19/21. Sweeping and blowing the road surfaces will take place a few days prior to that.

**Mr. Kruk:** Lake Just-It needs to be addressed as well. Mr. Kruk suggested that we utilize the gravel that is currently in the DPW yard to make those repairs. The townships machinery is currently not in use, Mayor McDonough suggested looking into leasing a machine for the time being or to lease with the option to buy.

The sheds at the school and Swayze Mill Park are in need of roofing repairs. Several residents have stepped up to assist with those repairs. They are scheduled to take place the weekend of 9/24-25/21.

**Old Business:**

**Internet** – No updates

**Traffic Study** – No Updates

**Aspen Heights Bill:** Committee reviewed bill again and agreed to pay the \$900. The charges were for light removal in 2019 and installation for 2020. Mr. Urfer motioned, and Mr. Kruk seconded, roll called: Mr. Kruk – yes, Mr. Urfer- yes, Mayor McDonough- yes.

**New Business:**

Mr. Urfer spoke to Mr. Gleba from the Warren County Engineer department regarding a No Parking ordinance on County Route 521. Mr. Gleba informed Mr. Urfer that Hope Township is responsible for

writing the ordinance. Mr. Urfer will speak with township attorney and discuss having him write the ordinance. Mr. Urfer motioned, and Mr. Kruk seconded, roll called: Mr. Kruk – yes, Mr. Urfer- yes, Mayor McDonough- yes.

Charges for the Planning Board were discussed. Committee agreed that these meetings need to stay within the board's budget and it will be brought to their attention.

Discussed looking into an emergency appropriation for the township's backhoe.

Current emergency requisition expenditure of \$1000, was agreed, is too high. Discussed lowering that to a more reasonable amount.

Trailer Ordinance was discussed.

Nuisance Ordinance was discussed as well. Mr. Kruk pointed out that we already have one. Requesting a meeting with the State Police was suggested to discuss future complaints and their enforcement.

**Public Participation:** No public in attendance

Seeing there was no other business for tonight, this meeting of the Hope Township Committee was adjourned at 4:50p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Urfer; seconded by Mr. Kruk. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin L. Keggan, RMC  
Municipal Clerk