

**FEBRUARY 13, 2019
BUSINESS MEETING**

The business 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, Don Whitmore 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: Interview will take place for Deputy Court Administration February 25, 2019, 10:30AM and the Representatives from Hardwick and White have been invited to attend. This meeting is being conducted by the AOC.. Still have a vacancy on the Zoning Board of Adjustment, Alternate #2.

Deputy Mayor Christopher John Kruk: A young couple getting married in Hope Township (planned to be outside) but in case of weather related need to move inside. Loved the Community Center, could they serve alcohol on property if they moved it into the Community Center? Please give some thought to it. Attorney and insurance will need to give their input. Minutes need to be put on the website faster.

Committeeman Urfer: Resident water problem at Silver Lake. She wanted to be put on agenda, but she did not show up. No solution as this is the resident's water (private property owners) and not a Township issue. Handed out a Grow Warren report to the Township Committee for their inspection/thoughts. Grant idea presented for high-speed internet, but grant needs to be submitted by April 15. Handed out worksheet of DPW goals so moving forward we know how to appropriate money.

Mrs. Fisher, Township Clerk: Report from Animal Control Officer is available for public inspection if anyone is interested. Zoning Permit Year End Report for 2018 was received from George Boesze. Environmental Commission Year End Report 2018 was received from Monica Sobon.

Fire Department Report: Total number of calls month of January - 19; Man hours - 146. Work Nights 4; Night Man Hours – 96. Special Detail – 3; man hours - 24. Total man hours' month of January 266.

Health Department: 119 Nightingale – well drilled without permit – water samples taken, results are to be submitted. 175 Lake Just-It Road – Laundry connected into basement sump pump which discharged into front yard. Proof was submitted that a plumber connected the washer to the septic system. Case closed. Hope Market and Hope Dunkin Donuts were inspected and received satisfactory ratings. No kennel activity. No rabies activity. No recreational bathing activity. No youth camp activity. No campground activity. One septic repair application approved. One septic alteration application was approved.

Township Engineer Report: Osmun Road – guardrails measured. Road safety will add on to the end section as well. Leftover grant money will cover that. Birch Ridge Road – grates and closures are ordered and leftover grant money will be used. Generator at grange is complete. Another extension is being put in place to file the paperwork.

Payment of Bills: Receipts of \$15,827.97 for month of January. Total of bills \$525,752.43 – A motion to pay bills made by Mr. Urfer; seconded by Mr. Kruk and carried
Roll call: Mr. Urfer – yes; Mr. Kruk – yes; Mayor McDonough – yes.

Tax Collector: Month of December - \$164,723.74. YTD: \$6,351,618.71. Month ending January 2019: \$508,738.81 YTD: \$508,738.81. Had one of the highest collection rates. Will be getting a commendation from the auditors.

ORDINANCES: - SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

**ORDINANCE NO. 2019-01
ORDINANCE TO EXCEED MUNICIPAL APPROPRIATION LIMITS
AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK**

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A: 4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget up to 2.5% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Hope in the County of Warren finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2019 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Hope hereby determines that a 1.0% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$9,343.54 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

WHEREAS the Township Committee of the Township of Hope hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hope, in the County of Warren, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2019 budget year, the final appropriations of the Township of Hope shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to \$32,702.39, and that the CY 2019 municipal budget for the Township of Hope be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced for first reading at a regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Hope held on January 3, 2019 and ordered published in accordance with the law. Said Ordinance will be considered for final reading and adoption at a meeting of the Township Committee to be held on February 13, 2019 at 7:00P.M., or as soon thereafter as the Township Committee may hear this Ordinance at the Municipal Building, 407 Hope-Great Meadows Road, Hope, New Jersey, at which time all persons interested may appear for or against the passage of said Ordinance.

Judith M. Fisher, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Motion made by Mr. Urfer; seconded by Mr. Kruk to open this portion of the meeting for public discussion.
Motion carried. All in favor.

Seeing there was No public discussion a motion made to close to public by Mr. Urfer; seconded by Mr. Kruk.
Motion carried. All in favor.

Motion made by Mr. Urfer to adopt Ordinance 2019-01; Mr. Kruk seconded. Motion carried

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

Discussion took place regarding an ordinance for maintenance code for vacant and abandoned residential properties. Being held until Zoning Official can attend meeting to discuss details. Will be scheduled for a work meeting.

RESOLUTION 2019-18:

Motion was made by Mr. Urfer, seconded by Mr. Kruk and carried to adopt Resolution 2019-18.

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

**RESOLUTION 2019-18
REFUND TAX SALE CERTIFICATE 2019-002(Not Yet Issued)
LOT 1103, BLOCK 900**

WHEREAS, the property owned by Kevin E Trumppore known as block 900 lot 1103 located at 21 Great Meadows Road had unpaid 2018 property taxes and was sold at a Tax Sale held on 31 January 2019 by the Hope Township Tax Collector; and

WHEREAS, Green Knight Capital, LLC of 474 Mary Allen Way located in Mountainside, NJ 07092 was the successful bidder of the above stated property. The amount of the Tax Sale consisted of unpaid 2018 property taxes, interest, and other costs, and totaled \$1,973.14 and is represented by Tax Sale Certificate 2019-002 (Not Yet Issued); and

WHEREAS, Kevin E Trumppore, the supposed owner of the property, paid \$2,024.60 on 05 February 2019 to the Hope Township Tax Collector to satisfy the outstanding Tax Sale Certificate:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Hope on this 13th day of February 2019 that the Chief Financial Officer be authorized to draw a check payable to Green Knight Capital, LLC in the amount of \$2,024.60 for the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate 2019-002 (Not Yet Issued).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer be also authorized to draw a check payable to Green Knight Capital, LLC in the amount of \$11,500.00 for the return of a premium paid at the Tax Sale.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a receipt of payment was given to Kevin E Trumppore of PO Box 421 in Hope, NJ 07844 since the Tax Sale Certificate was not yet issued.

CERTIFICATION

I, Judith Fisher, 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 February 13, 2019.

RESOLUTION 2019-: Postponed until February 27, 2019 work meeting.

**RESOLUTION 2019-
No-Idling Resolution for Municipalities in New Jersey**

WHEREAS, emissions from gasoline and diesel-powered vehicles contribute significantly to air pollution, including greenhouse gases, ozone formation, fine particulates; and

WHEREAS, numerous scientific studies have found links between exposure to fine particles and health effects including premature death, and increased incidents of asthma, allergies, and other breathing disorders; and

WHEREAS, asthma is a significant public health concern in New Jersey, especially among children (up to 25% of New Jersey's school-age children are asthmatic) and the elderly; and

WHEREAS, for every gallon of gasoline used, the average car produces about 20 pounds of carbon dioxide (CO₂), the largest contributor to greenhouse climate change, with one-third of greenhouse gas emissions coming from the transportation sector; and

WHEREAS, the United States Environmental Protection Agency has classified diesel exhaust as likely to be carcinogenic to humans; and

WHEREAS, petroleum-based gasoline and diesel fuel are nonrenewable fuels and should be used wisely and not wasted; and

WHEREAS, vehicle idling occurs in locations (e.g. school grounds, parking lots, stores, drive-through windows, etc.) where New Jerseyans can be exposed to concentrated sources of air pollutant emissions; and

WHEREAS, the reduction of fine-particle emissions from diesel engines could also prevent 16,000 new asthma cases annually and save \$770 million to \$10 billion in health care and related costs in the State; and

WHEREAS, idling is not generally beneficial to a vehicle's engine because it wears engine parts; and

WHEREAS, idling more than 10 seconds uses more fuel and emits more pollutants than turning an engine off and on again; and

WHEREAS, idling for 10 minutes uses as much fuel as it takes to travel 5 miles; and

WHEREAS, current state law prohibits the idling of vehicles for more than three minutes and studies have shown that an anti-idling policy will save fuel, prolong engine life, and improve air quality.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of HOPE TOWNSHIP, County of Warren, State of New Jersey supports the adoption of a strong anti-idling policy by government agencies, schools, businesses, and other organizations by:

1. Encouraging drivers of any gasoline or diesel-powered motor vehicle to turn off their engines immediately at schools and off-site school related events to minimize exposure of children to vehicle emissions;
2. Maintaining municipal vehicles to eliminate any visible exhaust and complying with the annual inspection requirement for those vehicles;
3. Encouraging drivers of any gasoline or diesel powered motor vehicle to turn off their engines after 10 seconds if they plan to remain at that location for more than 30 seconds.); and
4. Supporting broad education of the public about the health, environmental and economic impacts of idling and ways to reduce idling.

Appointments: Deputy Court Administrator/Violations Clerk: Interviews scheduled for Monday, February 25 at 10:30AM.

Board of Adjustment: Alternate #2 position is still vacant

Old Business:

Benbrook & Stevens: No change in status No update.

Service Electric & CenturyLink Updates: No change in status No update.

New Business:

Green Fair: Abilities of Northwest Jersey sent a letter/Agreement to inform of charges that will be incurred by the Environmental Commission in order to use their services this year. First time they are charging for it. \$150.00 for manpower and trucks. There was a brief discussion Motioned by Mr. Urfer; seconded by Mr. Kruk to approve the charge of \$150.00 for the manpower and truck on April 13 for the Green Fair. Motion carried.
Roll call: Mr. Urfer – yes; Mr. Kruk – yes; Mayor McDonough- yes.

Environmental Commission is requesting to have an energy audit done on all of the municipal buildings. This will help towards the point total Chairperson Sobon needs in order to retain the title of Sustainable Jersey. All in favor and in agreement to allow this to move forward. The only information that is need will be copies of the JCP&L bills for 2018. The Township Clerk will take care of doing this.

Pollution Control Financing Authority: Proposed Interlocal Agreement – Solid Waste Disposal. Copies were available for the Committee to review. Seeing there were no questions, a motion made by Mr. Urfer; seconded by Mr. Kruk and carried to authorize the Mayor to execute the Interlocal Agreement. All in favor. (May 6 – 11 is Township cleanup at the dump.)

North Warren Court: Letter for Judge Mennen regarding ordinances for offenses against public peace. Mr. Kruk suggested sending to Township attorney to have him draft/revise an ordinance per Judge Mennen’s letter.

Ted Rodman: Professional Services Contract for Engineer Services for 2019 - Holding to Budget Time

Approval of Minutes: November 8, 2018; November 28, 2018; December 12, 2018; December 26, 2018; Reorganization January 3, 2019; Executive Session January 9, 2019.

Motion was made by Mr. Urfer to approve the above minutes, seconded by Mr. Kruk. Motion carried and a voice vote was unanimous.

Discussion:

Salt Shed: no change in status.

Department of Public Works: Full time/part time help (Budget Time)

Public Participation:

Proclamation for Douglas Tighe should be done for representing Hope Township in Westminster Dog Show. Shining Star awards discussed. RICE letter discussions for Robin Keggan and Donald Whitmore will be sent. RICE letters need to be sent to anyone whose name is mentioned in relation to their positions, etc.

Insurance Presentations were given by Caroline Conboy, Statewide Insurance and Sharon Cooper, PAIC. Both representatives are from a Joint Insurance Fund. There was a brief discussion amongst the Committee regarding these presentations. No decision was made at this time. The Committee will continue the discussions at the next meeting.

Seeing there was no other business for tonight, this meeting of the Hope Township Committee was adjourned at 9:13 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Urfer, seconded by Mr. Kruk. Motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith M. Fisher RMC
Municipal Clerk