

FEBRUARY 27, 2019
WORK MEETING

The work 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, Patti Whitmore, Brielle Walsh 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:

Township Engineer: Osmun Road, we received the permission from DOT to order the guardrails. Coming down the home stretch on Osmun and Birch Ridge Road now. Target date of about 3 weeks to install the grates on Birch Ridge. Notified no boundary changes in Hope Township boundary lines for Census purposes. Street lights (lamp posts) like the ones in Trout Alley were discussed. Possible community grants for these lights are available.

RESOLUTION:

Motion was made by Mr. Urfer, seconded by Mr. Kruk and carried to adopt Resolution 2019-20.
A voice vote was unanimous.

RESOLUTION 2019-20
NO-IDLING 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.

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 27, 2019.

Old Business:

Benbrook & Stevens: Don Whitmore discussed with the Committee that Fred Stephens/Bob Benbrook are going to come to a meeting and request that he be responsible for filling the salt for treatment of the water.

Service Electric & CenturyLink Updates: No update, no change in status

Board of Adjustment Vacancy: Alternate #2 open.

New Business:

WC Mosquito Commission: Authorization for Aerial Mosquito Control.

Mr. Urfer motioned to authorize the aerial spraying; Mr. Kruk seconded. Motion carried and a voice vote was unanimous.

Westbrook Park: Request to use baseball field for wedding photographs September 28, 2019. More information needed (times, which field, etc.)

Hope Clean-up Week: May 6-11, 2019. Permits will be handed out at the Green Fair again.

Discussion:

North Warren Court: Letter for Judge Mennen regarding first time marijuana defendants (update). Hope's ordinance is already in place. Hardwick and White are looking into following suit. Township will receive the fine money instead of the State.

Township Insurance: Email was sent out from Sharon Cooper with extensive information. Need to bring Sharon back in to a meeting for discussion/determination. 30 days' notice needs to be given to current carrier.

Department of Public Works: Full time/part time help

Snow Plow: Need to go out for 2019 quotes. A draft in writing needs to be given to Judy for the advertisement. Need an on-call list to be created for snowplow drivers.

Appreciation Dinner Giveaways: Sleeves were used off t-shirts that tote bags are made from into pouches to hold anti-idling information and metal straws.

Energy Audit: Monica Sobon gave dates for Donnelly to come in and do the audit. Mr. Urfer will be in attendance with them as well as Monica.

Deb Billow Snyder was in attendance to discuss a May Faire Celebration at Swayze Mill Park. She discussed her ideas for the celebration. Judy Fisher advised that they will need insurance certificates in place. Also advised that they need to check with Kim Tighe for baseball/softball conflicts. Mr. Urfer advised that more homework needs to be done before a vote can be taken to approve. Please get the list of events together so that the Township can ascertain whether insurance will cover them. She also discussed the Moravian Lantern Walk and that her group will be running it this year.

Patti Whitmore discussed a tree being planted by the bench and plaque for a resident who is putting a memorial bench in place at Swayze. Mr. Urfer expressed that we need to know the type of tree (non-invasive) and the fact that the Township will have the final say in where the tree goes. Plaque will go in front of the tree.

Taxes being paid online need to be discussed with Steve Lance. Has its pros/cons.

Ash tree for resident is not going to be taken care of in this go-round per Stan Prader. The ash tree would effect a secondary, not a primary.

John Kruk spoke about installing some guiderail on a stretch of Route 80 where damage keeps occurring. The town will need to get involved more than likely to get any action.

Mr. Urfer spoke about doing gardening/beautification of Hope Township signs with Don Whitmore, Patti Whitmore and Brielle Walsh through sponsorships.

Mr. Urfer brought up rubber speed bumps being used on Ridgeway to deter speeding. Discussion took place about it and asked that the Committee think about it for the next meeting.

Discussion took place about capital budget for DPW. Bed for mason, blower, salt shed are all on top of list.

Personnel issues meeting is set for 3 pm on March 12, 2019. RICE letters will be forthcoming from the attorney.

Public Participation:

Mr. Whitmore asked about status of Township sending letter regarding the speed limit on Route 519. At least Kostenbader north was discussed as being the "reduced speed" boundary into town. Township Committee supports this and suggests we get ahold of our new freeholder and officially invite him to a Township meeting to discuss this.

Seeing there was no other business for tonight, this meeting of the Hope Township Committee was adjourned at 8:37 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Urfer, seconded by Mr. Kruk. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted: Judith M. Fisher RMC, Municipal Clerk