

HOPE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, January 31, 2018

The monthly 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. Also present were Municipal Clerk, Judith Fisher, RMC; Township Engineer, Ted Rodman, P.E. and CPWM Don Whitmore.

Under the provisions of the "Open Public Meetings Act", adequate notice of the meeting had been provided by publishing notice in The New Jersey Herald, the Star Gazette and by posting notices in the Hope Post Office and on the Township bulletin boards.

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS:

Motion made by Mr. Urfer, seconded by Mr. Kruk and carried to pay the bills of January 31, 2018 totaling \$497,797.00. The Committee agreed to hold the check for the Hope Craft Market Custodian Check.

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

RESOLUTIONS

A motion made by Mr. Urfer, seconded by Mr. Kruk and carried to approve and adopted Resolution **2018-17 Land of Make Believe, Amusement Game License**

WHEREAS, Christopher Maier, t/a Land of Make Believe has filed application for the following arcade and amusement games licenses

- 2018-001 Arcade, Certificate # 2000
- 2018-002 Gobble-Up Game, Certificate #1016
- 2018-003 Duck Pond, Certificate #3001
- 2018-004 Basketball Game, Certificate # 1003
- 2018-005 Top Glo Game, Certificate # 4023
- 2018-006 Dog Pound, Certificate # 4044
- 2018-007 Stop and Go, Certificate #5001

WHEREAS, the foregoing applications are complete and in conformance with the provisions of Chapter 21 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Hope.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Township Committee, County of Warren, State of New Jersey that the foregoing applications be approved and that the appropriate licenses be issued by the Legalized games of Chance Control Commission in the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Consumer Affairs.

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

CANCELLING OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATES

Motion made by Mr. Urfer, seconded by Mr. Kruk and carried to adopted Resolution

2018-18 RESOLUTION CANCELING TAX SALE CERTIFICATES 11-01 AND 12-01

WHEREAS, the property of Linda Ugi and Genevieve Godlewsky known as Block 100, Lot 600 at 1060 Bridgeville Road has unpaid 2010 property taxes and was sold at Tax Sale on 03 February 2011 by the Hope Township Tax Collector; and

WHEREAS, as there were no outside bidders for the abovementioned property, the Hope Township Tax Collector struck off the property to the Township of Hope for the amount of \$5,817.57. The amount consists of unpaid 2010 property taxes, interest, and other costs, and is represented by Tax Sale Certificate 11-01; and

WHEREAS, the property of Linda Ugi known as Block 100 Lot 603, located at 1060 Bridgeville Road had unpaid 2011 property taxes and was sold at Tax Sale of 31 January 2012 by the Hope Township Tax Collector; and

WHEREAS, as there were no outside bidders for the abovementioned property, the Hope Township Tax Collector struck off the property to the Township of Hope for the amount of \$7,254.09. The amount consists of unpaid 2011 property taxes, interest, and other costs, and is represented by Tax Sale Certificate 12-01; and

WHEREAS, Fortune Title Agency, Inc. representing William and Erica Griffett, the supposed purchasers of the property, paid \$80,450.45 on 18 January 2018 to redeem the said Lien 11-01 together with accrued interest, other charges, delinquent taxes and current taxes.

WHEREAS, Fortune Title Agency, Inc. representing William and Erica Griffett, the supposed purchasers of the property, paid \$84,247.32 on 18 January 2018 to redeem the said Lien 12-01 together with accrued interest, other charges, delinquent taxes and current taxes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hope on the 14th day of February 2018 that the Mayor of the Township of Hope be authorized to sign Tax Sale Certificate 11-01 and 12-01 as being satisfied.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tax Collector return the executed satisfied Tax Sale Certificate to Coe E Ventura of Fortune Title Agency, Inc. located at 39 Woodland Road in Roseland, NJ 07068.

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

PROCLAMATION - TOWNSHIP OF HOPE CHOICE WEEK

Tim asked where it came from. Andrew Campanello – President of National Choice School Week sent it. The details of this Proclamation talks about parents having the choice to choose their school or homeschool. Doug Tighe stated that the Board of Education is looking into it.

Motion was made by Mr. Urfer, seconded by Mr. Kruk and carried to table further discussion on the Proclamation until the Committee gets further details and discussions are disclosed after the Board of Education looks into it.

ORDINANCE 1st Reading

Mr. Urfer motioned to approve Ordinance 2018-02 on first reading, seconded by Mr. Kruk. Motion carried and a voice vote was unanimous. Second Reading and public hearing will be on February 20, 2018.

2018-02 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 20 OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF TOWNSHIP OF HOPE TO ADDRESS THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE FAIR HOUSING ACT AND UNIFORM HOUSING AFFORDABILITY CONTROLS REGARDING COMPLIANCE WITH THE TOWNSHIP'S AFFORDABLE HOUSING OBLIGATIONS.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Hope, Warren County, New Jersey, that Chapter XX of the Code of the Township of Hope is hereby amended to include provisions addressing Hope's constitutional obligation to provide for its fair share of low- and moderate-income housing, as directed by the Superior Court and consistent with N.J.A.C. 5:93-1, et seq., as amended and supplemented, N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.1, et seq., as amended and supplemented, and the New Jersey Fair Housing Act of 1985. This Ordinance is intended to provide assurances that low- and moderate-income units ("affordable units") are created with controls on affordability over time and that low- and moderate-income households shall occupy those units. This Ordinance shall apply except where inconsistent with applicable law.

The Hope Township Planning Board has adopted a Housing Element and Fair Share Plan pursuant to the Municipal Land Use Law at N.J.S.A. 40:55D-1, et seq. The Committee has endorsed the Housing Element and Fair Share Plan. This Ordinance implements and incorporates the adopted and endorsed Housing Element and Fair Share Plan and addresses the requirements of N.J.A.C. 5:93-1, et seq., as amended and supplemented, N.J.A.C.5:80-26.1, et seq. as amended and supplemented, and the New Jersey Fair Housing Act of 1985.

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 31 day of January, 2018, and the same shall come up for public hearing at the Regular Business Meeting of the Governing Body to be held on the 20 day of February 2018, at 7:00 P.M., at which times any persons interested shall be given the opportunity to be heard concerning said Ordinance. Copies of Ordinance 2018-02 are available to the Public by contacting the Municipal Clerk. Following the public hearing, said Ordinance shall be considered for final adoption.
Judith Fisher, R. M. C.,

Township will go into depth at public hearing if anyone has any questions on it. Full copy of Ordinance available from the Clerk. Maier asked about posting the full Ordinance on the website.

Mr. Urfer inquired about COAH Ordinance fee. Mrs. Fisher stated that she would pull the fee out of the Code Book for him to be able to read it before the next meeting. Mayor McDonough explained our Planner put the fee together based upon his expertise around the State and what other municipalities are doing. No fee will be charged for a renovation of a house.

OLD BUSINESS

Status 34 RIDGEWAY AVENUE – Mr. Rodman spoke about a meeting at the Department of Health with George Boesze, Zoning Officer; Tony Gomes and Keven Covata on Monday. Mr. Rodman has been dealing with Gomes about details of soil and where it came from; quality of it and justification for it. Warren County Health Department has taken the lead on it now. At the meeting we explained what the options were. Mr. Gomes noted they are looking to have an LSRP stating that the soil at the site is clean. Warren County will be doing the violations if they are needed.

Status: Installation of Water Softner : Bob Benbrook & Fred Stevens – McDonough spoke about reaching out to Fred Stevens and he was told that Bob Benbrook was handling it. Since we are a municipality the well will need to meet more stringent standards for Community Center use.

DISCUSSION

LIAISON ASSIGNMENTS – Everyone is happy with their liaison assignments.

CELL TOWER – Mayor McDonough stated everything is in place noting that cell towers are only allowed on Township property. Verizon is putting a cell tower on our property and will be paying a fee to us for it. It will be 150 feet tall and be able to get better reception for this area of town. Mr. Maier asked about the neighbors' thoughts on the tower. Mr. Kruk stated that the neighbors for the most part are OK with it. Mr. Kruk explained that the Committee opted to just stick with the regular tower and not one that looks like tree. CO-locaters will be put onto the tower for additional fees.

A motion was made by Mr. Urfer, seconded by Mr. Kruk and carried to award the Cell Tower contract to Empire Telecom for the installation of a new cell tower located behind the Municipal Building.

Roll call: Urfer yes; Kruk yes; McDonough yes.

SALT SHED – Mr. Rodman and Mr. Urfer spoke about this project and the possibility of re-bidding it again. Mr. Urfer wants to do some of it in house, i.e. blocks for foundation but would need someone to help with roof. In spoke with Brad Bartow about this and he thinks that there are ways around the Federal rate. Mr. Urfer spoke about the possibility of the current salt shed collapsing and what problems that would mean for the Township. Mr. Rodman again spoke about the prevailing wage. Mr. Whitmore noted that he wants to keep the old salt shed if possible. Mr. Jim Miller (DCA) will be asked to look at the salt shed and let the Township know if it needs to be “red tagged” or not.

MORAVIAN GRANGE PROPANE TANK FOR GENERATOR – Mr. Rodman spoke about Wire’s Electric recommending strongly we put a larger tank on it and change it to all one vendor. Suburban Propane services the Grange now; AmeriGas services municipal building and DPW. Suburban owns the tank at the Grange. Possibility of the Township purchasing the tank was discussed. The idea is so that we can shop around for better propane prices. Mr. Rodman will get price comparisons and report back. The Committee agreed to purchase a larger tank so that we own it. Mrs. Fisher noted that a change order might be need for FEMA with this change.

TILCON NEW YORK – Discussion NJDOT and Final Payment (Waiting for DOT Funds) Tilcon is waiting for their Final payment. Mr. Rodman noted that his Engineering fee cannot come out of the Grant. The Township is waiting for the State to approve the final invoice before the funds are release.

FORECLOSED PROPERTY –

4 Prospect Avenue: Mayor McDonough received a phone call from the lawyer representing the person who is living in the house asking what can be done to help him. Mayor McDonough told the Lawyer that he has to move. Complaints have been coming in (i.e., buzzards, junkyard). Mayor McDonough will reach out to the Township Attorney to start the eviction process.

6 Prospect Avenue: Mayor McDonough spoke to Board of Health re: buzzard issue. The Board of Health will be going out to address the issue.

NEW BUSINESS

DOMESTIC ANIMAL ORDINANCE – nothing received back on that yet.

STONE REMOVAL – correspondence from G. Boesze was reviewed. The Committee noted that Frelinghuysen’s Ordinance is a great model. Mr. Urfer spoke about the Right to Farm and removal of rocks; the difference between loose rock, digging and changing the environment. Mayor McDonough also spoke about the Shiloh Road issue and how to handle it. Any new Stone Removal Ordinance will go through the Planning Board. Mayor McDonough suggested placing this on a workshop agenda for further work.

SOCCER DIRECTOR –

Only one person applied for this open position – Lisa Motyka

Motion was made by Mr. Urfer, seconded by Mr. Kruk and carried to appoint Lisa Motyka as the new Soccer Director.

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

SNOWPLOWING – Mr. Whitmore, CPWM contacted three companies for quotes on backup snow plowing for the Township.

Contacted were:

JPB, Great Meadows, NJ - No return call

Cousin's Landscaping, Stewartsville, NJ - Not interested

Drake's Landscaping, Blairstown, NJ

\$125.00 per hour for One truck and operator

Motion was made by Mr. Urfer, seconded by Mr. Kruk to award the backup snow plowing to Drake's Landscaping for \$125.00 per hours for one truck and operator. Motion carried

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

REQUEST FOR USE OF FACILITIES –

Warren County Softball League asked for permission to use the Municipal Building for a meeting on February 25, 2018. The Clerk noted that the Municipal Building is open for them to use.

A motion was made by Mr. Urfer, seconded by Mr. Kruk to approve the Warren County Softball League to use the Municipal Building on February 25, 2018 for their meeting. Motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

SPRING CLEAN UP –

This year's date for the Clean Up is scheduled for April 16 – 21, 2018. Residents passes will be available the beginning of April. A discussion took place about someone sitting at the Green Fair, April 14 in addition to going to the Municipal Building to pick up permits. Mrs. Fisher reminded the Committee that the permits needed to be pre-sealed. Which could be done ahead of time. The other issue is that whoever hands out these permits needs to know the area and be able to proof their ID's as this event is for Hope Residents only.

Pollution Control Financing Authority

Mrs. Fisher presented the Committee with a proposed Interlocal Agreement from the above Authority. This agreement is for Solid Waste Disposal of bulky waste at the landfill. The Township attorney has reviewed this proposal and drafted the following resolution for the Committee to adopt.

A motion was made by Mr. Kruk, seconded by Mr. McDonough and carried to adopt the following Resolution:

Resolution 2018-19 AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION A INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPE AND THE POLLUTION CONTROL FINANCING AUTHORITY OF WARREN COUNTY

WHEREAS, the Township of Hope ("Township") seeks an opportunity for the disposal of bulky waste; and

WHEREAS, the Pollution Control Finance Authority of Warren County ("PCFA") is willing to accept the disposal of bulky waste from the Township at the Warren County District Landfill; and

WHEREAS, the parties are desirous of entering into an Interlocal Agreement pursuant to the Shared Services and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1, *et seq.* in the form attached hereto.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hope, County of Warren, State of New Jersey that the Mayor is hereby authorized and directs the Mayor to execute the aforesaid Agreement with the PCFA as described in said Agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Municipal Clerk is directed to keep a copy of said Agreement on file in the office of the Municipal Clerk.

Motion carried followed by a roll call vote:

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

BUSINESS MEETING:

The February 14th Committee meeting has been cancelled and after a brief discussion the Committee has reschedule the, February 20th at 7:00PM. The Clerk will advertise the new reschedule Business Meeting date.

BUDGET DATES

The Clerk noted that the Local Finance Notice has come out and the deadline for introduction of the 2018 Budget has been revised to March 16th with the adoption date of April 20th.

After reviewing these dates, the Committee has suggested meeting on February 22, 2018 and March 1, 2018, both at 4PM to start drafting the 2018 Municipal Budget. The Clerk will check with Mrs. Reinalda, CFO to see if these dates work for her.

Mayor McDonough spoke about a grant meeting he attended with Congressman Josh Gottheimer. He will be getting more information on the grants.

Maertens Farm has closed (Locust Lake) and is now preserved.

During the last snow storm, Mr. Urfer rode with Mr. Whitmore as he was plowing and complemented him on the excellent job he does keeping roads cleared. He, noted that there was a problem on North Locust Lake, as there is an issue (difficult to get rid of snow). This road has a cul-de-sac and a resident there has been parking junk cars/boats parked on Township portion of the property. Discussion took place about how to handle this. Mr. Whitmore noted that this issue has been going on for years.

Mr. Urfer asked if the Clerk could keep on the Agenda the open position on the various Boards/Commissions. Mrs. Fisher made a noted of this request.

Mr. Urfer spoke about the Farm Bureau asking if the Township might be interested in joining, cost is \$150.00 per year. The information on joining will be sent to the Clerk.

Appreciation Dinner - Firehouse reserved for March 3, 2018. Caterer and DJ are lined up. Discussion took place about eliminating the entertainment.

Discussion took place about school getting a new school sign and the possibility of Hope Township using the old sign (recycling it to us). Mr. Kruk will be getting more information on the sign after he attends the next Board of Education meeting..

Mr. Kruk has been talking with Mrs. Tighe about baseball/softball. Online sign up is ongoing but there are problems with the online payment. It was suggested that Mrs. Reinalda, CFO be consulted about this. There was discussion again about starting the Booster Club up again.

Hope Township's 250th anniversary is coming up and the committee briefly discussed this. Mr. Kruk suggested sending out an email to all organizations that were involved before to find out who they would like to have on the committee to represent them. Meeting early spring.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

This portion of the meeting of then opened to the Public for any comments.

Doug Tighe asked about snowplowing bids and the process of how the quotes are obtained. Mrs. Fisher gave this responsibility to Mr. Whitmore, CPWM for the Road Department to obtain the quotes.

Chris Maier asked about authorizing an OPRA request he has in place. Discussion took place about executive session minutes and the manner in which they may be released.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Urfer, seconded by Mr. Kruk and carried to adjourn tonight's meeting of the Hope Township Committee at 8:38PM. A voice vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Fisher, RMC