

**MARCH 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 and Ted Rodman. Also present was Municipal Clerk, Judith Fisher, RMC and Deputy Clerk Robin Keggan.

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: The Mayor did his report throughout the meeting.

Deputy Mayor Christopher John Kruk: DOT installed guiderail on Route 80. Will be scanning in and sending the 250th anniversary to Sharon at PAIC.

Committeeman Urfer: Matt Koski (Township resident) is asking about putting directional signs up for his farm. Mayor McDonough will follow up with Norm Beatty. Town will install the post, but the owner will need to pay the sign costs. John Mikesch has asked for permission to use the Community center for a model train exhibit on a Saturday from 9-12. Also noted that residents are complaining about dog waste at Swayze Mill not being picked up.

Don Whitmore: Reminded the Township committee that a letter needs to go to the resident on Union Brick Road regarding the metal posts he has installed in the right-of-way and also a letter to the owner of the property who installed flower beds on Lake Just-it and Hissim Roads (also in right-of-way). The bench for the Tammera family was delivered and installed at Swayze Mill. A tree will be planted in May. Also had Cory Trucking go over the mason dump to evaluate it's worth as far as installing a new bed on it. He said that the truck is in good enough shape to last a long time and that the bed replacement would be a good idea.

Township Engineer Report: Osmun Road guiderail has been installed and change order is being submitted. Birch Ridge Road paperwork completed and sent in for reimbursement. Lights for Town center – gave a packet of information to the Township Committee which is being passed onto Bob May and the 250th Committee. 2019 resurfacing project of Hope-Delaware Road between Swayze Mill and Mt. Hermon (1.67 miles) will begin soon. Center of town paving/resurfacing on hold until handicap ramps and crosswalks are discussed with Hope Preservation Commission. Ted will speak to Mr. Gleba to reinforce with him that this discussion needs to take place.

ORDINANCE 2019-02: 2nd Reading and Public Hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, April 10, 2019
AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPE, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER IV, ANIMAL CONTROL, OF THE HOPE TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL CODE AND ADOPTING SECTION 5-3, KEEPING OF CHICKENS OR OTHER FOWL ON LOTS LESS THAN 6 ACRES

Mr. Boesze was present tonight and talked with the Committee about a few concerns he had with the Ordinance. Mr. Kruk explained the purpose and concerns he had and Mr. Boesze was comfortable with this.

RESOLUTION 2019-25:

Motion was made by Mr. Urfer, seconded by Mr. Kruk and carried to adopt Resolution 2019-25
Roll call: Mr. Urfer – yes; Mr. Kruk – yes; Mayor McDonough - yes.

**RESOLUTION 2019-25 APPOINTING TED RODMAN, TOWNSHIP ENGINEER,
AS CERTIFIED PUBLIC WORKS MANAGER**

BE IT RESOLVED that on March 27, 2019, the Township Committee of the Township of Hope, Warren County, has appointed Mr. Ted Rodman, Township Engineer for the Township of Hope as the Certified Public Workers Manager (CPWM) for 2019 to replace the former CPWM, Donald Whitmore.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mr. Rodman will serve as the Township's CPWM until such time that Mr. Donald Whitmore passes the State Exam and earns his Certified Public Works Manger (CPWM) certification.

CERTIFICATION

I, Judith M. Fisher, RMC, 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 March 27, 2019.

Old Business:

Benbrook & Stevens: No update – still haven't received any invoices.

Service Electric & Centurylink Updates: No update.

Update on Use of Baseball Field for Wedding Pictures – Township Committee is fine with it being used for some pictures. Just remind wedding party no alcohol on premises.

New Business:

Ted Rodman's 2019 contract revision was discussed as to amount being charged and the clause allowing the Township the right to look at his files being entered into the contract

Motioned for approval was by Mr. Urfer; seconded by Mr. Kruk. Motion carried

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

Lin Gabel's 2019 Agreement to file the 2018 Recycling Tonnage Report was approved on a motion by Mr. Urfer, seconded by Mr. Kruk. Motion carried.

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

Use of Facilities Request – Billie McKenna's Foundation 5K – being held May 18, 2019 at Swayze Mill Park. Mr. Urfer motioned to approve and waive the fee; Mr. Kruk seconded. Motion carried and a voice vote was unanimous.

Route 611 Overlook – trees growing into the sight line of the scenic vantage point. Mayor McDonough will compose a letter to Superintendent of Jenny Jump Forest and copy Kerry Pflugh at the DEP.

Discussion:

Farmer's Market – The 4th and 5th grade class representatives of the Hope Township Elementary School attended the meeting to present their idea to the Township Committee on hosting a Farmer's Market from approximately May/June through August. They stated it would run for approximately 3 hours and requested use of the Community Center. They would invite local farmers to attend and sell their products. Brielle Walsh and Patti Whitmore stated they may have found a better, bigger place for them to host their Market at the field across from the liquor store. Met with the land owner who is more than happy to donate the field for their use. Vendors will pay to be there and in turn half of their fee will be donated to a local charity by the students and half will be given back to the community. Mr. Urfer suggested they set up a table at the Green Fair to get their word out. Would be a Township sanctioned event and therefore covered under our insurance. The Township Committee thought it was an excellent idea and all are in support of it.

Sharon Cooper (PAIC Insurance) was in attendance to make the Township Committee aware that she was able to increase their coverage limits and reduce the prices. Auto and General Liability went from \$5 million to \$10 million in coverage; Public Official insurance went from \$2 million to \$5 million in coverage. Premium reduced from \$48,049 to \$46,793. Everything is now in place for the insurance and Traveler's has been notified per Sharon.

George Boesze spoke to the Township Committee about the potential Abandoned Properties Ordinance the Township is looking to put together and adopt. Two memos (dated 2/20/19 and 3/13/19) from Mr. Boesze will be forward to Michael Selvaggi for his review and comment by Mrs. Keggan. Mr. Urfer will be the point man on this

and follow up with Mr. Selvaggi. Introduction and first reading of this Ordinance is being put on the April 10, 2019 agenda.

Landscaping Partnership Program – package that was put together by Brielle and Patti was well done. Will be sent out to landscapers first. All signage must be uniform (green with Moravian star). Town pays for the signs. Lottery will be done for more than one person requesting the same sign.

Oven being purchased for the Grange building to be used in event of power outages, etc. Cabinets also being purchased for installation in the Grange.

Quotes for snowplowing/snow shoveling (2019-2020 season) will be opened at April 10, 2019 meeting.

Public Participation:

Tree on Madison (paper street) – resident came in to report about a dangerous tree that is threatening electrical service in the vicinity of his house. Resident called JCP&L to look at it and their response was it wasn't near their service. A crane is necessary to take this tree down. Mr. Urfer and Mr. Whitmore looked into this situation and determined that the tree is on private property. Mike Selvaggi needs to be apprised of the situation and Stan Prader will be notified. Mr. Urfer will get back to the resident once he has answers from Mr. Selvaggi and Mr. Prader.

Bob May spoke to the Township Committee about his wish to have as much money put into the budget towards Open Space as possible. Also explained that every farm looking to go into preservation has 2 appraisals done on it and usually a median price is arrived from averaging them together, but in order to “entice” a farm to go into preservation the higher of the appraisals can be offered to them and is authorized to be paid to them.

Seeing there was no other business for tonight, this meeting of the Hope Township Committee was adjourned at 8:27 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Urfer, seconded by Mr. Kruk. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith M. Fisher RMC
Municipal Clerk