

JULY 13, 2016

The monthly business meeting of the Hope Township Committee convened at 7:20 P.M. at the Hope Township Municipal Building with the following members present: Mayor Timothy McDonough, Deputy Mayor George Beatty, and Committeeman John Koonz. Also present were the Municipal Clerk, Mary Pat Quinn; the Township Engineer, Ted Rodman, P.E., and the Hardwick Township Clerk, Judith Fisher.

Under the provisions of the "Open Public Meetings Act", adequate notice of the meeting had been provided by publishing notice in The Express Times and The Star Gazette and by posting notices in the Hope Post Office and on the Township bulletin boards all on January 11, 2016 and January 15, 2016.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the business meeting on June 8, 2016; the executive session on June 8, 2016; the special meeting on June 22, 2016; and the executive session on June 22, 2016 were approved as circulated on a motion made by Koonz, seconded by Beatty. Committee polled: Beatty-yes; Koonz-yes; McDonough-yes.

Township Engineer's Report

Rodman prepared options for the governing body to consider for the repair/replacement of the salt shed that was damaged by a heavy snowfall on February 26, 2014. The Township submitted a claim to its insurance carrier, Selective Insurance, and a check in the amount of \$48,877.69 was received on July 28, 2014. When the work is complete, the Township must notify Selective Insurance in order to receive the Supplemental Claim of \$2,000.00.

A motion was made by Koonz, seconded by Beatty to approve "Option #3" of Rodman's July 8, 2016 memo. Three quotes will be obtained by Rodman's office for the construction of a simple pole building, metal roof, metal gables, and metal sides. Hope Township will demolish the existing salt shed and install interior walls, if that is desired. Committee polled: Beatty-yes; Koonz-yes; McDonough-yes.

Rodman reported that the new property owner of 36 Smith Street has done some landscaping of the property. The property owner put up a berm next to the Township's catch basin. There does not appear to be a water problem so far; however, if a problem develops, Hope Township is not responsible.

Beatty advised that the Rennspies property on Union Brick Road is being affected by water running off a property that is actually located in Blirstown.

Rodman left the meeting at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION, RE: PERSONNEL (Discussion with Acting Municipal Clerk, Judith Fisher)

A motion was made by Koonz, seconded by Beatty to approve the following Resolution. Committee polled: Beatty-yes; Koonz-yes; McDonough-yes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 allows for a public body to go into closed session during a public meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Hope has deemed it necessary to go into closed session to discuss certain matters which are exempted from the public,

WHEREAS, the regular meeting of this Committee will reconvene.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Hope will go into closed session for the following reason as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12: Personnel (discussion with Acting Municipal Clerk, Judith Fisher).

The executive session was concluded on a motion made by Koonz, seconded by Beatty. Committee polled: Beatty-yes; Koonz-yes; McDonough-yes.

Mrs. Fisher left the meeting at this time.

RECEIPTS

The receipts were noted by Koonz. The total receipts during June, 2016 were \$79,023.02.

BILLS

The bills were noted by Beatty. A motion was made by Beatty, seconded by McDonough to approve a voucher payable to the Hope Volunteer Fire Department in the amount of \$10,000.00. Committee polled: Beatty-yes; Koonz-abstain; McDonough-yes.

The remaining bills were ordered paid on a motion made by Koonz, seconded by Beatty. Committee polled: Beatty-yes; Koonz-yes; McDonough-yes. The total of all the bills (including the HVFD) was \$385,675.71.

REPORTS

Chief Financial Officer

A report of the available balances in the budget line item appropriations was submitted by the Chief Financial Officer. The Clerk noted that there are overexpenditures in the Municipal Court, Other Expenses and Public Buildings and Grounds, Other Expenses line items. Beatty asked for detail on both accounts for the next meeting.

Zoning Officer

No report submitted.

Warren County Health Department

Complaints:

The following complaints were investigated during June, 2016:

458 Delaware Road – Very bad odor. The complainant was asked to call when the odor is occurring. No calls were received in June.

119 Nightingale Road – Well drilled without a permit. (NJDEP ordered that it be sealed and a new well drilled.) NJDEP reported that they were told that the well driller planned on filing for a well permit to attempt to use the original well hole. No paperwork has been filed as of this report.

36 Smith Street – Septic system complaint. The property owner reported that he had a contractor investigate. He found a septic tank and seepage pit. He moved the gutter drain away from the septic system area. A reinspection is scheduled.

81 Ridgeway Avenue – NJDEP referred a complaint concerning a leaking septic system. An inspection was conducted. No evidence of malfunction was detected. NJDEP was notified. File closed.

Route 80 West, Exit 12 – Warren County Communications requested a response to a tractor trailer leaking diesel fuel. Upon response the leak was stopped. No fuel was observed in the storm drains or outfalls. The NJDOT was called to spread sand over the leaked fuel. No further action was needed. File closed.

Food Establishment: St. John the Baptist Facility was inspected and received a satisfactory rating.

Rabies: Exposures to two bats were reported. One bat was released. The other was transported to the NJDOH lab for rabies testing. The bat was too damaged for testing. All people who were possible exposed to the bats are receiving rabies post-exposure shots. Rabies booster shots and 45-day observation were recommended to the three dogs who were in the area of one of the bats.

Kennels – No activity.

Recreational Bathing – Hope Conference Center Pool, Land of Make Believe Pool and Wade, Land of Make Believe Blackbeard's River and Land of Make Believe Pirates Peak and Splash Down were inspected and received satisfactory ratings.

Youth Camps – No activity.

Campgrounds – No activity.

Septics/Wells: One septic repair application was approved.

Road Department

The Public Works Foreman submits weekly reports which are available for review in the Clerk's office during normal business hours.

Fire Department

No report submitted.

Blairstown Ambulance Corp

No report submitted.

Tax Assessor

No report submitted.

Tax Collector

Report unavailable at meeting time.

Construction Code Official

Report unavailable at meeting time.

Mayor McDonough

Nothing to report.

Deputy Mayor Beatty

Nothing to report.

Committeeman Koonz

Nothing to report.

CORRESPONDENCE

The following communications were received during the month:

1. Joshua F. McMahon, Esq. Re: Letter praising the Municipal Court Administrator, Kathryn Eger, for her professionalism, courtesy and competence regarding his interactions with her on behalf of his client. A copy was given to Ms. Eger and the Municipal Court Judge, William Mennen.
2. Richard Coates, a resident of Hope. Re: Notice regarding his application before the Hope Zoning Board of Adjustment on July 7, 2016 at 7:30 P.M.
3. Municipal Court of North Warren at Hope. Re: May, 2016 Municipal Court Disbursements. A copy was given to the Chief Financial Officer.

4. Mary Pat Quinn, Municipal Clerk. Re: Notice of retirement effective August 1, 2016.
5. Linda Gabel, Deputy Municipal Clerk. Re: Notice of resignation effective July 22, 2016.
6. Warren County Dept. of Human Services, Division of Administration. Re: Notice of public hearing regarding 2017 Casino Revenue Grant and Job Access Reverse Commute Shuttle Route Changes. A copy was given to the Over 55 Club of Hope.
7. Tomasz Keszy, a resident of Hope Township. Re: Letter of concern about the speeding on Honey Run Road, request for a Hidden Driveway Sign, and request to authorize Mr. Keszy to purchase and install a mirror to be placed across from his driveway. A copy was given to the Township Engineer. He has the matter under review.
8. Brian R. Tipton, Esq., White Township Attorney. Re: Notice that White Township will withdraw as a member municipality from the Municipal Court of North Warren at Hope.
9. N.J. Society of Municipal Engineers. Re: Notice of 2016 Municipal Engineering Project of the Year Award Program. Request for nominations.
10. Jersey Central Power and Light. Re: Notice of annual filing with respect to the Non-Utility Generation Charge Clause of JCP&L Filed Tariff.
11. N.J. Dept. of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Coastal and Land Use Compliance and Enforcement, Highlands Office to Jose Cerqueira. Re: Notice that the land owner's activities require a permit from NJDEP (Block 4000, Lot 106). A copy was given to the Zoning Officer and the Construction Code Official.
12. N.J. State League of Municipalities. Re: June 2016 Newsletter.

APPOINTMENTS

APPOINT ACTING MUNICIPAL CLERK – JUDITH FISHER

A motion was made by Koonz, seconded by Beatty to appoint Judith Fisher as the Acting Municipal Clerk (part-time) and the Registrar of Vital Statistics through December 31, 2016. Her office hours will be Monday and Friday from 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., and Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 2:30 to 4:00 P.M. The annual salary is \$45,000.00 pro-rated to her start date, July 15, 2016. Committee polled: Beatty-yes; Koonz-yes; McDonough-yes.

The following vacancies were noted: two vacancies on the Agriculture Advisory Committee (terms expire 12/31/16) and Alternate #2 on the Historic Preservation Commission.

OLD BUSINESS

Status of Sanitary Landfill

No change in status.

Status of Purchase of Development Rights on Almeida (former Scorp) Farm

The Clerk reported that the professional service contract has been mailed to the appraiser.

Status of Recreation Program Policies and Procedure Manual

Beatty reported that he had a meeting with the baseball/softball coaches and Kim Tighe, the Baseball/Softball Director, and they had some suggestions for insertion in the manual. He will forward those to the Clerk and review them with the governing body at the next business meeting.

Status of Wastewater Management Plan Grant Search

McDonough is continuing discussions with the NJDEP to ascertain the availability of grants for the preparation of a Wastewater Management Plan.

Status of Zoning Officer's Recommendation-Zoning Permit Fee Schedule

This matter is still before the Planning Board for its consideration.

Public Hearing/ Adoption of Ordinance #16-06, Amend Salary Ordinance

The public hearing was opened on a motion made by Koonz, seconded by Beatty. Committee polled: Beatty-yes; Koonz-yes; McDonough-yes.

ORDINANCE #16-06

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AN ORDINANCE FIXING AND DETERMINING THE SALARIES, WAGES OR COMPENSATION TO BE PAID AND BENEFITS TO BE PROVIDED TO THE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPE, COUNTY OF WARREN, NEW JERSEY FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2016

WHEREAS, the Hope Township Committee adopted the 2016 Salary Ordinance on June 1, 2016 after a public hearing; and

WHEREAS, further consideration was required for the positions of Municipal Court Judge and Laborer – Summer Help;

NOW, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hope in the County of Warren, New Jersey that the following salaries shall be established and retroactive to June 1, 2016:

AA. Municipal Court Judge	\$27,500.00
GG. Laborer	
Level I	\$18.03/ hour
Level II (Summer Help)	\$12.50/ hour

There were no questions or comments from the public. The public hearing was closed on a motion made by Koonz, seconded by Beatty. Committee polled: Beatty-yes; Koonz-yes; McDonough-yes.

Ordinance #16-06 was adopted on a motion made by Koonz, seconded by Beatty. Committee polled: Beatty-yes; Koonz-yes; McDonough-yes.

Resolution #16-43, Professional Service – The Land Conservancy of New Jersey

The following Resolution was adopted on a motion made by Koonz, seconded by Beatty. Committee polled: Beatty-yes; Koonz-yes; McDonough-yes.

RESOLUTION #16-43
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RESOLUTION
OPEN SPACE AND FARMLAND PRESERVATION SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Township of Hope has the need to engage the services of Open Space and Farmland Preservation Advisors; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, et seq.) requires that the Resolution Authorizing the award of contracts for “Professional Services” without competitive bids and the contract itself must be available for public inspection; and

WHEREAS, The Land Conservancy of New Jersey with offices located at 19 Boonton Avenue, Boonton, N.J. 07005 has submitted a proposal to perform this service; and

WHEREAS, The Land Conservancy of New Jersey has agreed to incorporate into this contract the Mandatory Equal Employment Opportunity Language set forth in N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq., N.J.A.C. 17:27; and

WHEREAS, the parties to this contract agree to incorporate into this contract the Mandatory Equal Employment Opportunity Language set forth in N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq., N.J.A.C. 17-27;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hope, County of Warren, as follows:

The Mayor and Clerk of the Township of Hope are hereby authorized and directed to execute the contract, which shall act as the authority and agreement between the Township of Hope and The Land Conservancy of New Jersey.

The services to be rendered by The Land Conservancy of New Jersey shall be for the sole purpose of preparing grant applications as required by the State Agriculture Development Committee for the preservation of farmland, and the amount of the contract for these services is \$10,000.00.

This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Municipal Clerk is hereby directed to publish a notice of this action in The Star Gazette, the official newspaper of the Township of Hope.

Resolution #16-44, Renew Membership Agreement w/Morris County Coop. Pricing Council

The following Resolution was adopted on a motion made by Koonz, seconded Beatty. Committee polled: Beatty-yes; Koonz-yes; McDonough-yes.

RESOLUTION #16-44

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE MORRIS COUNTY COOPERATIVE PRICING COUNCIL TO RENEW MEMBERSHIP THEREIN FOR THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2016 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

WHEREAS, the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council ("MCCPC") was created in 1974 to conduct a voluntary cooperative pricing system with municipalities, boards of education, and other public bodies located in the County of Morris and adjoining counties; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the MCCPC is to provide substantial savings on various goods and services to its members through the cooperative public bidding process; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Hope in the County of Warren desires to enter into an Agreement with the MCCPC, which is administered by Randolph Township as Lead Agency to renew its membership in the MCCPC for the period October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2021.

BE IT RESOLVED, but the Township Committee of the Township of Hope in the County of Warren, New Jersey as follows:

1. The Township Committee of the Township of Hope hereby authorizes the execution of an Agreement with the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council by the Township of Randolph as Lead Agency dated October 1, 2016 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5). Said Agreement is for renewal of membership in the MCCPC for a five (5) year period from October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2021.
2. The Municipal Clerk of the Township of Hope is hereby directed to submit a copy of this adopted Resolution, along with an executed Agreement to Randolph Township as Lead Agency of the MCCPC.
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon final passage according to law.
4. All appropriate Hope Township officials are authorized and directed to perform all required acts to affect the purpose of this Resolution

Resolution #16-45, Change Signators on Hope Township Bank Accounts

The following Resolution was adopted on a motion made by Koonz, seconded by Beatty.
Committee polled: Beatty-yes; Koonz-yes; McDonough-yes.

RESOLUTION #16-45

RESOLUTION OF THE HOPE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE AUTHORIZING A CHANGE IN SIGNATORS ON THE HOPE TOWNSHIP BANK ACCOUNTS, SAFE DEPOSIT BOX, ON-LINE BANKING, AND REMOTE DEPOSIT ACCESS

WHEREAS, the Municipal Clerk, Mary Pat Quinn, and the Deputy Municipal Clerk, Linda Gabel, are authorized by Hope Township to execute certain financial documents related to the banking activity with its depository, the First Hope Bank; and

WHEREAS, Mary Pat Quinn and Linda Gabel will resign their respective positions on Friday, July 22, 2016; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hope in the County of Warren, New Jersey that the First Hope Bank is authorized and directed to remove Mary Pat Quinn and Linda Gabel as authorized signers on the following accounts, safe deposit box, or other financial access effective July 22, 2016:

- 1) Bank Accounts – General Account #0524115, Payroll Account #0524123, Dog Account #0018864, Planning Board Escrow Account #0018848, Board of Adjustment Escrow Account #0018856, Recreation Trust Fund Account #0534714, Public Defender Account #0596698, Developer Fee Account #0862959, Public Events Trust Fund Account #0863181, Capital Account #0863173.
- 2) Safe Deposit Box #132.
- 3) Remote Deposit Access.
- 4) On-line Banking Portal (Quinn only).

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Municipal Clerk is hereby directed to provide a certified copy of this action to the First Hope Bank and the Hope Township Chief Financial Officer.

Resolution #16-46, Professional Service for Malon Farm Survey, Block 1100, Lot 1900

The following Resolution was adopted on a motion made by Koonz, seconded Beatty.
Committee polled: Beatty-yes; Koonz-yes; McDonough-yes.

#2016-46

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT FOR THE PREPARATION OF A SURVEY TO SADC STANDARDS OF PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 1100 , LOT 1900 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPE

WHEREAS, there exists a need for survey services to be rendered to the Township of Hope in preparation for acquisition of a Farmland Easement on certain real property located within the Township of Hope; and

WHEREAS, funds are available for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, the survey must be completed in accordance with the specifications of the State Agriculture Development Committee; and

WHEREAS, The Township wishes to retain the services of Laura Brill Associates, in accordance with its proposal letter dated June 24, 2016, and;

WHEREAS, the Committee wishes to award a contract in an amount not to exceed \$6,500.00 for Laura Brill Associates, and the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available for this purpose;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hope in the County of Warren and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The Township of Hope hereby awards and authorizes Laura Brill Associates to complete a survey of the above-referenced property in accordance with SADC standards, for an amount not to exceed \$6,500.00.
2. The Township Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish a copy of this resolution in the Township's official newspaper and to provide a copy of this resolution to the Chief Financial Officer and The Land Conservancy of New Jersey.

Resolution #16-47, Professional Service for Title Search Report & Title Insurance Commitment/Malon

The following Resolution was adopted on a motion made by Koonz, seconded by Beatty. Committee polled: Beatty-yes; Koonz-yes; McDonough-yes.

#2016-47

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT FOR THE PREPARATION OF A TITLE SEARCH REPORT AND TITLE INSURANCE COMMITMENT FOR PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 1100, LOT 1900, IN THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPE

WHEREAS, there exists a need for title services to be rendered to the Township of Hope in the possible acquisition of a Farmland Easement on certain real property located within the Township of Hope; and

WHEREAS, funds are available for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, the title report and commitment must be completed in accordance with the specifications of the State Agriculture Development Committee; and

WHEREAS, The Township wishes to retain the services of Title Lines, in accordance with its proposal letter dated June 21, 2016, and;

WHEREAS, the Committee wishes to award a contract in an amount not to exceed \$936.00 for Title Lines, and the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available for this purpose;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hope in the County of Warren and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The Township of Hope hereby awards and authorizes Title Lines to perform title services on the above-referenced property in accordance with SADC standards, for an amount not to exceed \$936.00.
2. The Township Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish a copy of this resolution in the Township's official newspaper and to provide a copy of this resolution to the Chief Financial Officer and The Land Conservancy of New Jersey.

Resolution #2016-48, Authorize Participation in Acquisition of Malon Farm Development Rights

The following Resolution was adopted on a motion made by Koonz, seconded by Beatty. Committee polled: Beatty-yes; Koonz-yes; McDonough-yes.

#2016-48

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING HOPE TOWNSHIP TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ACQUISITION OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS OF MALON FARM KNOWN AS BLOCK 1100, LOT 1900 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPE

WHEREAS, property owned by Gabriele, Greg, Andrea, Howard, Nicole, & Matt Malon, known on the official tax map of Hope Township (the "Township") as Block 1100, Lot 1900 ("the Property"), consisting of approximately 65.95 acres, was designated as a property to be protected under the Township Farmland Preservation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the State Agricultural Development Committee has certified the fair market value of said farm; and

WHEREAS, the owner of the Property are willing to sell their development rights to the Township and County; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey, Department of Agriculture, State Agriculture Development Committee (SADC), provided Hope township with a grant under the Municipal Planning Incentive Grant (Muni PIG) Program to purchase development rights on active farms within the Township; and

WHEREAS, two fair market appraisals were obtained by the Township to establish the value of the development rights on this property; and

WHEREAS, the SADC certified a market value of \$4,500 per acre for the development rights; and

WHEREAS, the Property will include one (1), 2.15 acre non-severable exception area; which will contain a single family residence with septic; so the net easement acres anticipated are 63.80; and

WHEREAS, the Township and landowner have agreed to a purchase price of \$4,500 per acre for the development rights on the Property, or a total of approximately \$287,100.00, the exact compensation to be determined by a final survey; and

WHEREAS, the SADC will provide a grant through the Muni PIG program in the amount of \$3,100 per acre, or a total of approximately \$197,780 for the development rights; and

WHEREAS, the County of Warren will provide a grant in the amount of approximately \$700.00 per acre for the development rights, for a total of approximately \$44,660 and will handle the closing of the easement and will own the easement; and

WHEREAS, contingent upon the aforementioned grants from SADC and the County of Warren being made available for the acquisition, the remaining funds for the purchase of the development rights are available in, and will be paid from the Hope Township Open Space Trust; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hope, County of Warren, State of New Jersey that it hereby authorized participation in the purchase of the development rights for the Property, as follows:

- 1) The Township authorizes up to \$44,660, the precise amount to be determined after completion of the survey to be paid from the Township's Open Space Trust.
- 2) The above being contingent on grants from the County of Warren and The State of New Jersey through the Municipal PIG Program to cover the balance of funds needed to purchase the development rights.
- 3) Due diligence for the acquisition will be completed by the Township with the assistance of The Land Conservancy of New Jersey. It is anticipated that the cost of due diligence will be funded from the Township's Open Space Trust Fund, and authorized under a separate resolution. It is anticipated that 50% of the cost of due diligence will be reimbursed by SADC from the Township Municipal PIG grant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hope that it hereby authorized the Municipal Clerk, Township Attorney and The Land Conservancy of New Jersey to take all action necessary and appropriate to effectuate the intent and purpose of this resolution.

Resolution #16-49, Cancel TSC #2016-001

The following Resolution was adopted on a motion made by Koonz, seconded by Beatty. Committee polled: Beatty-yes; Koonz-yes; McDonough-yes.

RESOLUTION #16-49

RESOLUTION CANCELING TAX SALE CERTIFICATE #2016-001

WHEREAS, the property of Robert Revello known as Block 100, Lot 103, located at 1002 Bridgeville Road, had unpaid 2015 property taxes and was sold at Tax Sale on February 4, 2016 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 \$939.94. The

amount consists of unpaid 2015 property taxes, interest, and other costs, and is represented by Tax Sale Certificate 2016-001; and

WHEREAS, Robert Revello, paid \$1,916.33 on July 12, 2016 to redeem the said Lien 2016-001 together with accrued interest, other charges, and delinquent taxes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township Committee of the Township of Hope on this 13th day of July 2016 that the Mayor of the Township of Hope be authorized to sign Tax Sale Certificate 2016-001 as being satisfied; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tax Collector return the executed satisfied Tax Sale Certificate to Robert Revello located at 10 Salmon Road in Landing, NJ 07850.

Memo from Hope Environmental Commission, re: Project Medicine Drop at the Township Picnic

A memo dated July 12, 2016 from the Hope Environmental Commission was acknowledged and discussed. The governing body approved the Warren County Sheriff's Office "Project Medicine Drop" to be held at the Annual Hope Township Family Picnic on September 24, 2016.

Memo from Hope Historic Preservation Commission, re: Use of Distillery for August 8, 2016 Meeting

The Historic Preservation Commission requested the use of the Hope Moravian Distillery for its next meeting on Monday, August 8, 2016 7:30 P.M. The use was approved by the governing body, and the Public Works Foreman will be asked to move a couple of table and chairs to the building for the meeting.

Review and Update Personnel Policy

The governing body will review and revise the existing Personnel Policy, revision date January, 1995. The matter is under advisement until the next business meeting, August 10, 2016.

Miscellaneous

The governing body will hold a special meeting on Tuesday, July 19, 2016 at 6:00 P.M. for the purpose of interviewing candidates for the full-time Deputy Municipal Clerk/Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics position.

Public

During the public portion of the meeting, Chris Rusin, a resident of Hope, read the following letter dated July 13, 2016 in to the record and requested that it be recorded for perpetuity in the official minutes.

"Municipal Clerk, Mary Pat Quinn, has been the anchor in the town of Hope for the past 29 years. Her dealings with the public, governing body, State of New Jersey, and outside entities have made her the "hub of the wheel" in the public communication process.

As the position of clerk is one of the oldest in local government dating to biblical times, it has been written that when a conflict arose between the people and the missionary Paul and his followers, the town clerk quieted the crowd and prevented a riot.

Although no riots have ensued during her tenure, Mary Pat has dealt with a wide variety of information requests which have required tact, judgment, empathy, organizational skills, energy, and a good sense of humor. She has always performed above and beyond her duties and pay grade.

Mary Pat has been much more than a custodian of records. Her highest standards of integrity, fairness, impartiality, and professional conduct have made her well liked and well respected.

She has provided a true public service to the citizens of Hope.

Although her competence and personable nature will be hard to replace, it is her dedication and love for the community which cannot be replicated.

Mary Pat Quinn has made the Township of Hope, a truly better place.

Christine L. Rusin, Hope Resident

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P.M. on a motion made by Koonz, seconded by Beatty. The motion was carried.

Respectfully submitted:

Mary Pat Quinn
Municipal Clerk