

January 25, 2017

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 George Beatty, and Committeeman Christopher John Kruk. 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 Express Times and The New Jersey Herald and by posting notices in the Hope Post Office and on the Township bulletin boards.

Payment of the Bills: \$492,935.85

Motion was made by Mr. Beatty, seconded by Mr. Kruk and carried to pay the bill of January 25, 2017. The check to Hope Township Board of Education, debt service payment will be approved but held for an explanation and then released.

Roll Call Vote:

Committeeman Kruk - yes, Committeeman Beatty, Mayor McDonough - yes

Mr. Rodman, Township Engineer spoke about the rock wall in front of the church. It was suggested that they go through the Warren County Charitable Trust by applying for a grant. There are requirements that they need to meet. They must be on the Historic Registry and the owner must make the application. After a brief discussion, it was suggested that Mr. Rodman work with Freeholder Ed Smith for making the application to the WC Charitable Trust.

Mr. Kruk motioned to authorize Ted Rodman to work with Freeholder Smith to help the Church in making their application for the WC Charitable Trust for the grant to help repair the rock wall, seconded by Mr. Beatty. Motion carried by a voice vote.

Ms. Patti Whitmore, Events Coordinator was present to talk about all the events she coordinated and held in 2016. She also reminded the Committee that it will be the 40th anniversary this year for the Christmas Craft Fair. Ms. Whitmore reviewed her handout with the Committee, which included ads, sponsored ads and donations. The Committee thanked her for all her hard work and successful events.

Executive Session: Personnel

A motion was made by Committeeman Kruk, seconded by Committeeman Beatty and carried to adopt the Resolution to go into Closed Session at 7:18PM.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meeting Act, Chapter 231, P. L. 1975 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting under certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist.

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

1. The public shall be excluded from that portion of this meeting
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:

Personnel

As nearly as can be ascertained, the matter or matters to be discussed at this time will be disclosed to the public when such matters are resolved.

Time In: 7:18PM

Present: Committeeman Kruk, Committeeman Beatty and Committeeman McDonough

Also Present: Township Clerk Judith Fisher

Time Out: 7:32PM

A motion made by Committeeman Kruk, seconded by Committeeman Beatty and carried to return to regular session.

No official action was taken by the Committee at this time. Copies of the minutes will be made available at such time as the Committee determines that there is no harm to the public interest.

RESOLUTIONS:

A motion made by Mr. Kruk, seconded by Mr. Beatty and carried to approve and adopted Resolution 2017-19

2017-19 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

- 2017-001 Arcade, Certificate # 2000
- 2017-002 Gobble-Up Game, Certificate #1016
- 2017-003 Duck Pond, Certificate #3001
- 2017-004 Basketball Game, Certificate # 1003
- 2017-005 Top Glo Game, Certificate # 4023
- 2017-006 Dog Pound, Certificate # 4044
- 2017-007 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 Vote:

Committeeman Kruk - yes, Committeeman Beatty, Mayor McDonough - yes

OLD BUSINESS:

Status: Sanitary Landfill – No report.

Status: Wastewater Management Plan – Grant Search – No report.

Status: Draft Housing Element and Fair Share Plan – No Report

Status: Replacement Windows – Community Center – No Report.

Status: Repairs to the Rock Wall in the Historic District – Discussed.

Status: Empire Telecom: Proposed Cell Tower on Municipal Property, Discussed, waiting for report

Status: Salt Shed Discussion – Discussed.

Status: Stormwater Management – Discussed.

Status: Repairs to Rock Wall Historic District - Discussed

Referendum to change use of Open Space Funds - Attorney is working on ordinance

Review Personnel Policy: Update/Special Meeting in 2017 (After Budget Adoption)

NEW BUSINESS:

Verizon Wireless: Request for consent to use public right-of-way for small network nodes
Discussed and waiting for response from Township Attorney, Michael Selvaggi

Warren County Mosquito Control Commission: Authorization to perform aerial application of pesticides
The Clerk will forward this information on to the Environmental Commission for their response.

Professional Services Contract for 2017: Municipal Engineer, Ted Rodman Executive Session

Public Participation: This portion of the meeting was opened to the public for any questions or concerns.
There being none, this portion of the meeting was closed.

Approval of Minutes:

October 12, 2016, October 26, 2016, November 09. 2016, November 9, 2016, Executive Session
And November 22, 2016

Seeing there was no other business for tonight, this meeting of the Hope Township Committee was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. on a **motion** made by Committeeman Kruk, seconded by Committeeman Beatty. Motion carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith M. Fisher, RMC
Municipal Clerk