

HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

April 28, 2011

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Sunshine Statement:

In compliance with the 'Open Public Meetings Law' the Regular Meeting was duly advertised by an annual notice sent to the News of Cumberland County and the Press of Atlantic City, on January 11, 2011. Notices were placed on the Municipal Office bulletin board on the same date.

Officials Present: Hankins, Freitag, Shoemaker. Officials Absent: Facemyer, Ritter. Others Present: Sol. T. Henry Ritter, Sol. Matthew Ritter, Clerk E. Daddario, Treasurer Lois Buttner. Others: Tom Tedesco and Planning Board Member Alfred Caggiano, Jr.

Mayor Hankins requested a **MOMENT OF SILENCE** for Hopewell Crest School Teacher, **Christina Hemighaus**, who recently lost her life in a tragic automobile accident.

Shoemaker, seconded by Freitag, moved for **Approval of Minutes** of 4/11/11 Regular Meeting. Approved (3-0).

Shoemaker, seconded by Freitag, moved to approve the **Treasurers Report** of 4/28/11 as submitted. Approved (3-0).

DEPARTMENT & COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administrator reported that Broadley's Heating/Air Conditioning conducted an on-site visit for the Municipal Building Direct Install Grant Project. Measurements and specifications were taken for replacement of the existing heater and two roof top air conditioners. **Clerk** announced the April 27th School Board Election results (Ronald Campbell, Kristi Schoppe and Michael Gaimari were elected to the Hopewell Crest Board of Education and the school budget passed 181 – 73), The April 26th Liquor License Bid Opening resulted in the only qualified bidder, BNM Management LLC, submitting a bid of \$150,000.00. **Dog Registrar** reported 538 Dogs registered as of 4/28/11. Final late notices for unregistered dogs will be sent as soon as possible. **Economic Development:** The sub-division application for Block 63, Lot 1, in the Hopewell Township Business Park was granted final approval at the April 20th meeting of the Planning Board. **Fire Department:** DEP special use permit has been granted to the Hopewell/Stow Creek Fire Company and the Fortescue Fire Company to conduct a search and rescue drill on Elk Lake effective from April 25th-29th. **Planning and Zoning Boards:** The 1st quarter zoning permit report was submitted. DCA certification has been received for the successful completion of the basic course in Land Use Development by D. David Wilson, Jr. and Leslie Daddario. **Senior Center:** Hopewell Township will be hosting the May 2nd meeting of the Cumberland County Clerk's Association at the center.

A bill list dated 4/28/11 prepared by Treasurer Buttner was provided. Shoemaker, seconded by Freitag, motion for **Approval of bills** totaling **\$412,692.53** on the prepared list (Including Payroll) was approved 3-0.

The Mayor asked if there were any questions or comments and opened the meeting to **PUBLIC COMMENTS**. There being no public comment, at 7:11pm, Shoemaker, seconded by Freitag, moved the meeting to **OLD BUSINESS**.

OLD BUSINESS:

DEP Wastewater Management Plan: Shoemaker will arrange a meeting with DEP Officials, Bill Purdy and Rick Brown, along with Township Planner, Phil Caton to discuss the importance of inclusion of several Hopewell Township land areas currently proposed to be removed from the Cumberland County Draft Sewer Service Area (SSA) Map.

Carol Brooks has offered a very extensive collection of local **Indian Arrowheads** for display in township public buildings. It represents decades of collecting by her deceased husband and Former Mayor of Hopewell Township, Leroy Brooks.

Shoemaker, seconded by Freitag, moved to accept Mrs. Brooks' gracious offer and to prepare the **Indian Arrowhead Collection** for display. (Approved 3-0)

NEW BUSINESS

The following ordinance was approved upon introduction:

**TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
ORDINANCE No. 11-05**

**ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH
TOWNSHIP OF ALLOWAY AND TOWNSHIP OF UPPER DEERFIELD
REGARDING BOSTWICK LAKE COMMISSION**

WHEREAS, the Township of Upper Deerfield, the Township of Alloway, and the Township of Hopewell have formed an entity known as the Bostwick Lake Commission which owns Bostwick Lake and the area immediately adjacent thereto; and

WHEREAS, the property has been operated as a public park along with related; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell is desirous of authorizing the execution of the aforesaid agreement;

WHEREAS, the statutory authority pursuant to which the Bostwick Lake Commission has previously operated has been repealed; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Hopewell along with the Townships of Alloway and Upper Deerfield are desirous of creating a new Bostwick Lake Commission pursuant to existing statutory authority; and

WHEREAS, the agreement has been drafted and circulated and the governing body of the Township of Hopewell is desirous of approving the same;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell that an agreement between the Township of Upper Deerfield, the Township of Hopewell, and the Township of Alloway regarding the Bostwick Commission, the form of which is hereby approved and made a part hereof, is hereby ratified and adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township

of Hopewell that the Mayor and Clerk be and are hereby authorized to execute the agreement on behalf of the Township of Hopewell.

Motion By: Freitag

Second by: Shoemaker

Roll Call Vote:

Hankins: Aye Facemyer: Absent Freitag: Aye Ritter: Absent Shoemaker: Aye

The following resolution was approved:

HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION No.11-30

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A
BID PROPOSAL FOR THE ISSUANCE OF ONE NEW
PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE**

WHEREAS, the Township of Hopewell has the authority to issue a new Plenary Retail Consumption License for the sale of alcoholic beverages pursuant to N.J.S.A. 33:1-12.14; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee determined that it was in the best interest of the Township of Hopewell to conduct a public sale on one Plenary Retail Consumption License to the highest qualified bidder; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 33:1-19 et seq. permits the governing body to prescribe qualifications for prospective bidders; to fix a minimum bid; and to set conditions of the sale; and

WHEREAS, the announcement of qualified bidders was made on April 19, 2011; and

WHEREAS, BNM Management, LLC has been determined to be qualified as a bidder; and

WHEREAS, the minimum bid for said Plenary Retail Consumption License was established as \$150,000; and

WHEREAS, on April 26, 2011 the sealed proposal of BNM Management, LLC was opened and read aloud; and

WHEREAS, the bid proposal in the amount of \$150,000 from BNM Management, LLC, 610 Shiloh Pike, Hopewell Township, New Jersey, meets the minimum established and is the highest bid received.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell as follows:

1. That the Bid Proposal submitted by BNM Management, LLC, 610 Shiloh Pike, Hopewell Township, New Jersey, 08302, be and is hereby accepted.

2. The Township Clerk is directed to process the Plenary Retail Consumption License Application in accordance with law and that a final determination and recommendation shall be made upon completion of the application process.

Motion: Shoemaker

Second: Freitag

Hankins: Aye Facemyer: Absent Freitag: Aye Ritter: Absent Shoemaker: Aye

CDC: Mayor Hankins reported on the April 25th meeting of the Regional Shared Services Committee. An interim report was distributed to the participating municipalities for review and discussion.

CORRESPONDENCE & NOTES & FILINGS include: **Exel Family** Thank you card to Public Works Department for road repair, **Upper Deerfield Township** notice of public hearing to amend the zoning map, notice of public hearing to adopt a codification and revision of ordinances, **Cumberland County Utilities Authority** agenda for April 21st meeting, **Bridgeton Area Chamber of Commerce** 17th Annual Golf Tournament (May 11th, Centerton Golf Course), Notice of annual election and nominations, **GovConnect** New Items, **DCA** Pension and Benefits Update, **NJLM** Invitation to the 2011 New Jersey Governor's Conference for Women.

There being no further business Freitag, seconded by Shoemaker, motion to **ADJOURN** was approved by all. Mayor Hankins adjourned the meeting at 7:35 pm.

Eugene Daddario, Municipal Clerk