

**HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**  
October 14, 2010

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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, the Press of Atlantic City, and WSNJ on January 15, 2010. Notices were placed on the Municipal Office bulletin board on the same date.

Officials Present: Hankins, Facemyer, Freitag, Shoemaker, Ritter. Others Present: Sol. Matthew Ritter, Clerk E. Daddario, Treasurer Lois Buttner. Others: Judy Henry, Dianne Bosco, Bruce Cobb, Tom Tedesco, Greg Adomaitis from The News and Planning Board Member Alfred Caggiano, Jr.

Facemyer, seconded by Freitag, moved for **Approval of Minutes** of 9/23/10 Regular Meeting. Approved (5-0).

Facemyer, seconded by Freitag, moved for **Approval of Minutes** of 9/23/10 Closed Executive Session Meeting. Approved (5-0).

**DEPARTMENT & COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Administrator** noted that application has been filed for an Energy Direct Install Grant for the Municipal Building heater replacement through South Jersey Energy Service Plus. The HVAC equipment was inspected on October 8<sup>th</sup> and a lighting audit was conducted on October 12<sup>th</sup>. **Clerk** reported a transfer of 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter revenues to the township treasurer 10/08/10 (\$368.61). **Construction Dept.** submitted the September Permit Report (\$3,565.00). **Dog Registrar** reported 529 licenses issued as of 10/14/10. **Convenience Center:** 1310 Permits have been issued as of 10/14/10. Operating Guidelines for the Hopewell/Greenwich Convenience Center have been distributed and are posted on the Hopewell Township website. **Engineer:** Work on transportation construction projects resumed on Tuesday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, after a one-day funding related work stoppage. **Planning and Zoning Boards:** Minutes of the September 15<sup>th</sup> Planning Board Meeting were distributed. The October 7<sup>th</sup> Zoning Board meeting was cancelled. **Tax & Sewer Collector** submitted the September Cash Book Report (\$138,637.46 incl. interest and \$22,714.11 sewer). **Senior Center:** Brenda Priem is being added to substitute list.

A bill list dated 10/14/10 prepared by Treasurer Buttner was provided. Ritter, seconded by Facemyer, motion for **Approval of bills** totaling **\$60,305.54** on the prepared list (Including Payroll) was approved 5-0.

The Mayor asked if there were any questions or comments and opened the meeting to **PUBLIC COMMENTS**. Judy Henry, who resides at 46 Beebe Run Road, spoke about the excessive speed that motorists travel in the stretch of road between Sewall Road and Mary Elmer Lake. Beebe Run Road is a county road, therefore, the Hopewell Township Public Works Director will be directed to visit the site and make any appropriate recommendations to the Cumberland County Department of Public Works. Mrs. Henry was also assured that the New Jersey State Police would be notified about her concerns. Bruce Cobb questioned the status of the Bostwick Lake Commission and its pending reorganization. This was an item of discussion further on in the agenda. Dianne Bosco stated that the drainage issue on Dutch Neck Road, discussed at previous Township Committee Meetings, has yet to be addressed. She was advised that the Cumberland County Public Works Department has scheduled work on this county drainage easement and will begin when drier ground conditions exist. There being no further public comment, at 7:40pm, Facemyer, seconded by Ritter, moved the meeting to **OLD BUSINESS**.

**COAH:** Shoemaker referred to a New Jersey League of Municipalities notice regarding the New Jersey Court Appellate Division decision to invalidate portions of COAH regulations. He suggested that the Township Committee draft a letter of recommendations to be considered for future Affordable Housing legislation.

**Sewer Upgrade Project:** The Public Works Department reported successful, continued operation at all pump stations during a recent power outage on September 30<sup>th</sup>. All back-up generators activated as per design. A project wrap-up meeting with representatives from Willier Electric Motors, Hopewell Public Works and the Cumberland County Utilities Authority is scheduled for October 21<sup>st</sup>.

Shoemaker reported on a September 27<sup>th</sup> meeting outlining a proposed countywide **Renewable Energy Program**. The program will permit municipalities to partner with the Cumberland County Improvement Authority on various “green” projects. The clerk was instructed to submit the initial feasibility survey by the October 15<sup>th</sup> deadline.

After discussion relating to the reorganization the **Bostwick Lake Commission**, the Township Committee recommended a commission of 7 members (4 from Upper Deerfield Township, 2 from Hopewell Township and 1 from Alloway Township). This would closely reflect population figures expected from the 2010 census. The Committee felt that financial obligations for related funding should also be tied to census figures. Also discussed were provisions for enhanced communication between the newly formed commission and the governing bodies to be included in the bylaws.

Mayor Hankins received a letter from the New Jersey DEP regarding the installation of flashing warning beacons at **NJ Route 49 and Old Cohansey Road**. The state is requesting written commitment from the township to participate in a cost sharing arrangement for energy costs. The letter was referred to the Township Engineer for review and recommendation.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

The following proclamation was approved by all:

**TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL  
CUMBERLAND COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**  
**Proclamation**  
**HONORING**  
**RABBIT HILL FARMS**  
**RECIPIENT OF THE BRIDGETON AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**  
**“SALUTE TO BUSINESS” AGRICULTURE AWARD**

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the Township of Hopewell Township to pay special tribute to and honor **RABBIT HILL FARMS**, who has been chosen to receive the Bridgeton Area Chamber of Commerce “Salute to Business” Agriculture Award.

**WHEREAS**, **RABBIT HILL FARMS** has received this award for being a successful farming family who is respected in the community for their quality crops and sod.

**WHEREAS**, **RABBIT HILL FARMS** is being honored for their dedication and hard work as farmers by receiving the Agriculture Award.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by Hopewell Township, Cumberland County, in the State of New Jersey, **RABBIT HILL FARMS** is hereby commended for their accomplishment for being the recipient of The Agriculture Award.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the Mayor and Committeepersons have caused the present to be executed and the seal of the Township of Hopewell be affixed this  
19<sup>th</sup> day of October 2010

Ritter, seconded by Freitag, motion to approve a **Clean Communities Application** submitted by the Hopewell Crest School Athletic Boosters Club for one Clean-up Date was approved by all.

The following resolutions were approved:

**Resolution No. 10-55**  
**To Permit the Temporary Placement of a Mobile Home**

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell does allow the temporary placement of a Mobile Home in the event of an emergency need; and

**WHEREAS**, Matthew and Marian Clark, Hopewell Township residents at 368Harmony Road, have experienced damage to their home rendering it un-inhabitable. A request has been made to place a temporary mobile home on the property while repairs are being made and they have been apprised of the necessary requirements, including permits, fees, and all approvals; and

**WHEREAS**, approval will be given by the Construction Official of the Township prior to placement of the before mentioned Mobile Home; and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, County of Cumberland, does hereby approve a 180 day permit to have a mobile home temporarily installed on the property, Block 8, Lot 10 while repairs are proceeding on the damaged house; and that this permit may be extended for one consecutive renewal of 30 days upon the written request of the homeowner and approval being granted by the Township Administrator.

Motion: Shoemaker

Aye: Hankins, Facemyer, Freitag, Ritter, Shoemaker

Absent: None

Second: Freitag

Nay: None

Abstain: None

**TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL  
RESOLUTION NO.10-56**

A RESOLUTION GRANTING FINAL APPROVAL OF THE  
CARMEN ADAMUCCI, SR. APPLICATION TO SELL DEVELOPMENT EASEMENT

**WHEREAS**, the County of Cumberland submitted a Planning Incentive Grant (PIG) Application to the State Agriculture Development Committee pursuant to the State Agriculture Retention and Development Act, N.J.S.A. 4:1C-11 *et seq.*, the Planning Incentive Grant Program, N.J.S.A. 4:1C-43.1 *et seq.*, and the regulations there under, and;

**WHEREAS**, the application provided for the proposed acquisition of a Development Easement on property owned by Carmen Adamucci, Sr. on Sanitarium Road, and known as Hopewell Township block 78, lot 24.04, and;

**WHEREAS**, the State Agriculture Development Committee certified the fair market value of the aforementioned development easement pursuant to N.J.A.C. 2:76-7.14 at \$7,200.00 per acre, which has been accepted by the applicant, and;

**WHEREAS**, the estimated cost sharing breakdown for the acquisition of the development easement is as follows (based on an estimated 48 net acres), subject to the actual acreage to be covered by the development easement per the final survey which conforms to the farmland preservation program requirements:

State Agriculture Development Committee	\$216,000.00
(\$4,500.00/per acre: 62.50%)	
County of Cumberland	\$129,600.00
(\$2,700.00/per acre: 37.50%)	

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell in the County of Cumberland that the Township Committee gives final approval to the proposed acquisition of a development easement to be held by the County of Cumberland on the Adamucci(2) Farm, block 78, lot 24.04 in the Township of Hopewell, County of Cumberland, State of New Jersey, on approximately 48 acres pursuant to the County's Planning Incentive Grant application subject to the following:

1. The conveyance of a development easement which shall provide for the following:
  - a. One (1) severable exception;
  - b. No non-agricultural uses;
  - c. No dwelling unit on area under easement;
  - d. No Residual Dwelling Site Opportunities;

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution be sent to the Cumberland County Agriculture Development Board and to the State Agriculture Development Committee for their final approval;

FINAL APPROVAL and ACCEPTANCE of this application is contingent upon the approval and acceptance of the County of Cumberland and the State Agriculture Development Committee.

Motion: Shoemaker

Aye: Hankins, Facemyer, Freitag, Ritter, Shoemaker

Absent: None

Second: Facemyer

Nay: None

Abstain: None

**CORRESPONDENCE & NOTES & FILINGS** include: **Hopewell Crest, LLC** Notice of public hearing for Preliminary and Final Major Subdivision for Block 33, Lot 3, and Block 28, Lot 1, **USDA Vineland Service Center** change of address notification, **CCUA** Notice of 4.95% increase in sewage treatment fees for 2011, **NJDEP letter to CCUA** for disapproval of the proposed Cohansey River Basin Wastewater Management Plan, **GovConnect** New Items, **NJLM** Recap of September 30<sup>th</sup> Senate and Assembly voting session, Invite to 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Mayors Legislative Day (Feb. 16, 2011), Pension Perspective, Homestead Benefit Application Begins, Changes to DLGS website, Mayor's Newline Newsletter.

There being no further business Freitag, seconded by Ritter, motion to **ADJOURN** was approved by all. Mayor Hankins adjourned the meeting at 8:52pm.

**Eugene Daddario, Municipal Clerk**