



**HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CUMBERLAND COUNTY, PA
Regular Meeting Minutes – January 17, 2024**

The Board of Supervisors of Hopewell Township met on January 17, 2024 at 9:00am. The Meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman announced that the meeting would be recorded.

Present: Tyler Gamble, John Cover, Dave Elliott, Steve Hoffman, Haileigh Diehl, Jamie Kensinger

Public Comment: None

Dave made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting on January 2, 2024. John seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business: Tyler passed the meeting to Steve Hoffman to go over the Comprehensive Plan. Steve reminded everyone that the Comprehensive plan is not a law or an ordinance, but a guideline. He stated that the supervisors and he discussed the Comprehensive Plan and one of the goals is to protect the natural resources of the township. Steve spoke about Clean and Green and Agricultural Preservation, stating that they would be placed in the Comprehensive Plan. He also said that they would be incorporating brochures to raise awareness about Clean and Green and Agriculture Preservation. He said that Flood Plains would also be discussed, but that it is advised to follow the FEMA and PEMA guidelines and adopt those plans, so that the township would be covered within a disaster.

Nikki Urban asked who Steve was. He introduced himself, said that he was with the county, and explained that he was doing the Comprehensive Plan for free for the township.

Bob Cramer asked if the Homestead Act would also be part of the Comprehensive Plan. Steve said he would look into it. Bob voiced his concern about the chemical, Atrazine. He said he would like it banned in our community. He said that it is messing up our local ecosystem and that there are not minis, frogs, snakes, etc. like there used to be. Nikki stated that it is also affecting the hormones of young people. Danny Forrester stated that farmers around here do not use it anymore.

Danny asked if there would be a draft of the Comprehensive Plan available to the public. Steve explained that the plan is not to that point yet, but once it is, it will be advertised and a draft would be available at the township for a certain amount of time for the public to review.

Nikki asked if this was the plan that had not been done for many years and Steve confirmed that it was.

Reports:

Treasurer Report: Haileigh stated that revenue since January 3, 2024 was \$12,585.95. The total expenses were \$7,982.36. This resulted in total revenue of \$4,603.59. The three highest expenses were Timmons Oil at \$3,263.75, PMCA at \$1,195.00, and Martson Law at \$1,024.00.

Zoning/Permits Report: Dave stated that there was 1 Zoning/land Use Permit since January 3, 2024.

New Business:

Tyler stated that the skilled labor wage was missed at the reorganization meeting. Dave made a motion for it to remain at \$24 an hour. John seconded. Motion carried.

Dave stated that the unskilled labor wage was a typo at the January meeting and made a motion for it to remain at \$19.60. John seconded. Motion carried.

Tyler and Dave spoke about Haileigh having her 90-day review. Dave made a motion that she be given a pay increase from \$21.50 to \$22.50 an hour as of her review date. John seconded. Motion carried.

Dave made a motion to increase the Planning Commission Secretary hourly pay for items outside of the meeting to \$16 an hour. John seconded. Motion carried.

Dave made a motion to increase the Zoning Hearing Board Secretary hourly pay for items outside of the meeting to \$16 an hour. John seconded. Motion carried.

Dave made a motion to allow the elections be held at the township at the rate of \$50 per election on April 23 and November 5. John seconded. Motion carried.

Danny said that the Election Bureau decides how much they pay. Tyler stated that that is what the Bureau sent to the township. Ed Hoover said that they used to pay the fire department \$125. Danny said that they can request more money.

Tyler stated that the Bereavement Policy would be updated in the handbook to match the policy that the supervisors follow. John read the policy. Dave made the motion to accept it and Tyler seconded it. Motion carried.

Dave made a motion to donate the \$2,500 a month to the fire department but pay it all out at once at \$30,000. John seconded. Motion carried.

Haileigh read the upcoming meetings and events:

Upcoming Meetings:

- **Planning Commission Meeting– January 18 @ 6:30pm**
- **Board of Supervisors Meeting – February 5 @ 7:00pm**
- **Parks & Rec. Board Meeting – February 7 @ 7:00pm**

Upcoming Events:

- **Meat Raffle @ Old Firehouse – January 27 @ 5pm**
- **Soup & Hoagie Sale @ Old Firehouse – February 3 @ 8:00am**

Dave made a motion to adjourn the meeting. John seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:17am

Minutes compiled by Jamie Kensinger

Chair Signature_____

Vice Chair Signature_____

Roadmaster Signature_____