



**HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CUMBERLAND COUNTY, PA
Regular Meeting Minutes – February 3, 2025**

The Board of Supervisors of Hopewell Township met on February 3, 2025 at 7:00pm. The Meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman announced that the meeting would be recorded.

Present: Tyler Gamble, John Cover, Dave Elliott, Bedrudin Becirovic, Haileigh Diehl, Jamie Kensinger

Public Comment: Tyler stated that Martin & Martin had the final plan for the bridge and submitted it to PennDOT for the permitting process. It could take up to 6 months until we can put it up for bid. He also stated that Martin & Martin will be surveying the old firehouse property. Jay Shuman asked if the properties were partly in the township or all in the borough. Tyler answered that they are in the borough. Justin Forrester asked how long the bridge would be out. Dave said they were not sure, but that the plan was to have it open with one lane. Leigh Cavanaugh asked for clarification on which bridge. Dave answered that it was East Creek/Fox Hill. Todd Beam stated that PennDOT was after the township to replace it. The board said that it was a high priority by PennDOT for this bridge to be fixed. Justin Forrester asked who would be paying for the bridge to be fixed. Tyler stated that the township would be and that the township will also be receiving a grant and using some liquid fuel funds.

Old Business: John made a motion to approve of the minutes from the January 6, 2025 meeting. Dave seconded. Motion carried.

Reports:

Treasurer Report: Haileigh stated that the revenue since January 6, 2025 was \$345,311.60. The total expenses were \$48,724.74. This resulted in a total revenue of \$296,586.86. The three highest expenses were PA Department of Labor & Industry at \$14,372.00, Martin & Martin at \$5,431.25, and Hamilton & Musser, PC at \$4,200.00. Tyler made a motion to approve the revenue and expenditures. John seconded. Motion carried.

Haileigh stated that the bill for the fire truck came in at \$1,093,216.00 which was \$11,784 cheaper than originally quoted.

Zoning/Permits Report: Dave stated that there were 5 Zoning/Land Use Permit since January 6, 2025.

Fire Company Report: Randall Pryor stated that there were 33 incidents in January – 10 fires, 14 Rescue & Emergency Medical Service, 2 Hazardous Conditions, 5 Service Calls, and 2 Good Intent. The incidents were in the following areas: 1 in Chambersburg, 1 in Fannett, 12 in Hopewell, 4 in Lurgan, 4 in Newburg, 2 in Newville, 1 in North Newton, 2 in Shippensburg, 1 in Shippensburg Township, 3 in Southampton, and 2 in Upper Mifflin. He stated that the Beginning balance was \$20,090.47. The total income was \$238,398.40. The total expenses were \$241,867.22. This resulted in a total balance of \$16,621.65. Randall stated that the expenses were mainly for the new radio system, because that bill was due and they are still waiting on their grant from FEMA. He stated that the firetruck contract is in process.

Jeff Yentzer asked if the Fire Company got money from any other townships for the firetruck. Randy said no one has committed at this time, but that they are still soliciting help from other municipalities. He also clarified that the Fire Company is also in need of a new tanker. He stated that they believe that North Newton may make a contribution.

Justin asked if there is a fire tax for Hopewell Township. Randall stated that there is not, but there is one in the borough. Justin asked questions about how fire taxes work and how they are distributed. Randall stated that it depends on each individual ordinance.

Jay Shuman asked if the Fire Company still has their stand at the fair. Randall said that they still own the stand.

EMC Report: Randall Pryor spoke about updating the Emergency Operations Plan, Functional Check List, and Notification & Resource Manual. He provided copies to the supervisors for review and stated that this is a refresh from the 03/05/2018 Plan. He stated that the main changes were names. Dave said he would like time to review the manuals.

New Business: Tyler moved to new business. Tyler stated that the NHJA had a new resolution for the board to vote on and that each supervisor had time to review it. Jamie read part of the resolution and stated that this is something that has been in place but that it is just a renewal for another 50 years. Dave made a motion to accept the resolution and John seconded. Motion carried.

Dave spoke about the Office Manager position and stated that it was a job description and not an ordinance, so it did not need to be advertised. He made a motion to appoint Jamie Office Manager. John seconded. Motion carried.

Dave spoke about the park lawn bid and said that it is the same as previous years. Danny Forrester asked if it was for the whole park or just a portion. Dave said it was for the entire park, but that they may do it like years past where they only accept a portion of the bid. Dave made a motion to advertise the lawn bid. John seconded. Motion carried.

Tyler had Jamie read the Quarterly Pay Ordinance. The ordinance states that Each supervisor of Hopewell Township entering office after the effective date of this ordinance shall receive compensation as an elected township supervisor in the annual amount of \$3,145 and that it would be distributed in quarterly installments of \$786.25 Jamie then went on to explain that the ordinance is something that PSATS is encouraging. Jamie reiterated that the increase in money would only be for incoming supervisors. Dave made a motion to advertise the ordinance. John seconded. Motion carried.

Tyler stated that the Hometown Hero Banner Applications are available like last year. Jamie stated that if anyone was interested to see Haileigh.

Tyler stated that an Agricultural Security Area (ASA) application had been received at the office for 225 Newville Road by David Hershberger. He stated that this would be going through all the required meetings and that the process could now begin.

Justin Forrester asked what an ASA is. Todd Beam stated that it is agricultural land that is deemed for only agricultural use. Tyler reiterated the definition.

Tyler stated that the Bureau of Elections has requested to, once again, use the township building for election day and would pay \$50 per election. Tyler stated that the election dates would be May 20 and November 4. Tyler made a motion to allow the elections to be held at the township. Dave seconded. Motion carried.

Danny asked if the Bureau of Elections would be paying. Tyler stated that they would be paying \$50 per election. Danny said that they wouldn't pay when he was supervisor.

Jamie read the upcoming meetings & events:

Upcoming Meetings:

- **Fire Company Meeting – February 6 @ 7:00pm**
- **Parks & Rec. Board Meeting – February 7 @ 7:00pm**
- **Planning Commission Meeting – February 20 @ 6:30pm**

Upcoming Events:

- **Meat Raffle @ Old Firehouse – February 23 @ 5:00pm**
- **Office Close for Presidents' Day – February 17**

Dave made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

John seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:26pm

Minutes completed by Jamie Kensinger

Chair

Signature _____

Vice Chair

Signature _____

Roadmaster

Signature _____