



**HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CUMBERLAND COUNTY, PA
Workshop Minutes – March 30, 2026**

The Board of Supervisors of Hopewell Township met on March 30, 2026 at 7:00am. It was noted that the meeting would be recorded.

Present: Ed Hoover, John Cover, Ted Diehl, Jenny Hart, Jamie Kensinger

Public Present: Jay Shuman, Cameron Weiser, Edward Franco, Harold Bender

Workshop Purpose: Ed explained that the board decided to hold workshops in order to discuss business outside of the monthly evening meetings. He said that they will not be making decisions at the workshops.

Discussion Items:

Secretary/Office Manager Updates: Jamie said that she had put together information on clothing options for the supervisors to look at. She informed the board that North Newton is doing an America250PA event on Saturday, August 1st and that they reached out to see if Hopewell was interested in providing historical display items since North Newton Township was originally part of Hopewell.

Treasurer Updates: Jenny said that the office was transferred over to QuickBooks Online. She said that she was looking into scanners that would work directly with QuickBooks Online to import pictures of receipts. She provided the board with a description of the scanner and its capabilities. She said she was waiting on the okay to order the bleachers and waiting on quotes for speed bumps for the grant. She stated that the grant is due May 1st and if they would obtain the grant, the township would be responsible for 15% of the cost of the project.

Supervisor Updates: John said that everything is being pressure washed at the park and that it is making a big difference. He said that they are looking into options on sealing vs. not sealing the concrete. He said that they are going to be sealing the splashpad.

John said that sand would be delivered at 8am and that the ballfields would be able to get fixed up. John stated that Travis Ruhl and other individuals involved with the Shippensburg Little League offered to help get it set up.

John said that Bulky Waste Day was going to be on April 11th. Ted asked if there was a volunteer waiver. John said that the volunteer waiver was in process, but that it was for township property but that they would follow up with Bedrudin.

John stated that Jenny and Jamie have been working on trying to find marker sticks for the gutters.

Ed said that there was an issue with Adams Electric one evening and that he has worked with one of the employees there and they are going to set up simulator emergencies at the township and open it up to other municipalities. He said this is something that used to happen, but that it has not for a while. He said that it is a good way to inform road workers what is safe and unsafe.

Ted said that he invited Ed Franco to come and talk about a boat ramp entrance. Ed Franco stated that a landowner approached the county about donating a piece of land, amounting to about an acre, that they would like to see become a boat ramp entrance. Ed Franco and Cameron Weiser showed examples of other projects the county has done. They showed an example: the Hieshman Mill project. They went into detail on the property that is proposed for this project and said that the county would handle the subdivision. Jamie asked what the maintenance would look like for the township. Ed Franco said that it would mostly be weed whacking once the project is complete and that there would be parking spots to keep up with. Jamie asked what liability would look like. Ed Franco said that it probably would be similar to the liability that the township carries for the park.

Ed Franco said that he would work with Jenny on the grants if the board was interested and that Mike Wadel would work on the subdivision. Ed Franco stated that if a conditional use is needed, the township would need to take care of that and that the property would be given to the township before anything like that is done, because it makes everything easier and they can avoid fees. The board agreed to do a walkthrough of the Hieshman Mill property on April 13th at 9:30am.

John mentioned putting poles up with a chain across at the walking trail because people are driving on the trail. Ted said that someone could talk to Jeff Yentzer. John said that he has been in communication with him and that Jeff did put out cones and it still did not prevent it from occurring. Ted said that the Yentzers' should get a GPS business locator device to show people where they should be entering.

Handbook: Ed stated that the handbook would take time and that they would go through it page by page. He had Jamie begin reading it section by section until 9am. The board stopped at section 5.10 Transfers. During the handbook discussion, Harold Bender stated that Tyler Gamble took illegal vacation time and that it was an infraction on the ethics rule because Tyler stopped working full time. Harold stated that as an Auditor he is entitled to have part in writing the handbook. Jamie corrected him and said that PSATS has told them that the Board of Auditors' only role is to set compensation for the Board of Supervisors and that they do not have a say in the handbook. Harold stated that they rely too much on PSATS and PSATS can be wrong.

Ed stated that they need a way to get rid of old items that are not used anymore, like scrap metal and old tires. The board mentioned creating a Procedure Book in the future.

Public Comment:

John made a motion to approve the minutes from March 23, 2026 Workshop. Ed seconded. Motion carried.

Harold Bender stated that this was the last time he was bringing it up before going to the Department of Labor and Industry, but that Haileigh deserves to be paid out. John explained that he never promised Haileigh anything and that she brought up wanting more compensation in December and said that Dave and Tyler had told her she would be compensated more when Jamie went on maternity leave. Ted said that John did promise her and that John lied. Ted said that Haileigh said she was not going to do the secretary duties without more pay. Ted went on to say that Haileigh did the job of what three people are doing now.

John said that he did not promise her, and he explained that Ed was not present when Haileigh was an employee and that Ted cannot vote on matters concerning Haileigh, as it is his daughter, so there is no way to vote on paying her. Ted said that is not accurate and that he can vote on it. Harold said that he would turn this into the Ethics Board and the Department of Labor and Industry and that they do not want that.

Harold said that the Treasurer should make more than the Secretary and that Jenny and Jamie do the exact same job. Jenny corrected Harold and explained that the roles are completely different and that Jamie is also the Office Manager. Harold told the Board to pay Haileigh what she was owed and said that she would actually be entitled to \$18,000 x 3 because she was underpaid. He said he wanted a yes or no before he left.

Ted mentioned multiple times that he spoke to Scott at PSATS and that he said that the township could pay her. John asked what Scott they were referring to. Ted clarified that he spoke to Scott Coburn. John asked who the desire to be paid was coming from – Harold or Haileigh. Harold said it was Haileigh and that he could be her Power of Attorney if she gave him permission.

Harold said that he read a memo from the Solicitor saying that they could pay her. John asked how he read the confidential memo from the Solicitor. Ted said that he would go on record that he shared it with Harold. John said that the memo was confidential and it was for only the supervisors. Harold said that he is a Township Auditor and that he was entitled to it. He said that Jamie did not give him the memo when he asked for it the other day. Jamie clarified that she did not have the memo at that time.

John reiterated that the memo was confidential and that it should not have been shared, as it was attorney/client privilege. Harold said that he had a right to it. Ted said he was not informed that it was confidential and that he did share it with Harold. John pulled up the memo on his phone and read where it says it is confidential. Ted went on to say that he was not pro Dave or Tyler and that he is just pro people being compensated what they are told. Harold said that Dave and Tyler screwed the township big time.

John made a motion to adjourn the workshop. Ed seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:17am

Minutes compiled by Jamie Kensinger

Chair Signature _____

Vice Chair Signature _____

Roadmaster Signature _____