HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CUMBERLAND COUNTY, PA
Regular Meeting Minutes – March 2, 2026

The Board of Supervisors of Hopewell Township met on March 2, 2026 at 7:00pm. The Meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. It was announced that the meeting would be recorded.

Present: Ed Hoover, Ted Diehl, John Cover, Bedrudin Becirovic, Jenny Hart, Jamie Kensinger, Cheryl Donovan

Agenda Public Comment: None.

Old Business: John made a motion to accept the Board of Supervisors minutes from January 5th. Ted seconded. Motion carried.

Reports:

Treasurer Report: Jenny stated that the revenue for February 3, 2026 – March 2, 2026 was $29,684.41. The total expenses were $84,859.13. The total revenue was -$55,174.72. She stated that the unpaid bill detail and expenses summary were available with the agenda. Ed said that the township is doing their best to be transparent with finances. John made a motion to approve the revenue & expenditures and pay the bills. Ted seconded. Motion carried.

Zoning/Permits Officer Report: Jamie stated that there was one Land Use Permit and one Driveway Permit since February 3, 2026.

EMS Report:

Planning Commission Report: Sue Heberlig stated that the Planning Commission met on February 19 to discuss a Conditional Use Application for Carl Mowery. She stated that there was one house on the lot. She stated that Mowery wants to add an Elder Cottage temporarily. The Planning Commission requested to waive the requirement to disconnect the water after the Elder Cottage was no longer in use so that Mowery could still have access to water for the garage. They also wanted to check with the solicitor on his recommendation on if there needed to be deed restrictions. The Planning Commission recommended the Board of Supervisors approve the plan.

Hearing:

Ed stated that the Board of Supervisors were going to enter into executive session to discuss the Conditional Use Application.

The board returned from executive session and Bedrudin opened the hearing and stated that the hearing was for 99 Mowery Lane, Newburg, PA 17240, parcel ID 11-07-0493-017A. He stated that the applicant was seeking a conditional use for an Elderly Cottage Housing Opportunity (ECHO). Andrew Miller was sworn in by Cheryl Donovan, the Stenographer.

Andrew stated that the hearing was advertised in the paper on February 12 and 19. He said that a letter was sent to adjacent property owners on January 29 and that the property was posted on February 18. Sue reiterated that on February 19, the Planning Commission met and recommended approval with the recommendation to allow the sewer to remain connected and talk to solicitor and see if the conditional use was sufficient or if a deed restriction was needed.

Andrew stated that Mowery applied for the detached garage to get started and if he got approval then he would change that part of the application. Andrew stated that everything under section 10.20 Mowery did meet. He explained that the parents of Mowery would be residing in the ECHO. Bedrudin asked if Mowery had legal counsel or an engineer present. Mowery did not, so Bedrudin said he would walk him through the process while doing his part for the township.

Bedrudin asked Mowery all the purpose and procedure questions from sections 10.01 and 10.03 in Article 10 of the Zoning Ordinance. During those questions, Mowery stated that his name was the only one on the deed to the property. He shared the maps and plans of the property and proposed ECHO. Mowery stated that the property was 3.76 acres and Andrew presented an email from Gil Picarelli (SEO) addressing the well and septic being adequate. Mowery went over locations of entrances and parking accommodations. Mowery stated that the ECHO would be 880 square feet.

The supervisors went into executive session. When they returned, Bedrudin stated that he provided legal counsel. John made a motion to approve the ECHO, but stated that he would want the township to be alerted within 90 days of when it is no longer occupied. John stated that they would also ask that the bathroom be capped off and that they would want it to be inspected to make sure that happened. Bedrudin stated that he would write an official letter with conditions. Ted seconded. Motion carried.

New Business:

Ed stated that the bids for the East Creek Bridge were to be opened and he introduced Tex from Martin & Martin. Jamie stated that the first bid was from Kinsley Construction. Ted stated that the bid was for $369,400. The second bid was for New Enterprise at $366,528.75. The third was for George Hann & Son at $387,604. The fourth bid was from Mitchell Knor Contracting at $464,348. The lowest bid was New Enterprise. Marilyn Zinn and Bob Cramer asked the board to consider going with Kinsley because they liked their work. The board explained that they have to go with the lowest bid. Abner Zook said that New Enterprise does good work. Justin asked about the bridge repairs and timeline. Tex explained that it would have to be done by October 1, via the bid. John motioned to accept the bid. Ed seconded. Motion carried.

Travis Ruhl, 95 Hassinger Road, stated that he was present to ask the board, on the behalf of Shippensburg Little League, if they could utilize the Hopewell Township Park for practices. He thanked the board for the opportunity to speak to them and stated that he was joined by other community members that are coaches and board members for the little league. Travis explained how they were currently sharing accommodations with other teams. He stated that there are 22 different teams, around 250 kids, and softball is back this year. He said that they are trying to provide more opportunities and expand, but that would mean they need more facilities.

Travis said that there are 5 coaches in the league that are Hopewell residents. He thanked the board again for allowing him the opportunity to discuss a partnership. He said that he and some of the other members would be willing to work on the fields to get them more up to where they need to be. John said that football uses the fields and that the board and park workers have noticed a positive change in the park due to that partnership.

Todd Beam asked if the practices would be every night and said that his concern is people walking on the trail and a stray ball hitting them. Jamie asked if the little league would need pavilion rentals. Travis said no. The board said that if the fields are occupied when the little league arrives, they don't want the occupants kicked off the fields. Travis said that they wouldn't. Danny Forrester suggested putting a sign up that informed the public that practice would be happening. The board did ask Travis to provide proof of liability insurance. John made a motion to allow Shippensburg Little League to use the park for practices. Ted seconded. Motion carried.

John said that the board is looking into purchasing a skidloader/tractor and broom to clear cinders off the roads and clearing the park trails. He stated that the Mahindra tractor is on its last leg and has transmission issues. John explained that the purchase, once a skidloader is decided on, would be purchased through Sourcewell. He explained that Sourcewell is similar to COSTARS, but Sourcewell has the cheapest price without bidding. Todd asked if the last administration sold a broom and tractor. The board confirmed that to be accurate. Nikki Urban asked if a leaf blower could do the same thing. The board explained that the tractor and broom would be more efficient. John mentioned the new wooden trash cans at the park. Bob asked if they ever considered getting an electric golfcart. Ted confirmed that it was spoken about.

Jamie explained that Easter at the Park was going to be done by the First Church of God this year and that the date was still to be determined, but that the church was unable to do it on days that worked for the township. The church was planning to do it Easter weekend. Jamie stated that candy and small items were bought in preparation for Easter at the Park. John made a motion to donate the items to the church along with the pavilion rentals for that day. Ed seconded. Motion carried.

Kim Spencer asked if the board had considered doing something in celebration of America 250. She said that if they decided to do something, to let her know because she would like to be aware so she could cover it for the paper.

Nikki Urban thanked the board for their transparency. She suggested making another column on the finances spreadsheet to explain what the purchases are for. She also asked if it encompassed all expenses. Jenny stated that if an item is confidential, then it is not present. Nikki asked what an example of something being confidential was. Jamie gave the example of someone that has pay withheld for child support, that item would not be public knowledge.

Nikki asked if the board was participating in trainings through PSATS. John stated that they are doing the PSATS Bootcamp, going to the conference, and that some of them went to Flagger Training.

Nikki asked when the forensic audit would be released. Ed said that it would eventually be released and that the amount spent on it will be released. Nikki thanked the board for approving the little league to use the park. Kim Spencer asked if forensic audits usually take over 4 years. Ed explained that the audit was done, but legal ramifications came out of it and that the briefs are currently with the judge. Kim asked how much was being spent on it. Ed explained that nothing at the moment, but that they would release how much was spent on it when they can and once they have the info, the board will decide if they want to pursue it further.

Bedrudin stated that the complaint is filed and that they cannot talk about ongoing litigation. He went on to explain how the legal process works and reiterated that the briefs are with the judge. Nikki asked what the holdup was with the litigation. Bedrudin explained how the legal process was pending off the audit and how it has changed hands a few times. Justin Forrester asked some clarifications on timeline. Bedrudin explained how it is not uncommon for it to be a lengthy process.

Todd Beam asked if the board has considered having a contractor mowing the park. He also said that several townships are going back to using Commonwealth Code since PMCA has changed ownership.

Harold Bender asked what the amount of -$209 was for with Southampton Township on the treasurer's report. Jenny said she thought the negative was a typo. Jamie explained that it was most likely income from the intergovernmental trash agreement, but categorized in QuickBooks as an expense item causing it to be on the report in that way.

Ed read off the upcoming meetings and events:

Upcoming Meetings:

- **Parks & Rec. Board Meeting – March 11 @ 7:00pm**
- **Planning Commission Meeting – Canceled**
- **BOS Meeting – April 6 @ 7:00pm**

John made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Ted seconded. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 8:55pm
Minutes compiled by Jamie Kensinger

Chair Signature____________________________________

Vice Chair Signature________________________________

Roadmaster Signature_______________________________