



HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CUMBERLAND COUNTY, PA Workshop Minutes – August 17, 2026

The Board of Supervisors of Hopewell Township met on August 17, 2026 at 7:00 AM.

It was noted that the meeting would be recorded.

Ed opened with a moment of silence and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Supervisor Ed Hoover, Supervisor John Cover, Treasurer Jenny Hart, Secretary/Office Manager Jamie Kensinger

Absent: Supervisor Ted Diehl

Public Present: Jay Shuman, Crissy Diehl

Discussion Items

Treasurer Updates: Jenny presented updates on several matters, including proposed budget meeting dates, a phone system upgrade quote, and the Gaga Ball pit signage.

Minutes – 08/03/26: Motion was made to approve the minutes of August 3, 2026. Passed unanimously (John Cover, Ed Hoover).

Secretary/Office Manager Updates: Jamie provided updates on the municipal ambulance services agreement, a Ford vehicle recall, supply needs, the upcoming bulky waste date, a resident PERC test inquiry, and a complaint from a resident regarding dead animal transport trucks.

Supervisor Updates: John reported that very few township roads have assigned speed limits and that there would be a review of existing ordinances. He noted that PennDOT conducts speed studies at no cost.

Paint has been ordered and crews plan to sweep roads the day prior to painting.

Concerns were raised about smoking at the ball fields and it was noted that an email be sent to the football organization asking them to enforce the park's non-smoking policy.

John indicated he would contact Jason regarding the landfill expansion and the status of the township's contract. Concern was raised that the handbook project has stalled.

John and Jay Shuman reported on their attendance at the sewer authority's monthly meeting. Key findings included: the plant, built in the early 1980s, is at capacity with no new hookups available; a grant is set to expire in September due to right-of-way issues preventing completion of the required study; and the authority's contracted operator visits one hour per day. The Board and public expressed concern about the authority's lack of responsiveness, transparency, and long-term planning.

Ed reported that a fire extinguisher inspection revealed numerous missing and substandard units across township facilities, and that AED units have expired batteries and pads. Remediation was identified as a priority. He also noted plans to schedule CPR/AED recertification training for all township employees.

An appraisal of the old firehouse and adjacent parking lot has been completed. The fire company's removal of equipment and personal property remains ongoing.

John reported that the splash pad drains to the creek and asked that the associated discharge permit be verified for currency.

Public Comment

Questions about the Sewer Authority, expansion, and communication with the NHJA (Newburg Hopewell Joint Authority) were raised. A question about the quote for handbook was asked. A question was asked if there were any relevant trainings for auditors.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made.

The motion carried unanimously (John Cover, Ed Hoover).

The workshop was adjourned at 8:14am.

Chair Signature _____

Vice Chair Signature _____

Roadmaster Signature _____