HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CUMBERLAND COUNTY, PA
Regular Meeting Minutes – June 1, 2026

The Board of Supervisors of Hopewell Township held a regular meeting on June 1, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at the Township building.

Present: Ed Hoover, John Cover, Ted Diehl, Bedrudin Becirovic, Township Solicitor, Jenny Hart, and Jamie Kensinger.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. The Board observed a moment of silence, recited the Pledge of Allegiance, and announced that the meeting was being recorded.

Agenda Public Comment

Bill Frocher appeared and commented concerning the proposed boat launch. No other agenda public comment was received.

Agenda Amendment

Motion by Ted Diehl, seconded by John Cover, to amend the agenda to take the Planning Commission report and the conditional-use hearing for the proposed boat launch before the remaining regular order of business. Passed unanimously (Ed Hoover, John Cover, and Ted Diehl aye).

Conditional-Use Hearing—Central Pennsylvania Conservancy Boat Launch

The Board conducted a duly advertised conditional-use hearing concerning the proposed non-motorized boat launch at 175 East Creek Road, Newburg, Pennsylvania. A stenographic record was made, and the transcript and exhibits are maintained in the Township's conditional-use file.

Motion by Ted Diehl, seconded by John Cover, to approve the conditional-use application subject to the conditions stated in the motion, including submission of a legal description, a developed site plan, required information under the Township Zoning Ordinance, and completion of a traffic study before finalization of the approval. Passed unanimously (Ed Hoover, John Cover, and Ted Diehl aye).

Executive Session: The Board noted that an executive session was held on May 26, 2026.

Old Business

Employee Compensation and Personnel Actions: Motion by John Cover, seconded by Ed Hoover, to approve a 2.8% cost-of-living adjustment for eligible Township employees. Passed 2–1 (John Cover and Ed Hoover aye; Ted Diehl nay).

Motion by John Cover, seconded by Ed Hoover, to retain Sondra Mellinger as a part-time, as-needed Township employee. Passed 2–1 (John Cover and Ed Hoover aye; Ted Diehl nay).

Motion by John Cover, seconded by Ed Hoover, to retain Greg Kelley as a permanent part-time skilled-labor employee at $25.39 per hour. Passed 2–1 (John Cover and Ed Hoover aye; Ted Diehl nay).

2026 Fee Schedule and Community Contributions: Motion by John Cover, seconded by Ted Diehl, to continue distribution of $18,500 in Firefighters' Relief Fund monies to the Newburg Hopewell Volunteer Fire Company Firefighters' Relief Association. Passed unanimously (Ed Hoover, John Cover, and Ted Diehl aye).

Motion by John Cover, seconded by Ted Diehl, to donate $40,000, plus the cost of tires, to the Newburg Hopewell Volunteer Fire Company. Passed unanimously (Ed Hoover, John Cover, and Ted Diehl aye).

Motion by John Cover, seconded by Ted Diehl, to contribute $3,000 to Shippensburg Area EMS. Passed unanimously (Ed Hoover, John Cover, and Ted Diehl aye).

Motion by John Cover, seconded by Ted Diehl, to contribute $3,000 to the Newburg Hopewell Volunteer Fire Company Fire Police. Passed unanimously (Ed Hoover, John Cover, and Ted Diehl aye).

Motion by John Cover, seconded by Ted Diehl, to table library funding to the July 6, 2026 Board meeting. Passed unanimously (Ed Hoover, John Cover, and Ted Diehl aye).

Public Gathering Permit Fee Resolution: Jamie Kensinger presented the proposed resolution establishing an administrative fee for certain public gathering permits.

Motion by Ted Diehl, seconded by Ed Hoover, to adopt the resolution establishing a $100 per-day public gathering permit fee. Passed unanimously (Ed Hoover, John Cover, and Ted Diehl aye).

Jenny Hart Compensation: Motion by John Cover, seconded by Ed Hoover, to increase Jenny Hart's compensation to $30.17 per hour. Passed 2–1 (John Cover and Ed Hoover aye; Ted Diehl nay).

Approval of Prior Minutes

April 6, 2026 Minutes: Motion by Ted Diehl, seconded by Ed Hoover, to amend the April 6, 2026 minutes to include the statement: "John made an inappropriate comment about getting a deal on the equipment." Passed. (Ted Diehl and Ed Hoover aye; John Cover withheld).

Motion by Ted Diehl, seconded by Ed Hoover, to approve the April 6, 2026 minutes as amended. Passed (Ted Diehl, John Cover and Ed Hoover aye).

May 4, 2026 Minutes: Motion by Ted Diehl, seconded by John Cover, to approve the May 4, 2026 Board meeting minutes. Passed unanimously (Ed Hoover, John Cover, and Ted Diehl aye).

Reports

Treasurer's Report: Jenny Hart presented the Account of Revenues and Expenditures for the period ending May 2026.

Motion by Ted Diehl, seconded by John Cover, to approve the Account of Revenues and Expenditures and authorize payment of bills. Passed unanimously (Ed Hoover, John Cover, and Ted Diehl aye).

Zoning and Permits Report: Jamie Kensinger reported that four zoning and land-use permits were issued during the month.

Fire Department Report: Tyler Gamble provided the monthly Fire Department report.

Shippensburg EMS Report: Beth German provided the monthly Shippensburg EMS report.

Park and Recreation Report: Susan Hoover provided the monthly Park and Recreation report.

New Business

Supervisor Comments: Ted Diehl provided supervisor comments concerning Township operations and administration.

General Public Comment: Dave Elliott and Tyler Gamble appeared and commented concerning statements about former Township officials made at prior meetings, Township administration, and related personnel matters.

Marg Elliott appeared and commented concerning statements about former Township officials.

Harold Bender appeared and commented concerning the Township's responses to Right-to-Know requests.

Announcements

The Board announced the following upcoming meetings and events:
Parks and Recreation Board Meeting: June 10, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.
Planning Commission Meeting: June 18, 2026, at 6:30 p.m., pending new business.
Board of Supervisors Meeting: July 6, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

Board workshops: Mondays at 7:00 a.m.
Township Office closed: June 18, 2026.

Adjournment: Motion by Ed Hoover, seconded by John Cover, to adjourn. Passed unanimously (Ed Hoover, John Cover, and Ted Diehl aye).

The meeting adjourned at 9:58 p.m.

Jamie Kensinger, Township Secretary