

**HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING
HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING AUDITORIUM**

Tuesday, January 2, 2018 – 7:06 p.m.

PROPER STATEMENT OF NOTICE – Laurie E. Gompf, Municipal Clerk, called the meeting to order stating that notice of the meeting had been posted on the municipal bulletin board and forwarded to the Hopewell Valley News, The Times, the Trentonian and the Hopewell Express (the official newspapers) on December 18, 2017, in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG – Municipal Clerk Gompf led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

OATH OF OFFICE OF ELECTED COMMITTEE MEMBER

Assemblywoman Elizabeth Maher Muoio of New Jersey's 15th Legislative District administered the Oath of Office to elected Township Committee Member Kevin D. Kuchinski.

Municipal Clerk, Laurie E. Gompf, administered the Oath of Office to elected Township Committee Member Michael Ruger.

ROLL CALL - The 2018 Township Committee answered the roll call of the Municipal Clerk:

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Blake, Hart, Kuchinski, McLaughlin, Ruger
ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Administrator/CFO Borges, Municipal Clerk Gompf, Director of Community Development/Engineer Kataryniak, Township Attorney Goodell

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF MAYOR FOR 2018

Municipal Clerk Gompf called for nominations for the office of Mayor for the year 2018. Committee Member McLaughlin nominated Kevin Kuchinski for Mayor for the year 2018. The Municipal Clerk noted for the record that Committee Member Kuchinski was nominated and she called for further nominations for the office of Mayor.

Committee Member John Hart nominated Julie Blake for Mayor to which Committee Member Blake declined the nomination and thanked Committee Member Hart for his support.

Hearing no further nominations from the Floor, the Municipal Clerk announced nominations were closed.

ROLL CALL VOTE FOR THE NOMINATION OF COMMITTEE MEMBER KUCHINSKI FOR MAYOR FOR THE YEAR 2018:

AYES: Blake, Hart, McLaughlin, Ruger,
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: Kuchinski

The Municipal Clerk noted for the record that Committee Member Kuchinski was duly elected

Mayor for the year 2018.

OATH OF OFFICE OF 2018 MAYOR - Assemblywoman, Elizabeth Maher Muoio of New Jersey's 15th Legislative District, administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Kuchinski.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR FOR 2018

Municipal Clerk Gompf called for nominations for the office of Deputy Mayor for 2018. Committee Member Hart nominated Julie Blake for Deputy Mayor for the year 2018. The Municipal Clerk noted for the record that Committee Member Blake was nominated and she called for further nominations for the office of Deputy Mayor. There were no further nominations from the Floor and the nominations were closed.

The Municipal Clerk called for a vote on the nomination of Committee Member Blake for Deputy Mayor.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Hart, McLaughlin, Ruger, Mayor Kuchinski
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: Blake

The Municipal Clerk noted for the record that Committee Member Blake was duly elected Deputy Mayor for the year 2018.

OATH OF OFFICE OF 2018 DEPUTY MAYOR – Assemblywoman Elizabeth Maher Muoio administered the Oath of Office to Deputy Mayor Blake.

2018 MAYOR'S WELCOME AND COMMENTS

Mayor Kuchinski welcomed everyone to the annual reorganization meeting and began by thanking and welcoming dignitaries present including Senator Shirley Turner, Assemblyman Reed Gusciora, Assemblywoman Elizabeth Maher Muoio, Mercer County Executive Brian Hughes, Mercer County Freeholders Andrew Koontz and Anthony Verrelli and Mercer County Clerk Paula Sollami Covello. Mayor Kuchinski also thanked Township employees, including the volunteers and professionals for the tireless service to the residents of Hopewell Township. The Mayor gave special thanks to the first responders and veterans who have dedicated their lives to the selfless protection of all of us and stated for this we are grateful and then thanked all the preceding Committee Members who have come before. Lastly, he thanked his wife, Leslie, his children Brennan, Liam, Ryan and Kaitlyn.

Mayor Kuchinski delivered the following 2018 Mayor's Message:

“2017 was a productive year with the promises of lower taxes once again holding the line on operating spending keeping the tax levy to less than 2%. We are delivering existing services for less and have initiated the Township reevaluation of our structure and staffing. This should bear more fruit in the year ahead. We also brought back bulky waste pickup and finalized a new PILOT agreement that will bring over \$800,000.00 of new revenues to Hopewell Township over time. For perspective, that represents over 5% of the current municipal levy, or almost as much revenue as Bristol Myers Squibb delivers today.

Cumulatively, we have held the change in municipal taxes to less than 1.1% per year over the last two years and I am proud that Hopewell Township, once again, has the lowest equalized municipal tax rate in the county. Lots of important progress, but we still have more work to do to make

Hopewell Township more affordable. First, with the recent changes in federal tax legislation, we must redouble our efforts to contain spending and reduce taxes. On the local level we are focused on doing more with less, continuing our multi-year plan to reduce debt and selling Pennytown, a property that is no longer needed, to meet our affordable housing obligations. We will also continue our work with the School District and neighboring municipalities and new shared services and other opportunities to reduce overall spending. Third, we are working to diversify our housing stock and to bring smaller, less expensive housing options to Hopewell Township. This will provide an opportunity for parents, whose kids have grown up, to downsize and stay in the community they know and love and it will provide new opportunities for younger families and single people, including our teachers, our police and our firefighters, to find affordable living options within the Township.

Our second major initiative in 2018 is to accelerate our efforts to support local business and attract the right next generation of businesses via a new Economic Development and Tourism Committee. I would like to thank Committee Member Hart for stepping forward to help lead this effort. I would note that small businesses, like his, are a key pillar of our community and their success helps reduce residential property taxes for all of us. Importantly, when we spend at a locally owned business, more of that money stays in Hopewell Valley. Statistics say that \$68.00 of every \$100.00 stays in the community versus only \$43.00 one spends of the same \$100.00 at a national chain.

We are hopeful that our new Economic Development and Tourism Committee can help market the rich history and recreation opportunities in Hopewell Township and bring more visitors to the Valley in support of our businesses, our restaurants, and our farmers. In 2018 please remember to eat local, buy local, and support local.

Finally, as Deputy Mayor Blake said, we must continue to defend Hopewell Valley versus the proposed PennEast Pipeline. Hopewell Township is partnered with citizen groups, environmental organizations, and our partners at the County and State to send a strong signal to PennEast that we don't need and we don't want this pipeline. We have successfully delayed the project and will continue to fight the environmental destruction that risks our drinking water and reduce property valuations and the environmental devastation it would bring. The Township has filed over twenty specific and documented objections to the proposed pipeline with FERC and the New Jersey DEP and we will continue our fight in 2018.

In closing, I would like to challenge my fellow Committee Members in the year ahead, let's strive to identify opportunities to cut spending and reduce property taxes. Let's strive to find common ground on the critical issues facing the Township and work with our partners in the Boroughs, in the School District, and at the County and at the State level, to make Hopewell Valley an even better place to live.

Deputy Mayor Blake is going to touch, in her address, on a number of the ever key initiatives for the year ahead, so I am going to wind down my remarks, here. Thank you in advance for your support and here's to a great 2018!"

2018 DEPUTY MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Deputy Mayor Blake reiterated the Mayor's acknowledgements and expressed her own gratitude for those who work for the Township, the elected officials, the employees, first responders, volunteers, and citizens who have done so much to support the community. Deputy Mayor Blake also thanked everyone in tax collection and the finance department including Mary Kennedy, Elaine Borges and Julie Troutman who worked so tirelessly so the residents might potentially take advantage of a property tax deduction for the 2017 tax year. Deputy Mayor Blake explained that she used the word "potentially" because no one knows how the IRS will respond, but she stated she does know that our Township employees did everything possible to answer the many calls from residents and to serve the community during a rushed and very confusing time.

Deputy Mayor Blake delivered the following 2018 Mayor's Message:

“The new year offers new possibilities and challenges in our fight against the PennEast Pipeline and I look forward to working with our neighbors in the fight against this very real threat to our safety and to our environment. We will work together to find new ways to present our case to the new State and National authorities. I am excited to get to work this year. As the Mayor detailed, we will continue to make headway on reducing costs, more efforts into protecting open space and preserve farmland, and we will work to build our tax base with the Economic Development and Tourism Board.

Last year through the efforts of elected officials in multiple municipalities and in Mercer County: Thank you, Mr. Hughes! We were able to overcome the numerous challenges of keeping Hopewell Valley’s current Senior Center open through a shared agreement we will now be able to maintain and improve the Senior Center on the current Pennington site for the immediate future. As we move forward with the designs for a new Community and Senior Center, I am committed at one with Committee Woman McLaughlin to involving the community in the design plans. While we are still in the research stage, we hope to have a clear sense of the project by this fall.

In the past year we improved communications. We have a more user friendly website. We have a Facebook page and post regular updates. Please join us here. We have used “Have Your Say, Hopewell,” an interactive way to gather and disseminate information on everything from the dangers from the emerald ash borer to the results of the Community Senior Center survey, to the special informational meeting on affordable housing. We will continue to embrace new technologies and at the same time, revive the best of what we miss when we go digital, face-to-face contact and printed communications. We will continue our regular Mayor’s and Deputy Mayor’s hours every other week, with options for both day and evening hours. We will have our new hours posted very soon on the website.

Last year we discussed sending a quarterly newsletter to every resident in the community, please look for it sometime this spring. We have many residents who do not have access to or use the internet regularly and it is our responsibility to reach everyone.

As Public Safety Liaison, I am always looking for better ways to support our police and emergency services. The police force will soon have several retirements. We will need to hire new officers who have time to learn from the collective experience of the current officers and give these new hires time to appreciate and absorb the culture of our community’s inclusivity. In addition, I will be reaching out to the multiple emergency volunteer agencies which serve our community to learn about how each organization works and what we can do to keep those organizations healthy and sustainable. I will also be meeting and working with our fire district and emergency services to discuss our access to water in every neighborhood and how best to manage those resources so that we can keep each neighborhood protected. I am happy to be working with Committee Member Hart on this project. He has a lot of good experience and will offer us a valuable perspective.

Of course, there are still challenges ahead, including how best to keep Hopewell Township’s rural beauty as we create new spaces for affordable housing. We came to a settlement last year and made some hard decisions on where and how the obligations would be met. We understand that there are some who have concerns about the settlement and we encourage you to stay involved in the process. At the same time, we know that there are a few people in the community who reject affordable housing in Hopewell Township altogether. While they have certainly broadcast their objections, our job is to shepherd the Township through the process to meet our legal obligation in a timely and prudent manner. As public servants, we would be irresponsible not to address these issues. This would be an ongoing process and would take several years, but I want everyone to know that the Township Committee is unanimous in its commitment to preserving Hopewell Township’s farm space and open space.

I am proud of what the Hopewell Township Committee has accomplished this year, from decreasing our debt to establishing truly valuable dialog between our police and our residents. In 2018 you will see progress in the Community Center and the Senior Center. We will continue to have important conversations about public safety. We will continue to preserve open space and farmland, fulfill our constitutional obligation to provide affordable housing and we will continue to improve our communication and we will deliver a responsible budget. Thank you for your support and working with us to make a better Hopewell Township.”

Mayor Kuchinski further recognized the Mayor of Lawrence Township, Chris Bobbitt and thanked him for attending.

AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY, DEPARTMENTS FOR 2018 BY MAYOR

Mayor Kuchinski announced the following areas of responsibility and departmental assignments for 2018:

Board of Health, Public Safety, Historic Preservation Commission, LHT Blake
Agricultural Advisory Committee, Deer Management Advisory Committee, Affordable Housing
Committee, Economic Development and Tourism Committee.....Hart
Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee, Senior Advisory Board, Youth Advisory Board,
Planning BoardMcLaughlin
Environmental Commission, Public Works, Open Space Advisory CommitteeRuger
Administration/Legal, Planning Board, Finance, Finance Advisory CommitteeKuchinski

RESOLUTION #18-1. Read by title.
Motion by Blake, seconded by McLaughlin to adopt Resolution #18-1 .
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING ONE YEAR
TERMS EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2018**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, that the persons listed as follows are hereby appointed for a one-year term expiring December 31, 2018:

- MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR:** Robert Yostembski
- MUNICIPAL PUBLIC DEFENDER:** John M. Holliday
- DEPUTY COURT ADMINISTRATOR:** Christine Irizarry
- DEPUTY MUNICIPAL CLERK:** Katherine Fenton-Newman
- TREASURER:** Elaine Borges
- PENSION CERTIFYING OFFICER:** Susan Newman
- SEARCHER FOR PROSPECTIVE ASSESSMENTS:** Laurie E. Gompf
- TAX SEARCH OFFICER:** Mary Kennedy Nadzak

RESOLUTION #18-2. Read by title.
Motion by Blake, seconded by McLaughlin to adopt Resolution #18-2.
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

RESOLUTION #18-2
**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING
A TOWNSHIP ENGINEER**

BE IT RESOLVED on this 2nd day of January 2018, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that Mark Kataryniak is hereby appointed Township Engineer to a three-year term expiring December 31, 2020.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mark Kataryniak be authorized to sign the following

applications on behalf of Hopewell Township for the year 2018: NJDEP Treatment Works Applications; D&R Canal CP-1 Permit Applications; Mercer County Soil Conservation District Permit Applications; and all permit, grant and loan applications related to Hopewell Township Capital Projects.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Township Engineer, Administrative Officer, Zoning Officer, Construction Official and Public Works Director.

RESOLUTION #18-3. Read by title.

Motion by Blake, seconded by McLaughlin to adopt Resolution #18-3.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

R E S O L U T I O N #18-3

**A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING EVELYN ESTRADA
AS REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, that Evelyn Estrada is hereby reappointed Registrar of Vital Statistics of the Township of Hopewell to a three (3) year term that will expire on December 31, 2020.

RESOLUTION #18-4. Read by title.

Motion by Blake, seconded by Ruger to adopt Resolution #18-4.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

R E S O L U T I O N #18-4

**HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS
TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES**

BE IT RESOLVED, on this 2nd day of January 2018, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, that the following are hereby appointed for the terms designated:

	NOMINEE		TERM	TERM EXPIRING
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT, ZONING:				
	Uma Purandare		4 year	12/31/21
	Jonathan Nicozisis	(unexp.)	4 year	12/31/18
Alternate No. 1	Linda Rogers	(unexp.)	2 year	12/31/18
PLANNING BOARD CLASS III:				
(Township Committee Member)	Kristin McLaughlin		1 year	12/31/18
AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE:				
	Linda Rogers		2 year	12/31/19
Alternate	Bruce Gunther		2 year	12/31/19
(Township Committee Member)	John Hart		1 year	12/31/18
HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE				
Senior member	Michael Chipowsky		2 year	12/31/19
Senior member	Burt Sutker		2 year	12/31/19
(Township Committee Member)	Kristin McLaughlin		1 year	12/31/18

BOARD OF HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

	Suzanne Borgos	3 year	12/31/20
	Michael Coco	3 year	12/31/20
Alternate No. 2	Lisa Dobruskin	2 year	12/31/19

SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD

	Stanley Saperstein	2 year	12/31/19
	Sebastian Panebianco	2 year	12/31/19

RESOLUTION #18-5. Read by title.

RESOLUTION #18-5**MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS,
COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES**

BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Kevin D. Kuchinski, Mayor of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, on this 2nd day of January 2018, do hereby appoint the following for the terms designated:

	NOMINEE	TERM	TERM EXPIRING
PLANNING BOARD:			
Class I	Mayor	1 year	12/31/18
Class IV	Paul Kiss	4 year	12/31/21
Class IV	Milind Khare	4 year (unexp.)	12/31/18
Alternate No. 1	Courtney Peters-Manning	2 year (unexp.)	12/31/18
Alternate No. 2	Vanessa Sandom	2 year	12/31/19
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION:			
	George Kerr	3 year	12/31/20
	Ray Nichols	3 year	12/31/20
	William Washburn	3 year (unexp.)	12/31/19
Alternate No. 1	Vanessa Sandom	2 year	12/31/19
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION			
Class C	Dorothy Washburn	4 year	12/31/21
Class C	Anita Crane	4 year (unexp.)	12/31/18
Alternate No. 1	Tracey Vogler	2 year	12/31/19
Alternate No. 2	Richard Hunter	2 year (unexp.)	12/31/18
OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE			
	Judy Clarke	3 year	12/31/20
Alternate No. 2	Peter Fengler	3 year	12/31/20
AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE			
	George Sciarrotta	3 year	12/31/20
	Mitchel Skolnick	3 year	12/31/20
	Christopher Pazdan	3 year	12/31/20

Municipal Clerk Gompf administered the Oath of Office to the Board and Committee Appointees.

RESOLUTION #18-6. Read by title.

Motion by Blake, seconded by McLaughlin to adopt Resolution #18-6.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

RESOLUTION #18-6

**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
MEETING DATES FOR THE YEAR 2018**

WHEREAS, Section 13 of the Open Public Meetings Act requires the posting of annual meetings together with notification of said meetings to the official newspapers of the Township, and submission of the same to those persons requesting copies of said notice; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell desires to set forth a schedule of public meetings for the year 2018.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer and the State of New Jersey that the Township Committee shall hold its regular meetings at 7:00 p.m. at the municipal building auditorium located at 201 Washington Crossing-Pennington Road, Titusville, New Jersey, on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month, except when that Monday is a national holiday and then the meeting will be held the following Tuesday evening or as noted in the attached annual notice of scheduled meetings; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Committee will hold Agenda Sessions at 7:00 p.m. on the first Monday of each month except when that Monday is a national holiday and then the meeting will be held the following Tuesday evening; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be posted and maintained posted throughout the year in accordance with the statutes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution and schedule be forwarded to the official newspapers of the Township.

RESOLUTION #18-7. Read by title.

Motion by Ruger, seconded by Blake to adopt Resolution #18-7.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

RESOLUTION #18-7

A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hopewell Valley News, The Times of Trenton, The Trentonian and the Hopewell Express are hereby designated as the official newspapers of the Township of Hopewell for the year 2018.

RESOLUTION #18-8. Read by title.

Motion by McLaughlin, seconded by Blake to adopt Resolution #18-8.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

RESOLUTION #18-8

**A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING STATE
APPROVED PUBLIC DEPOSITORIES AS OFFICIAL
DEPOSITORIES OF HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP**

BE IT RESOLVED, on this 2nd day of January 2018 by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer and State of New Jersey, that any public depository as listed on the attached Cash Management Plan be designated as an Official Depository of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, for the year 2018.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Administrator and the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer are hereby authorized to purchase and sell participations in the cash fund of these depositories for investment purposes for the account of the Township of Hopewell.

RESOLUTION #18-9. Read by title.

Motion by Blake, seconded by McLaughlin to adopt Resolution #18-9.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Blake, Hart, McLaughlin, Ruger, Mayor Kuchinski

NOES: None

RESOLUTION #18-9

ADOPTING A TEMPORARY 2018 BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Local Budget Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19) provides that where any contracts and/or commitment of payments are to be made prior to the final adoption of the 2018 budget, temporary appropriations shall be made for the purpose in the manner and the time provided; and

WHEREAS, this resolution is within the first thirty days of the year 2018; and

WHEREAS, 26.25% of total appropriations of the 2017 budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for debt service, capital improvement fund and deferred charges in said budget is the sum of \$4,324,096.53

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on this 2nd day of January 2018, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, that the following temporary appropriations be made and that a certified copy of the Resolution be transmitted to the Township Treasurer's Office.

IN CAP APPROPRIATIONS:

	2017 Budget	2018 Temporary Budget
Legislative		
S&W	21,675.00	6,000.00
OE	16,850.00	6,000.00
Executive		
S&W	474,441.54	105,000.00
OE	138,650.00	40,000.00
Financial Administration		
S&W	201,802.91	53,000.00
OE	30,398.00	6,500.00
Tax Collection		
S&W	84,423.65	23,000.00
OE	10,295.00	3,500.00
Legal Services/Prosecutor		
S&W	47,784.17	12,200.00
OE	296,700.00	82,000.00
Municipal Clerk		
S&W	142,015.60	38,000.00
OE	24,940.00	6,400.00
Municipal Assessor		
S&W	120,311.26	38,000.00
OE	37,465.00	7,500.00
Engineering		
OE	59,000.00	25,000.00
Municipal Building		
S&W	27,000.00	10,000.00
OE	183,475.23	40,000.00
Police Services		
S&W	3,354,218.55	947,600.00
OE	269,250.30	100,000.00
Community Development		
S&W	253,002.53	56,000.00
OE	66,780.00	15,000.00
Auditing Services		
OE	30,000.00	30,000.00
Health		

S&W	276,391.40	74,000.00
OE	40,750.00	9,000.00
Solid Waste & Recycling		
OE	57,000.00	5,000.00
Public Works		
S&W	1,472,659.74	527,000.00
OE	407,650.00	290,000.00
Fleet Maintenance		
S&W	194,677.40	42,588.53
OE	100,000.00	70,000.00
Recreation/Parks		
S&W	58,199.09	14,000.00
OE	22,270.00	14,000.00
Recreation		
S&W	100,578.46	29,000.00
OE	2,100.00	1,400.00
Senior Services		
S&W	36,554.80	20,000.00
OE	7,100.00	1,500.00
Motor Fuels		
OE	170,000.00	61,300.00
Street Lighting		
OE	160,000.00	43,800.00
Utilities		
OE	140,000.00	43,800.00
Telephone		
OE	60,000.00	24,200.00
Municipal Court		
S/W	255,436.16	66,000.00
O/E	15,275.00	3,500.00
Public Defender		
S/W	16,600.00	5,400.00
Historic Preservation Commission		
OE	2,760.00	2,000.00
Environmental Commission		
OE	9,700.00	1,000.00
Insurance Premiums		
OE	435,739.00	442,158.00
Disability Insurance		
OE	15,000.00	8,000.00
Social Security		
OE	510,000.00	140,000.00
Employee Benefits		
OE	2,516,145.47	565,000.00
DCRP		
OE	1,000.00	2,500.00
Pension		
OE	1,345,753.12	0.00
Affordable Housing		
OE	0.00	0.00
Health Benefit Waiver		
OE	45,000.00	12,000.00
Animal Control		
OE	90,100.00	0.00
Interfund Operating Trf		
OE	32,273.75	0.00
Water Utility		
OE	3,718.81	0.00

OUT OF CAP APPROPRIATIONS:

Interlocal Police Services		
S&W	418,579.74	100,000.00
OE	34,149.70	5,000.00
Interlocal Recycling		
OE	169,404.24	50,000.00
Interlocal Dispatch		
S&W	70,417.00	
Interlocal Senior Service Coordinator		
S&W	10,000.00	
O/E	4,519.08	
Interlocal EMS Mercer County		
O/E	13,020.00	
Municipal Alliance Grant		
O/E	2,670.00	
Recycling Tonnage Tax		
O/E	1,000.00	250.00
Declared State of Emergency		
O/E		
Miscellaneous Expenses		
O/E	1,258,077.99	
	TOTAL	4,324,096.53
	16,472,748.69	

RESOLUTION #18-10. Read by title.
 Motion by Blake, seconded by McLaughlin to adopt Resolution #18-10 .

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Blake, Hart, McLaughlin, Ruger, Mayor Kuchinski
NOES: None

RESOLUTION #18-10

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING TEMPORARY
 2018 WATER, SEWER UTILITY SBRSA
 & SEWER UTILITY ELSA BUDGET**

WHEREAS, the Local Budget Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19) provides that where any contracts and/or commitment of payments are to be made prior to the final adoption of the 2018 budget, temporary appropriations shall be made for the purpose in the manner and the time provided; and

WHEREAS, this resolution is within the first thirty (30) days of the year 2018; and

WHEREAS, 26.25% of the total appropriations of the 2017 Water Utility budget, exclusive of debt service is the sum of \$13,138.12; and

WHEREAS, 26.25% of the total appropriations of the 2017 Sewer Utility budget, exclusive of debt service is the sum of \$78,211.28 for SBRSA Sewer Utility and \$274,621.62 for ELSA Sewer Utility;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on this 2nd day of January 2018, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that the following temporary appropriations be made and that a certified copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Township Treasurer’s office.

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Temporary Budget</u>
<u>WATER UTILITY</u>		
S & W	10,600.00	4,000.00
OE	38,725.00	8,938.12
Employee Benefits		
OE	725.00	200.00

TOTAL	50,050.00	13,138.12
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SEWER UTILITY SBRSA

S & W	9,400.00	4,000.00
OE	287,847.76	74,011.28

Employee Benefits

OE	700.00	200.00
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TOTAL	297,947.76	78,211.28
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SEWER UTILITY ELSA

S & W	24,000.00	6,500.00
OE	1,020,527.60	267,571.62

Employee Benefits

OE	1,650.00	550.00
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TOTAL	1,046,177.60	274,621.62
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TOTAL	1,328,086.35	348,622.65
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RESOLUTION #18-11. Read by title.

Motion by Blake, seconded by McLaughlin to adopt Resolution #18-11.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

RESOLUTION #18-11

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PUBLIC WORKS TO RE-OPEN
IT'S PETTY CASH FUND FOR 2018 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$200.00;
RECREATION TO RE-OPEN ITS PETTY CASH FUND
FOR 2018 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500.00; THE ADMINISTRATION OFFICE
TO REOPEN ITS PETTY CASH FUND FOR 2018 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$400.00;
AND THE SENIOR SERVICES OFFICE TO RE-OPEN THEIR PETTY CASH FUND
FOR 2018 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50.00**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-21 authorizes the establishment of Petty Cash funds for the Administration, Public Works, Recreation and Senior Services departments of Hopewell Township; and

WHEREAS, said petty cash funds were established by resolutions dated October 7, 1991 (Administration), January 4, 2001 (Recreation), February 1, 2001 (Public Works) and April 8, 2013 (Senior Services), by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Township Committee that said funds be continued under the direction of Administration, Public Works, Recreation and Senior Services respectively;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 2nd day of January 2018, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that effective January 1, 2018, the Public Works Office be and is hereby authorized and permitted to re-open its Petty Cash Fund in the amount of \$200.00; the Recreation Office be and is hereby authorized and permitted to re-open its Petty Cash Fund in the amount of \$500.00; the Administration Office is hereby permitted to re-open its Petty Cash Fund in the amount of \$400.00 and the Senior Services Office be and is hereby authorized and permitted to re-open its Petty Cash Fund in the amount of \$50.00 pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:5-21. Said Petty Cash Funds will be used by such office or department to pay claims for small miscellaneous expenses.

PUBLIC SECTION

No members of the public spoke during public comment.

At 7:43 p.m., Motion by McLaughlin, seconded by Blake to adjourn the meeting.
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

The detailed public meeting may be viewed at www.hopewelltp.org in the video library.

LAURIE E. GOMPf
MUNICIPAL CLERK