

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

Monday, February 19, 2019 – 7:12 p.m.

PROPER STATEMENT OF NOTICE – Mayor McLaughlin 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 January 8, 2019, in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975.

ROLL CALL: Those answering the roll call of the Municipal Clerk:

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Blake, Hart, Kuchinski, Ruger, Mayor McLaughlin

ABSENT: None

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

POLICE COLOR GUARD AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG – Mayor McLaughlin asked those in attendance to rise for the posting of the colors and salute to the flag. Girl Scout Troops 70021, 70129, 70175 and 70380 led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

PRESENTATIONS – A RESOLUTION PROMOTING DETECTIVE LOUIS VASTOLA TO SERGEANT AND OATHS OF OFFICE TO LIEUTENANT TULKO, SERGEANT GREY AND SERGEANT VASTOLA

RESOLUTION #19-67. Read by title.

Motion by Kuchinski, seconded by Blake to adopt Resolution #19-67.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

R E S O L U T I O N #19-67

**A RESOLUTION PROMOTING
DETECTIVE LOUIS VASTOLA
TO THE POSITION OF SERGEANT IN THE
HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT**

BE IT RESOLVED on this 19th day of February 2019, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that Detective Louis Vastola be promoted to Sergeant effective February 19, 2019; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Louis Vastola be compensated at an annual salary of \$121,802.00.

Police Chief Maloney thanked the members of the Committee for their support in the promotions of all three officers and recognized special guests in the audience.

PRESENTATION – LETTER OF COMMENDATION TO OFFICER MARK PANZANO
Chief Maloney recognized Officer Mark Panzano for actions he took during a residential fire call. Deputy Mayor Ruger presented Officer Panzano with a Letter of Commendation.

PRESENTATION - OATH OF OFFICE TO LIEUTENANT FRANCIS TULKO

Chief Maloney recognized Lieutenant Francis Tulko and asked that he come forward. Chief Maloney acknowledged Lieutenant Tulko's service, awards and commendations achieved during his career with Hopewell Township. Lt. Tulko's family came forward and Mayor McLaughlin administered the Oath of Office to Lieutenant Francis Tulko.

PRESENTATION - OATH OF OFFICE TO SERGEANT MANDY GREY

Chief Maloney recognized Sergeant Mandy Grey and asked that she come forward. Chief Maloney acknowledged Sergeant Grey's service, awards and commendations achieved during her career with Hopewell Township. Sergeant Grey's family came forward and Mayor McLaughlin administered the Oath of Office to Sergeant Mandy Grey.

PRESENTATION - OATH OF OFFICE TO SERGEANT LOUIS VASTOLA

Chief Maloney recognized Sergeant Louis Vastola and asked that he come forward. Chief Maloney acknowledged Sergeant Vastola's service, awards and commendations achieved during his career with the Hopewell Township. Sergeant Vastola's family came forward and Mayor McLaughlin administered the Oath of Office to Sergeant Louis Vastola.

Chief Maloney, Mayor McLaughlin and Township Committee Members offered their congratulations.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR MEETING AGENDA

Mayor McLaughlin announced that the Presentation regarding PILOT Programs would be moved to later on the agenda and advised that "A Resolution Appointing an Alternate Member to the Hopewell Township Open Space Advisory Committee" would be added to the agenda.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND STAFF REPORTS

Attorney Goodell announced that Judge Jacobson issued her decision in the Deer Valley Litigation, however a final order has not yet been received, and announced that the Judge had remanded a small portion back to the Planning Board for further fact-finding. Mr. Goodell advised that he would provide more detail to the Committee in Executive Session.

Ms. Borges provided updates on the State's FAST program and credit card/HCH progress.

Committee Member Hart reported on a meeting with the State Agricultural Development Board of which the topic of discussion was Farmland Preservation funding available to the Township. Committee Member Hart suggested the Township consider four-way stops at Federal City and Blackwell Roads as well as Scotch Road and Pennington-Titusville Road due to hazardous traffic at the intersections.

Committee Member Blake reported on Public Works' activities including storm water, drainage, roadside tree and brush trimming, open space maintenance, removal of dead and dying trees in right-of-ways, sign replacement, and road repair. Mayor McLaughlin reminded everyone that potholes may be reported online through the Township's website.

Committee Member Kuchinski reported that the public portion of the 2019 budget planning process has begun.

Committee Member Ruger suggested that a four-way stop sign be placed at Pennington-Harbourton Road and Scotch Road.

Mr. Kataryniak reported that the scheduled construction at the Pennington Rocky Hill Road Bridge has been altered due to environmental concerns and expounded on the details of the closure; a new

technical assistant has been hired in the Construction office; and the Spatial Data Logic Portal access rollout for construction permitting and inspection is continuing.

Mayor McLaughlin announced the cancellation of the Senior Advisory Board due to inclement weather; reported on the presentation to the Youth Advisory Board by the Environmental Commission; announced that Robert Wood Johnson hospital has expanded their Ride Provide to the Township for people sixty-five and over who are visually impaired; announced that Assembly Bill 4904, which grants tax interest payment relief to furloughed Federal works impacted by the Federal Government shutdown, has passed both Houses and has yet to be signed by the Governor; and a new survey will soon be placed on the ‘Have Your Say Hopewell’ spot on the website.

PUBLIC SECTION

The following members of the public spoke during public comment.

Jon Edwards, a resident of Pennington Harbourton Road, requested a status update on the Scotch Road Redevelopment Agreement; questioned if Assembly Bill 4904 would apply to future shutdowns; urged the Committee to utilize and review existing Ordinances to govern redevelopment within the Township; commented on signs which are in noncompliance of the Township’s sign ordinance; and offered his expectations of what the presentation on PILOT agreements would contain.

Melanie Philips, a resident of Washington Crossing-Pennington Road, commented on the impact of PILOT programs on the school district; questioned if other proposed sites would be age restricted and inquired as to what sources were being used to project the number of anticipated students.

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

ORDINANCE – INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

Mayor McLaughlin read by title the ordinance for introduction.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER V, “ANIMAL CONTROL,” SECTIONS 5-1 THROUGH 5-9” OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL (1978)

Motion by Kuchinski, seconded by Blake to introduce the ordinance on first reading.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NOES: None

ORDINANCE INTRODUCED

Second reading, public hearing date March 4, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENTATION – PILOT AGREEMENTS

Committee Member Kuchinski announced that the theme of the presentation was “Financing Our Future - New Municipal Revenue Sources for a Changing World.” The slideshow presentation included the following:

- Budgetary Challenges Facing the Hopewell Township
- Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) Programs as a potential solution to those budgetary challenges.
- Current debt, debt service and the impact of debt on the budget.
- Misperceptions of PILOT Programs.
- PILOTs as a tool for municipalities.
- A history of PILOTs in Hopewell Township.

- Hopewell Gardens
- Capital Health
- Lessons from Previous Hopewell Township PILOTs.
- Modern Day PILOTs in Hopewell Township.
 - Woodmont
 - Zaitz
 - Cost-Benefit Analysis on Zaitz PILOT
- Additional Detail on Municipal Cost Analysis
- Prioritized Uses for Incremental Revenue
- Next Steps and Discussion

Committee Members discussed the cost of education for school-age children entering the school district under the PILOT program and other Municipalities who have PILOT programs.

ORDINANCE – INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

Mayor McLaughlin read by title the ordinance for introduction.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER X, “FEES AND PERMITS,”
SECTION 8, “POLICE” OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF
THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL (1978)

Motion by Blake, seconded by Kuchinski to introduce the ordinance on first reading.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NOES: None

ORDINANCE INTRODUCED

Second reading, public hearing date March 4, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

RESOLUTIONS #19-68 THROUGH #19-69, AND SHOOTING GALLERY LICENSE RENEWAL, Read by title.

Motion by Kuchinski, seconded by Ruger to adopt Resolution #19-68 through #19-69 and approve Shooting Gallery License renewal.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

R E S O L U T I O N #19-68

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL, BOROUGH OF HOPEWELL AND BOROUGH OF PENNINGTON FOR SENIOR CENTER SERVICES

WHEREAS, there exists a community need to provide a location in which senior activities serving Hopewell Borough, Hopewell Township, and Pennington Borough may occur; and

WHEREAS, the Hopewell Valley Senior Advisory Board and other community organizations are currently evaluating needs and alternatives for developing new facilities to meet future needs; and

WHEREAS, in the interim senior activities are provided in a building and site amenities ("SITE") owned by Pennington Borough located on Reading Street in Pennington Borough; and

WHEREAS, Hopewell Borough, Hopewell Township and Pennington Borough's use of the SITE is provided through a shared services agreement which sets forth responsibilities as being representative of each community's pro-rata use of the SITE; and

WHEREAS, the Interlocal Services Act, N.J.S.A. 40:8A-1 et seq permits local units of the State to enter into a contract with any other local unit for the provision of any service which any party to the agreement is empowered to render within its own jurisdiction.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on this 19th day of February, 2019, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey that the Mayor and Clerk be and hereby are authorized to enter into a Shared Services Agreement with the Borough of Hopewell and the Borough of Pennington for Senior Center Services. Said services

shall be furnished and rendered pursuant to an agreement, in a form similar to that which is attached hereto.

RESOLUTION #19-69

**RESOLUTION FOR REDEMPTION
OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATES**

WHEREAS, on June 1, 2016 FWDSL & Associates LP purchased Tax Sale Certificate 16-00013, for property located at Block 62 Lot 1.01 known as 1310 Bear Tavern Road, assessed to Duncraven Farm LLC; this certificate was redeemed by Timothy Fedor, as owner, on February 13, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Township can now release the principal and interest received, and premium(s) if applicable.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on this 19th day of February 2019, that the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, Mercer County, State of New Jersey, hereby authorize the Tax Collector to release the amounts listed to the Lien Holder(s) as specified below:

<u>BLOCK/LOT</u>	<u>OWNERS' NAME(S)</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>LIEN HOLDER</u>	<u>PREMIUM</u>
62/1.01	Duncraven Farm LLC	\$81,880.80	FWDSL & Associates LP	\$57,000.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this approved resolution is forwarded to the Tax Collector.

SHOOTING GALLERIES LICENSE RENEWAL – Thomas Burd, 115 Pleasant Valley Road, Titusville, NJ 08560 (Block 60, Lot 3).

RESOLUTION #19-70. Read by title.
Motion by Blake, seconded by Ruger to adopt Resolution #19-70.
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

RESOLUTION #19-70

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP
AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE**

BE IT RESOLVED on this 19th day of February 2019, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that:

1. Timothy Keenan is hereby appointed as a member of the Hopewell Township Affordable Housing Committee for a two-year unexpired term expiring December 31, 2020.
2. Boyana Georgieva is hereby appointed as a member of the Hopewell Township Affordable Housing Committee for a two-year unexpired term expiring December 31, 2019.
3. Karen Kent is hereby appointed as a member of the Hopewell Township Affordable Housing Committee for a two-year unexpired term expiring December 31, 2019.
4. Carolyn Bender is hereby appointed as an alternate member of the Hopewell Township Affordable Housing Committee for a two-year unexpired term expiring 12/31/2020.

RESOLUTION #19-71. Read by title.
Motion by Hart, seconded by Ruger to adopt Resolution #19-71.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

RESOLUTION #19-71

2018 BUDGET TRANSFER RESOLUTION #6

BE IT RESOLVED on this 19th day of February, 2019, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer and State of New Jersey, that a transfer be made in the 2018 Budget appropriations as follows:

	From:	
Street Lighting O/E		\$11,000.00
Total		\$11,000.00
Utilities O/E		\$11,000.00
Total		\$11,000.00

RESOLUTION #19-72. Read by title.

Motion by Blake, seconded by Ruger to adopt Resolution #19-72.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NOES: None

R E S O L U T I O N #19-72

A RESOLUTION FOR AN EMERGENCY TEMPORARY APPROPRIATION

WHEREAS, an emergent condition has arisen with respect to the below listed items and no adequate provision has been made in the 2019 temporary appropriations for the aforesaid purpose, and N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20 provides for the creation of an emergency temporary appropriation for the purpose above mentioned; and

WHEREAS, the total emergency temporary resolutions adopted in the year 2019 pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 96, PL. 1951 (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20) including this resolution total \$324,120.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on this 19th day of February 2019, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey (not less than two-thirds of all the members thereof affirmatively concurring) that in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20:

1. An emergency temporary appropriation be and the same is hereby made for:

Interlocal Recycling O/E	\$ 50,000.00
Clerk O/E	1,000.00
Admin O/E	8,300.00
Assessor O/E	20,000.00
Legal O/E	65,000.00
Total	\$ 144,300.00
2. That said emergency temporary appropriation has been provided for in the 2019 budget under the title of:
As listed in 1 above
3. That one certified copy of this resolution be filed with the Director of Local Government Services.

RESOLUTION #19-73. Read by title.

Motion by Ruger, seconded by Kuchinski to adopt Resolution #19-73.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NOES: None

R E S O L U T I O N #19-73

A RESOLUTION FOR AN EMERGENCY TEMPORARY APPROPRIATION IN THE SBRSA SEWER UTILITY BUDGET

WHEREAS, an emergent condition has arisen with respect to the below listed items and no adequate provision has been made in the 2019 SBRSA sewer utility temporary appropriations for the aforesaid purpose, and N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20 provides for the creation of an emergency temporary appropriation for the purpose above mentioned; and

WHEREAS, the total emergency temporary resolutions adopted in the year 2019 for the SBRSA sewer utility pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 96, P.L. 1951 (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20) including this resolution total \$81,166.33

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on this 19th day of February 2019, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey (not less than two-thirds of all the members thereof affirmatively concurring) that in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20:

1. An emergency temporary appropriation be and the same is hereby made for:

SBRSA O/E	\$ 81,166.33
 Total	 \$ 81,166.33

2. That said emergency temporary appropriation has been provided for in the 2019 budget under the title of:

As listed in 1 above

3. That one certified copy of this resolution be filed with the Director of Local Government Services.

RESOLUTION #19-74. Read by title.
Motion by Ruger, seconded by Blake to adopt Resolution #19-74.
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

R E S O L U T I O N #19-74

**A RESOLUTION AMENDING 2018
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENTS**

WHEREAS, the Township entered into Professional Services Agreements with the firm noted below; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend this agreement to change the amount and/or the term of the contract; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that the funds are available.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 19th day of February, 2019 by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that the Professional Services Agreements be and are hereby amended as follows:

<u>FIRM</u>	<u>CURRENT MAXIMUM</u>	<u>PROPOSED MAXIMUM</u>	<u>CURRENT TERM EXPIRES</u>	<u>PROPOSED TERM EXPIRES</u>
Parker McCay, P.A (Affordable Housing Legal) 8-01-20-115-028	\$50,000.00	\$44,000.00	12/31/18	No Change
Parker McCay, P.A. (Township Attorney) 8-01-20-115-028	\$198,780.00	\$204,780.00	12/31/18	No Change

RESOLUTION #19-75. Read by title.
Motion by Blake, seconded by Ruger to adopt Resolution #19-75.
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

R E S O L U T I O N #19-75

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENTS**

WHEREAS, there exists a need for professional services for the following: appraisal services; and Labor Attorney services; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost of the contract is not to exceed \$10,000.00 (9-01-20-150-028) for appraisal services; and \$65,000.00 (9-01-20-115-028) for Labor Attorney services; and funds will be available in the 2019 budget appropriations for this purpose certified by the local finance officer encumbered in the accounts referenced above; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) requires that a resolution authorizing the award of contracts for "Professional Services" without competitive bids and the contract itself must be available for public inspection.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, as follows:

1. The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the attached agreements with:

Ronald A. Curini Appraisal Co., Inc. for appraisal services;
Mark S. Ruderman, Esq. of Ruderman & Roth, LLC for Labor Attorney Services

2. The contracts are awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 (1)(a) as a contract for services to be performed by persons authorized by law to practice recognized professions that are regulated by law and it is not possible to obtain competitive bids.

3. A notice of this action shall be published once in the official newspaper as required by law.

RESOLUTION #19-76. Read by title.

Motion by Ruger, seconded by Blake to adopt Resolution #19-76.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

R E S O L U T I O N #19-76

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF A POLICE SPECIAL DUTY SCHEDULING AND PROCESSING VENDOR THROUGH THE COMPETITIVE CONTRACTING PROCESS

WHEREAS, the Township has a desire to provide for Police Special Duty Scheduling and Process services; and

WHEREAS, such services are currently available to be provided through the competitive contracting process under the New Jersey Local Publics Contract Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4.1(a); and

WHEREAS, the Township desires to evaluate such service offerings from Vendors within the procedures as set forth in the New Jersey Local Publics Contract Law (N.J.S.A.40A:11-4.1 et. seq. and N.J.A.C. 5:34-4 et. Seq.); and

WHEREAS, the Township desires to enter into a contract for up to a five (5) year contract that will satisfy the needs of the Township; and

WHEREAS, as per statute the process will be administered by the Qualified Purchasing Agent (N.J.S.A 40A:11-4.5(d)).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, as follows:

The Qualified Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to commence the competitive contract/ procurement as allowable under the New Jersey Local Publics Contract Law for Police Special Duty Scheduling and Processing services, allowing for a minimum of 20 days' notice after advertisement to receive responses, per Local Publics Contract Law.

RESOLUTION #19-77. Read by title.

Motion by Ruger, seconded by Blake to adopt Resolution #19-77.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

R E S O L U T I O N #19-77

RESOLUTION OF AWARD FOR AUDIO VISUAL UPGRADE BID THROUGH BID 18R-01 NEGOTIATIONS UNDER N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(3)

WHEREAS, the Township publicly advertised and sought receipt of public bids on August 16, 2018, 11:00am where no bids were received under Bid # 18-01; and

WHEREAS, the Township publicly advertised and sought receipt of public bids on October 18, 2018, 10:00am under Bid # 18R-01 the lowest bidder was deemed to be non-responsive and rejected according to resolution of rejection #18-331 on November 13, 2018; and

WHEREAS, resolution authorizing negotiations under N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(3) was authorized through resolution #18-332 on November 13, 2018; and

WHEREAS, G&G Technologies Inc. 280 N. Midland Ave., Building F, Suite 202, Saddle Brook, N.J. 07663, has provided for a negotiated price offer of \$56,967.80 that is deemed responsive and responsible and consistent with the tenets as sought in bid 18-01 and Bid 18R-01; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer hereby certifies that funds are available **NOT TO EXCEED:**

\$56,967.80 – Capital Improvement Fund Administration X-04-00-672-210.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Hopewell, Mercer County, that the Township Administrator and Qualified Purchasing Agent or their designee are authorized to enter into a contract award to G&G Technologies Inc. 280 N. Midland Ave., Building F, Suite 202, Saddle Brook, N.J. 07663 in the amount of \$56,967.80, based upon the tenets of Bid #18R-01.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

RESOLUTION #19-78. Read by title.

Motion by Ruger, seconded by Blake to adopt Resolution #19-78.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

R E S O L U T I O N #19-78

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TAX ASSESSOR TO ACT AS AGENT FOR HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP FOR THE PURPOSE OF FILING AND SETTLING TAX APPEALS ON BEHALF OF THE TAXING DISTRICT FOR THE TAX YEAR 2019

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor is knowledgeable regarding the valuation and assessment of properties in Hopewell Township; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor has the statutory responsibility, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-23 to 36, to set assessments for properties in Hopewell Township under the Local Property Tax, N.J.S.A. 54:4-1 et seq; and

WHEREAS, the governing body of the Taxing District deems the Tax Assessor to be responsible and acting in the best interests of the municipality.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on this 19th day of February, 2019 by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, in the County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that the Tax Assessor is hereby authorized to act as agent for the Township of Hopewell, without further governing body approval to:

(a) Determine when tax appeals, cross appeals, complaints and counterclaims should be filed on behalf of the Taxing District with regard to any property located in Hopewell Township and ratio issue, and accordingly direct the attorney for the Taxing District to file such documents with either the County Tax Board or Tax Court of New Jersey as deemed appropriate;

(b) Resolve and settle tax appeals pending before the County Tax Board, Tax Court or Appellate Courts for any tax year and authorize the attorney for the Taxing District to formalize such settlements in the appropriate Courts and/or County Tax Board if the settlement results in a tax refund or tax credit not exceeding \$50,000 per appeal/per year.

RESOLUTION #19-79. Read by title.

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT

R E S O L U T I O N #19-79

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING AN ALTERNATE MEMBER TO THE HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Kristin McLaughlin, Mayor of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, on this 19th day of February 2019, do hereby appoint Jennifer Rogers as Alternate No. 2 Member of the Open Space Advisory Committee for an unexpired term expiring 12/31/2020.

RESOLUTION #19-80. Read by title.

Motion by Ruger, seconded by Blake to adopt Resolution #19-80.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NOES: None

R E S O L U T I O N #19-80

BILLS & CLAIMS

BE IT RESOLVED, that the list of cash disbursements authorized for approval of bills for payment date February 19, 2019 in the following amounts:

Bills and Claims	\$	5,546,205.71
Payroll	\$	335,387.44
Total Disbursements	\$	5,881,593.15

Itemized and listed on the submitted schedule are hereby approved and filed as a record as part of the minutes of this meeting.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business
- B. An Ordinance Updating Solicitation Ordinance and Establishing No-Knock Registry for Senior Citizens
- C. School District Projections

PUBLIC SECTION

The following members of the public spoke during public comment:

Harvey Lester, a resident of Continental Lane, objected to having three minutes to comment on Committee Member Kuchinski's presentation and offered his opinions regarding the presentation and PILOT programs.

Melanie Phillips questioned the impact PILOT programs have on municipal services; offered her opinion on Committee Member Kuchinski's presentation; asked for confirmation of certain statistics; referred to an article by the National Association of Home Builders regarding PILOT programs and the ratio of school-age children; and discussed issues with PILOT programs.

Jon Edwards encouraged the Committee to adopt a resolution in support of A-4904; commented on the impact of PILOT programs on the school district; and offered his opinion regarding the costs of municipal services as it relates to new homes.

Kim Robinson, a resident of Harbourton Rocktown Road, questioned the Committee with regard to lowering the speed limit to 25 miles per hour on Bear Tavern Road by the elementary school.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTION. Read into the record.

Mayor McLaughlin stated that the regular meeting may reconvene following the Executive Session.

Motion by Blake, seconded by Ruger to go to Executive Session to discuss contract negotiations, real estate, legal and personnel matters.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

RESOLUTION #19-81

EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Township Committee to discuss contract negotiations, real estate, legal, and/or personnel matters; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 permits the Township Committee to conduct a meeting from which the public is excluded in order to discuss such matters; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee wishes to discuss the following:

- Legal
 - Deer Valley
 - PennEast
- Real Estate
 - BMS
- Contract Negotiations
 - Bargaining Units

WHEREAS, the time when and circumstances under which discussion conducted in executive session may be disclosed to the public is when appropriate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on this 19th day of February, 2019 by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that the Township Committee shall forthwith conduct an executive session to discuss the above.

At 9:20 p.m. the Executive Session was held.

At 10:18 p.m. the Regular meeting reconvened.

At 10:18 p.m., motion by Kuchinski, seconded by Ruger 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