

**HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING
HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING AUDITORIUM**

Monday, February 19, 2019 – 5:42 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, Kuchinski, Ruger, Mayor McLaughlin
Hart (arrived at 6:52 p.m.)

ABSENT: None

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

2019 MUNICIPAL BUDGET DISCUSSION

Ms. Borges discussed the Capital Budget and the Township Committee's desire to reduce the Township's debt and the balance of new debt to existing debt. Discussed were:

- Amount of outstanding debt.
 - 2019 repayments schedule.
 - Amount of new debt that may be incurred in 2019 to keep payments neutral.
 - Current proposed Capital Budget.
 - Explanation of useful life versus true life value.
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Chief Lance Maloney and Lieutenant William Springer presented the Police Department's Capital Budget requests which included:

- Replacement of breath test machine.
- Replacement of two four-wheel drive vehicles.
- Vehicle replacement schedule.
- Replace two radar units in patrol vehicles.
- Replacement of 35 radio units.
- Replace sixteen mobile radios.
- Replace nine desktop computers.
- Replace four daily use printers.
- Replace interview room recording system.
- Replace portable radar recording device.
- Variable Message Board

Discussion ensued regarding prioritizing the department's needs.

George Snyder, Director of Public Works, and David Guerard, General Foreman, presented the following Capital Budget requests:

- Compact Excavator to clean ditches and maintain drainage systems in order to maintain the integrity of the roadways.
- Jet-Vac Truck
- Tandem Axle Dump Truck
- Thermoplastic Pavement Marking Machine

A discussion ensued over prioritizing the needs of the Public Works department and possibly selling items already in inventory to help pay for some of the items.

Mr. Snyder and Mr. Guerard addressed the Buildings and Grounds Capital Budget requests including:

- Adding a firebreak in the Administration Building per the suggestion of the Construction Official.
- A new HVAC control system for the Administration Building.
- New fuel dispensing system.
- Salt Storage Building
- Football Field Electric and Solar Pavilion
- Police Door Locks

Mark Kataryniak, Director of Community Development reviewed the following for the 2019 Roads Program Capital Budget:

- Addressed the possibilities of receiving grant monies and expending those funds prudently.
- Discussed prioritizing roads for repair based upon condition.

PUBLIC SECTION

The following members of the public spoke during public comment:

Harvey Lester, a resident of Continental Lane, questioned the amount in the surplus in the beginning of 2018; how much of the surplus was allocated for the 2018 budget; how much of the surplus was actually used in the 2018 budget; and what was the amount of surplus in the beginning of 2019.

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

At 6:59 p.m., motion by Kuchinski, 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