

**HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING  
VIA ZOOM VIDEO COMMUNICATIONS**

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**Monday, April 6, 2020 – 4:32 p.m.**

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**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 3, 2020, and amended on April 3, 2020, 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, Peters-Manning, Ruger, Mayor McLaughlin

**ABSENT:** None

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

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**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG** – Mayor McLaughlin led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

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**COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND STAFF REPORTS**

Mr. Kataryniak provided an update on the status of the Department of Community Development and construction projects which are underway.

Mayor McLaughlin announced that the Township had just received new guidelines for conducting Planning and Zoning Board of Adjustment meetings and Mr. Kataryniak advised that they are reviewing those guidelines and will be applying them in short order.

Mr. Goodell reported that he has been working with Mr. Kataryniak on the processes that the Planning and Zoning Board of Adjustment will take.

Ms. Borges announced that employees are working approximately every other day; the drop box is at the northeast corner of the building if residents need to drop things off; if the item will not fit in the drop box individuals may call one of the telephone numbers posted on the door and someone will pick it up; announced that tax payments are due on May 1 and the grace period extends to May 10; and tax payments may be made in person, through the drop box; online or via mail.

Committee Member Blake reported on the activities of the Department of Public Works; reminded everyone of the importance of social distancing; announced the number of Hopewell Township residents who currently have tested positive for COVID-19; read the recommendations of Interim Health Officer Stephanie Carey to wear protective masks; care of the mask; and the importance of staying home.

Committee Member Peters-Manning reported that the Senior Center remains closed; the Senior Nutrition Program remains ongoing for pickup only; that the seniors have implemented a phone tree to check on each other; and reminded everyone that foreclosures and evictions are currently banned in New Jersey.

Committee Member Kuchinski stated he was aware that the COVID-19 crisis is creating deep economic pain, particularly for small businesses; announced that there are significant State and Federal assistance programs available for small businesses and nonprofits; that Hopewell Township has the links to the assistance programs on its website and Facebook page; praised Mayor McLaughlin

for her advocacy of local businesses; suggested ways to assist local business during the crisis; and thanked Hopewell Township's PBA for working with local businesses.

Committee Member Ruger offered his condolences to those who have lost love ones, have struggling businesses or are infected by the Coronavirus; stated the most important thing to do is stay at home; keep at least 6 feet social distancing; wear a mask; reported that the Township Committee will provide information as they get it; thanked Interim Health Officer Stephanie Carey for her work; thanked Elaine Borges for ensuring critical functions moved forward; thanked department heads, Chief Maloney and Lt. Springer as well. He also thanked first responders, grocery workers and healthcare workers; announced that April 1 was census day and urged those who have not done the census to do so; and he referenced the open space item on the agenda.

Mayor McLaughlin welcomed those who joined in the meeting on Zoom; thanked Ms. Gompf for ensuring the meetings run smoothly; extended her heartfelt thoughts to those who have caught the virus; thanked the staff for their work for the residents; directed residents to the Township's website ([hopewelltp.org](http://hopewelltp.org)) for resources as well as the school district's website ([hvrtd.org](http://hvrtd.org)); thanked Interim Health Officer Carey; directed residents to the State's website on COVID-19 ([COVID19.nj.gov](http://COVID19.nj.gov)); and directed those who wish to donate to the food pantry to go to their go fund me page and/or purchase coupons at Pennington Market.

## **PUBLIC SECTION**

The following members of the public spoke during public comment:

**Jon Edwards**, a resident of Pennington Harbourton Road, questioned if Resolution J on the agenda was a PILOT Program and if Capital Health will be making payments in lieu of taxes; and questioned the impact the agreement would make on the local school system.

The detailed public comment may be viewed at [www.hopewelltp.org](http://www.hopewelltp.org) in the video library.

## **ORDINANCE – FINAL READING, PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION**

Mayor McLaughlin read by title the introduced ordinance:

REFUNDING BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE REFUNDING OF ALL OR A PORTION OF THE OUTSTANDING OPEN SPACE BONDS AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING BONDS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL, IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$12,000,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$12,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR FINANCING THE COST THEREOF

Mayor McLaughlin declared public hearing open. No comments from the public.

Motion by Blake, seconded by Ruger to close public hearing.

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**

Motion by Ruger, seconded by Kuchinski to adopt the introduced ordinance.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**AYES:** Blake, Kuchinski, Peters-Manning, Ruger, Mayor McLaughlin

**NOES:** None

**ORDINANCE ADOPTED**

Ordinance advertised March 27, 2020, Hopewell Valley News. Posted municipal bulletin board as required by law.

### **ORDINANCE NO. 20-1727**

**REFUNDING BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE REFUNDING OF ALL OR A PORTION OF THE OUTSTANDING OPEN SPACE BONDS AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING BONDS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL, IN**

**THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY,  
APPROPRIATING \$12,000,000 THEREFOR AND  
AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$12,000,000 GENERAL  
OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS OF THE TOWNSHIP  
FOR FINANCING THE COST THEREOF**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL, IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY** (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) **AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. The Township of Hopewell, in the County of Mercer, New Jersey (the "Township") is hereby authorized to refund all or a portion of the following bonds of the Township:

- (i) \$2,922,000 outstanding principal amount of its Open Space Bonds, dated February 20, 2014, originally issued in the aggregate principal amount of \$4,262,000, maturing on February 1 in each of the years 2023 through 2034, inclusive (the "Refunded Open Space Bonds"), which Refunded Open Space Bonds are subject to redemption on any date on or after February 1, 2022, at the option of the Township at a redemption price of 100% of the principal amount of the Refunded Open Space Bonds to be redeemed; and
- (ii) \$8,210,000 outstanding principal amount of its Affordable Housing Bonds, dated February 20, 2014, originally issued in the aggregate principal amount of \$11,835,000, maturing on February 1 in each of the years 2023 through 2034, inclusive (the "Refunded Affordable Housing Bonds and, together with the Refunded Open Space Bonds, the "Refunded Bonds"), which Refunded Affordable Housing Bonds are subject to redemption on any date on or after February 1, 2022, at the option of the Township at a redemption price of 100% of the principal amount of the Refunded Affordable Housing Bonds to be redeemed.

Section 2. In order to finance the cost of the purpose described in Section 1 hereof and the costs of issuance associated therewith, negotiable refunding bonds (the "Refunding Bonds") are hereby authorized to be issued in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$12,000,000 pursuant to the Local Bond Law of the State of New Jersey.

Section 3. An aggregate amount not exceeding \$175,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-51(b) has been included in the aggregate principal amount of Refunding Bonds authorized herein.

Section 4. The supplemental debt statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Clerk, and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the Township as defined in the Local Bond Law is increased by the \$12,000,000 amount of the Refunding Bonds authorized by this refunding bond ordinance and that an amount representing the \$11,132,000 principal amount of the bonds to be refunded will be deductible from gross debt. The obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

Section 5. The purpose of the refunding is to effect an interest cost savings for the Township.

Section 6. A certified copy of this refunding bond ordinance as adopted on first reading has been filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey prior to final adoption.

Section 7. The Mayor, the Chief Financial Officer, the Township Clerk and other appropriate representatives of the Township are hereby authorized to prepare such documents, to publish such notices and to take such other actions as are necessary or desirable to enable the Township to prepare for the sale and the issuance of the Refunding Bonds authorized herein and to provide for the redemption of the Refunded Bonds referred to in Section 1 hereof.

Section 8. This refunding bond ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

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**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

**RESOLUTIONS #20-125 THROUGH #20-128.** Read by title.

Motion by Kuchinski, seconded by Ruger to adopt Resolution #20-125 through #20-128.

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**

**R E S O L U T I O N #20-125**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND FOR  
HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP RESIDENT FOR  
POSTPONED BULK WASTE PICKUP**

**WHEREAS**, bulk waste pickup service fee was paid for participation in the April 06, 2020 bulk waste pickup; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Hopewell Public Works Department has postponed bulk waste pickup; and,

**WHEREAS**, Joyce Griffis, 41 Morgan Ave. Titusville, NJ 08560 has requested a refund of \$39.00 for said service; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, on this 6<sup>th</sup> day of April 2020, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that the following program refund is hereby authorized:

Joyce Griffis 41 Morgan Ave., Titusville, NJ 08560 Refund \$39.00

**R E S O L U T I O N # 20-126**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING  
REFUNDS FROM HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP  
PLANNING & ZONING TRUST ACCOUNTS**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, on this 6<sup>th</sup> day of April 2020, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that the individuals and/or corporations so specified below be refunded the account balance shown as their respective Planning Board or Zoning Board applications have been finalized:

A/C#	NAME	AMOUNT
48731	D&R GREENWAY LAND TRUST ONE PRESERVATION PLACE PRINCETON, NJ 08540 BLK 5 LOT 14 - LOMBARDO SUBDIVISION	163.62

**R E S O L U T I O N #20-127**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT  
WITH THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON FOR HEALTH SERVICES FOR 2020**

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the Governing Body of the Township of Hopewell to contract with the Township of Hamilton for the provision of certain sexually transmitted disease (STD) clinic services for the term January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, 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 6<sup>th</sup> day of April 2020, 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 Township of Hamilton for certain health services for 2020. Said services shall be furnished and rendered by the Township of Hamilton pursuant to a contract, a copy of which is annexed hereto.

**R E S O L U T I O N #20-128**

**A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP ZONING OFFICER TO  
ISSUE A TEMPORARY ACTIVITIES PERMIT TO  
PENNINGTON FARMERS MARKET FOR THE 2020 SEASON**

**WHEREAS**, the Pennington Farmers Market seeks permission to use the Rosedale Mills property along Route 31, extending across the southwest side of the property to just south of the main entrance for vendor set-up as well as parking for a few vehicles when necessary with access to the area through openings in the hedge on the western edge of the parking lot, providing a means for pedestrians to enter without walking across any driveways; and

**WHEREAS**, an area for seating and an entertainment tent will be located near the southern edge of the grassy area for the 2020 season, 27 consecutive Saturdays, commencing May 23, 2020 through November 21, 2020 (pending the revocation of Governor Murphy's Executive Order No. 107 dated March 21, 2020) with operational time from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., with set-up of the site commencing at 8:00 a.m. and breakdown of the site at 1:30 p.m.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Rosedale Mills employees and the volunteers and vendors of the Farmers Market will park in the lot of the office building across Titus Mill Road, owned by the Lovero Family, who have granted permission for such use so as to ensure adequate parking for customers on the Rosedale Mills site; and

**WHEREAS**, this proposal has been reviewed by the Hopewell Township Attorney who has advised that this proposal can be authorized under a Temporary Activities Permit issued by the Hopewell Township Zoning Officer; and

**WHEREAS**, this request has been reviewed by the Hopewell Township Health Department, Hopewell Township Police Department, and Hopewell Valley Fire Safety who have raised no objections;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, on this 6<sup>th</sup> day of April 2020, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that the Hopewell Township Zoning Officer be directed to issue a Temporary Activities Permit to Pennington Farmers Market for the 2020 Season, 27 consecutive Saturdays, commencing May 23, 2020 through November 21, 2020 (pending revocation of Executive Order No. 107 as above) from 8:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., subject to receipt of all final approvals and comments from the Hopewell Township Health Officer, Hopewell Township Police, Hopewell Valley Fire Safety and Zoning Officer, and subject to any relevant restrictions on use, noise, signs, etc., or other permits as may be required, including:

**Fire Safety Permits will be required for any open flames and/or cooking that includes the use of charcoal grills, propane grills, smokers, electric hot plates, induction burners and the like, which may take place during the market; this is a requirement of the NJ Uniform Fire Code.**

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**RESOLUTION #20-129.** Read by title.

Motion by Blake, seconded by Kuchinski to adopt Resolution #20-129.

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**

## **R E S O L U T I O N #20-129**

### **A RESOLUTION APPOINTING TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES IN HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

**WHEREAS**, there is a need for temporary help in the Department of Health.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, on this 6<sup>th</sup> of April by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey that the following individuals be and are hereby appointed as temporary employees in the Hopewell Township Health Department:

1. Angela Drake Surge Nurse
2. Kelly Hall Surge Nurse

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the above individuals be compensated at the hourly rate of \$38.00 per hour, not to exceed 25 hours per week (unless deemed necessary); and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this appointment is effective March 31, 2020.

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**RESOLUTION #20-130 through #20-133.** Read by title.

Motion by Blake, seconded by Kuchinski to adopt Resolution #20-130 through #20-133.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**AYES:** Blake, Kuchinski, Peters-Manning, Ruger, Mayor McLaughlin

NOES: None

**R E S O L U T I O N #20-130**

**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 2020 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 2020 pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 96, P.L. 1951 (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20) including this resolution total \$4,411,414.86.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, on this 6<sup>th</sup> day of April 2020, 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	41,000.00
	Total	41,000.00

2. That said emergency temporary appropriation has been provided for in the 2020 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.

**R E S O L U T I O N #20-131**

**A RESOLUTION FOR AN EMERGENCY TEMPORARY  
APPROPRIATION IN THE WATER UTILITY BUDGET**

**WHEREAS**, an emergent condition has arisen with respect to the below listed items and no adequate provision has been made in the 2020 water 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 2020 for the water utility pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 96, P.L. 1951 (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20) including this resolution total \$10,690.00

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, on this 6<sup>th</sup> day of April 2020, 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:

	O/E	\$1,000.00
	Total	\$1,000.00

2. That said emergency temporary appropriation has been provided for in the 2020 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 #20-132**

**A RESOLUTION FOR AN EMERGENCY TEMPORARY APPROPRIATION IN THE ELSA UTILITY BUDGET**

**WHEREAS**, an emergent condition has arisen with respect to the below listed items and no adequate provision has been made in the 2020 ELSA 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 2020 for the ELSA utility pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 96, P.L. 1951 (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20) including this resolution total \$251,100.00

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, on this 6<sup>th</sup> day of April 2020, 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:

O/E	\$ 250,000.00
Total	\$ 250,000.00

- 2. That said emergency temporary appropriation has been provided for in the 2020 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 #20-133**

**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 2020 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 2020 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 \$75,275.00.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, on this 6<sup>th</sup> of April 2020, 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	\$58,000.00
Total	\$58,000.00

- 2. That said emergency temporary appropriation has been provided for in the 2020 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 #20-134.** Read by title.  
Motion by Kuchinski, seconded by Peters-Manning to adopt Resolution #20-134.

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED****R E S O L U T I O N #20-134****A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE 2018 ROAD MAINTENANCE PROGRAM, VARIOUS ROADS WITHIN HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP (BID 18-02)**

**WHEREAS**, on June 25, 2018, the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell awarded a contract under Public Bid# 18-02 to Earle Asphalt Company (Contractor) for the 2018 Road Maintenance Program at Various Locations throughout the township in the amount of \$1,134,213.13; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 30, 2020, the Contractor has submitted Change Order Number 1, reflecting the as-built quantities for the contract and a Final Contract Price Adjustment for a **decrease** in the total contract amount of \$191,420.00, representing a Final Contract Amount of \$942,793.13; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hopewell Township Engineer has confirmed that the Contractor has satisfactorily completed the required work prescribed in the contract; and

**WHEREAS**, the Contractor has posted the necessary and required Maintenance Bond, No. 8246326M, issued by the Federal Insurance Company, which remains in effect through January 17, 2021.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** on this 6<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2020, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer and State of New Jersey:

1. That the Township accept Change Order No. 1 for the Final Price Adjustment and reduction in Contract Amount.
2. That the Township issues Final Acceptance of the Hopewell Township 2018 Road Maintenance Program.
3. That the Township accepts the Maintenance Bond for the project.
4. That the Township considers the terms of the contract for Bid #18-02 satisfied.

**RESOLUTION #20-135.** Read by title.

Motion by Blake, seconded by Kuchinski to adopt Resolution #20-135.

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**

**R E S O L U T I O N #20-135****AUTHORIZING JOHN DEERE 6120M CAB TRACTOR PURSUANT TO NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACT – DIVISION OF PURCHASE AND PROPERTY CONTRACT NUMBER T3084**

**WHEREAS**, a need exists for the acquisition of Department of Public Works specialty equipment for the daily operations of the Township of Hopewell Department of Public Works; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Hopewell may, without advertising for bids, purchase such materials through the New Jersey State Purchase and Property State Contracts pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12 and N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.29 et. Seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, under the state contract award, the following vendors hold New Jersey State Purchase and Property State Contracts:

John Deere Inc.  
2000 John Deere Run  
Cary, NC 27513:

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Public Works has a need for a procurement of a John Deere 6120M Cab Tractor for its operations through New Jersey State Contract T3084 in the amount of \$74,525.22; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer certifies that funds are available in the amount not to exceed \$74,525.22 from: Account number: X-04-00-677-805

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, pursuant to N.J.S.A.40A:11-12 & N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.29 that it authorizes the use of New Jersey State contract number T3084, for the purchase of a John Deere 6120M Cab Tractor through John Deere Inc. not to exceed \$74,525.22.

**RESOLUTION #20-136.** Read by title.  
Motion by Blake, seconded by Ruger to adopt Resolution #20-136.  
**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**

**R E S O L U T I O N #20-136**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL,  
COUNTY OF MERCER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING  
CONTRACT THROUGH EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF NEW  
JERSEY COOPERATIVE CONTRACT VENDOR HOFFMAN SERVICES THROUGH  
#65MCESCCPS - ESCNJ 18/19-36**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Hopewell may by resolution, and without advertising for bids or obtaining quotations, purchase any goods or services as per N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11, under the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey Cooperative Pricing System; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Department of Public Works desires to purchase goods and services utilizing Educational Service Commission of New Jersey Contracts, duly authorized under law to extend contract pricing to local units, per N.J.A.C. 5:34-7 et. Seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township intends to enter into contract for procurement of Stertil-Koni ST1085-3FRA Mobile Column Lifts through Hoffman Services Inc. 55-57 East Bigelow Street, Newark, NJ 07114 through ESCNJ Contract 18/19-36 in the amount of **\$76,182.06**; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds in the amount of **\$76,182.06** are available in: Line Item: X-04-00-677-815

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

1. That the Department of Public Works hereby is authorized to procure Stertil-Koni ST1085-3FRA Mobile Column Lifts through Hoffman Services Inc. 55-57 East Bigelow Street Newark, NJ 07114 through ESCNJ Contract 18/19-36 in the amount of \$76,182.06

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**RESOLUTION #20-137.** Read by title.  
Motion by Kuchinski, seconded by Peters-Manning to adopt Resolution #20-137.  
**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**

**R E S O L U T I O N # 20-137**

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL PERSONNEL  
POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL - RECREATION SEASONAL EMPLOYEE  
SUPPLEMENT 2020**

**WHEREAS**, Hopewell Township is implementing a Recreation Seasonal Employee Supplement 2020 to the Township of Hopewell Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2020 by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that the document entitled “Township of Hopewell Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual - Recreation Seasonal Employee Supplement 2020” is hereby adopted.

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**RESOLUTION #20-138.** Read by title.  
Motion by Kuchinski, seconded by Ruger to adopt Resolution #20-138.  
**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**

**R E S O L U T I O N #20-138**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A COMMUNITY SERVICE  
AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL  
AND CAPITAL HEALTH SYSTEM, INC.**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Hopewell (hereinafter the “Township”) has filed tax appeals in the Tax Court of New Jersey under Docket Numbers 010019-2016; 009755-2017; 008356-2018; and 012333-2019 challenging the property tax exemption of Capital Health System, Inc., (“CHS”), and with the Mercer County Board of Taxation for tax year 2020, and as further described in the Complaints filed in the tax appeals; and

**WHEREAS**, CHS claims that the properties which are the subject of the tax appeals (hereinafter “the Properties”) are exempt from taxation for the tax years in question as “hospital purpose properties”, pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.6; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township and CHS have agreed to resolve their differences and settle the outstanding tax appeals; and

**WHEREAS**, notwithstanding CHS’s claim that the Properties are exempt from taxation and the Township’s claim that the Properties are taxable, in recognition of the public services provided by the Township that benefit the Properties and their occupants, and more particularly, to offset some of the costs incurred by the Township to provide such public services for the tax years in question, and in settlement of the aforementioned Tax Appeals, the Township and CHS have agreed to resolve their differences pursuant to a Community Service Agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL:**

That all terms and conditions of a certain Community Service Agreement by and between the Township of Hopewell and CHS are hereby approved, ratified and confirmed by the Township of Hopewell; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Mayor, Business Administrator and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute said Agreement and, together with other appropriate officers and employees of the Township, are hereby authorized and directed to take all steps necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Resolution; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Township’s Special Tax Counsel, Harry Haushalter, Esquire, is hereby authorized to withdraw the appeals filed against CHS by Hopewell Township for the relevant tax years in accordance with the aforementioned Community Service Agreement; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

**RESOLUTION #20-139.** Read by title.

Motion by Ruger, seconded by Peters-Manning to adopt Resolution #20-139.

**ABSTAIN:** Kuchinski

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**

### **R E S O L U T I O N #20-139**

#### **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP TO COMMIT AVAILABLE OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION FUNDS TOWARDS THE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AT 144 HARBOURTON WOODSVILLE ROAD (BLOCK 51 LOT 43)**

**WHEREAS**, the Friends of Hopewell Valley Open Space (hereinafter FoHVOS), is a nonprofit dedicated to the conservation and stewardship of open space and farmland; and

**WHEREAS**, the representatives of FoHVOS have met with the Township Committee to discuss the acquisition of property located at 144 Harbourton Woodsville Road, which is identified as Block 51, Lot 43 on the tax map of the Township of Hopewell (hereinafter Property); and

**WHEREAS**, the Property, which contains 30.99 acres, is contiguous to other properties acquired in cooperation with Hopewell Township for the preservation of open space; and

**WHEREAS**, FoHVOS has asked for the Township’s endorsement of and participation in this land transaction; and

**WHEREAS**, participation by the township would advance the conservation of open space consistent with the goals and objectives of the Township’s Master Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, FoHVOS has requested that the township contribute the amount of \$50,000, which represents 10% of the purchase price of the Property, towards the preservation of the Property as open space; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hopewell Township Open Space Trust Fund is intended for use in the advancement of open space land acquisition; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hopewell Township Open Space Trust has a sufficient balance to satisfy the current request for funds.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township

of Hopewell, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey that Hopewell participate with FoHVOS in the acquisition of 30.99 acres located at 144 Harbourton Woodsville Road (Block 51 Lot 43) with a contribution of \$50,000, representing 10% of the purchase price of the property, for its preservation as open space; and that the Township’s participation be subject to meeting all relevant conditions of the Local Lands and Buildings Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1 et seq., the Local Fiscal Affairs Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-1, et seq., and all other legal requirements.

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**RESOLUTION #20-140.** Read by title.

Motion by Ruger, seconded by Kuchinski to adopt Resolution #20-140.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**AYES:** Blake, Kuchinski, Peters-Manning, Ruger, Mayor McLaughlin

**NOES:** None

**R E S O L U T I O N #20-140**

**BILLS & CLAIMS**

**BE IT RESOLVED,** that the list of cash disbursements authorized for approval of bills for payment date April 6, 2020 in the following amounts:

Bills and Claims	\$	276,925.18
Payroll	\$	735,290.32
Total Disbursements	\$	1,012,215.50

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

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**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – AS LISTED ON THE TOWNSHIP WEBSITE ON THE CLERK’S PAGE.**

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**PUBLIC SECTION**

The following members of the public spoke during public comment:

**Jon Edwards** suggested starting a COVID web page with the daily numbers and pertinent information all on the same page; questioned when he will get a response on local groundwater contamination; asked when a permanent Health Officer will be hired; questioned if the State will postpone the due date on property taxes; and requested the Committee obtain State or Federal aid for tax relief.

The detailed public comment may be viewed at [www.hopewelltp.org](http://www.hopewelltp.org) in the video library.

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTION.** Read into the record.

Mayor McLaughlin stated that the regular meeting would not 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**

**R E S O L U T I O N #20-141**

**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
  - Concerned Citizens
  - ELSA
  - PennEast
  - BMS

**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 6<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2020 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.

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At 5:58 p.m. the Executive Session was held.

At 6:54 p.m. the Regular meeting reconvened.

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At 6:54 p.m., motion by Peters-Manning, seconded by Kuchinski to adjourn the meeting.  
**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**

The detailed public meeting may be viewed at [www.hopewelltp.org](http://www.hopewelltp.org) in the video library.

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LAURIE E. GOMPF  
MUNICIPAL CLERK