

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

Monday, June 25, 2018 – 7:19 p.m.

PROPER STATEMENT OF NOTICE – Mayor Kuchinski 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, 2018, 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, McLaughlin, Mayor Kuchinski

ABSENT: Ruger

STAFF PRESENT: Administrator/CFO Borges, Municipal Clerk Gompf, Attorney Galella

ALSO PRESENT: Attorney Kevin McManimon, Financial Advisor Anthony Inverso

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

MINUTES SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL

Motion by Hart, seconded by Blake to approve April 23, 2018 Regular and Executive Meeting Minutes.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

Motion by Blake, seconded by McLaughlin to approve May 10, 2018 Special Executive Meeting Minutes.

MOTION CARRIED

ABSTAIN: Hart

Motion by Blake, seconded by McLaughlin to approve May 14, 2018 Regular and Executive (2) Meeting Minutes.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR MEETING AGENDA

Ms. Borges reported on several meetings she has conducted with ‘Community Outdoors’ which is a signage company that builds unique digital signs which could provide revenue for the Township. Mayor Kuchinski suggested scheduling the company for a presentation at a future meeting.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND STAFF REPORTS

Committee Member McLaughlin reported that she and Mayor Kuchinski met with Legislative leaders in Trenton in order to discuss changes to affordable housing legislation and believed changes are being well received.

Committee Member Blake announced that she had requested a discussion regarding cable television and that Mr. Goodell had informed her there had been some changes to the regulations

which he would like to discuss in public, however, Mr. Goodell could not be in attendance this evening and therefore the discussion will be deferred to a future meeting.

Committee Member Hart made certain inquiries regarding Pennytown and Hiohela pond on the property. Ms. Borges explained that she has had discussions with realtors regarding the property, historic home and pond on the property.

Committee Member Blake reported that Stony Brook Elementary School had planted grass and plants at the stormwater retention basin to aid with stormwater runoff and thanked the various public safety organizations for assisting with watering the plants.

PUBLIC SECTION

The following members of the public spoke during public comment.

Cheryl Edwards, a resident of Pennington Harbourton Road, asked how Assemblywoman Schepisi's bill will impact the Township's agreement with Lennar if it is successful in moving forward. Committee members recollected that if any changes were made, the Township would receive the full benefit of the courts, to which Ms. Galella concurred.

Jon Edwards, a resident of Pennington Harbourton Road, asked if the four to one affordable housing units to market rate unit ratio would be affected if the Schepisi Bill succeeds; asked several questions and made comments regarding the Comcast contract; and asked for the Committee's comments on an article his wife wrote on affordable housing.

Melanie Philips, a resident of Washington Crossing-Pennington Road, commented on the four to one affordable housing units to market rate unit ratio impact on the schools; questioned the formal name of the LLC mentioned in an ordinance on the agenda entitled 'Ordinance of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey Approving the Application of and the Execution of Financial Agreement with U.S. Home at Hopewell Urban Renewal, LLC Regarding a Portion of the Block 85, Lot 3 Redevelopment Area' and if it has been formally established as well as its relationship to a company which was dissolved in 2014; why is the Committee choosing Lennar; she read from an article which addressed problems with PILOT programs and asked why the Township was considering a PILOT for the property.

Harvey Lester, a resident of Continental Lane, asked certain questions regarding a past OPRA request he had made.

Andrew Borders, a resident of Hilton Court, speaking as a resident and not a member of the Zoning Board, addressed certain comments made during the last public meeting regarding his appointment to the Zoning Board.

John Muscente, a resident of Crest Avenue, commented about the reconfiguration of the Route 31 traffic circle and asked the Committee for solutions to the dangers there. Mr. Muscente also commented on the numerous signs placed on the roads and asked the Committee to take action to remediate.

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

ORDINANCE – FINAL READING, PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION

Mayor Kuchinski read by title the introduced ordinance:

ACCEPTING RIGHT OF WAY EASEMENT FROM PUBLIC SERVICE
ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY LOCATED AT BLOCK 88, LOT 3,
2451 PENNINGTON ROAD (**HOPEWELL SUBSTATION, BLOCK 88,
LOT 3, 2451 PENNINGTON ROAD**)

Ms. Galella provided background information with regard to the proposed ordinance including Zoning Board preliminary and final site plan approval for a substation and in such approval a condition that the Zoning Board required a right-of-way easement be granted to the Township by

PSE&G which provides for a 66-foot-wide right-of-way. Ms. Galella advised that the acceptance of this easement in no way binds Hopewell Township to actually construct a roadway that allows access to the Zaitz property and that the Township Committee is currently looking for other means of ingress and egress to the Zaitz property.

Mayor Kuchinski clarified that it was publicly noted that the Township professionals were directed to study alternate means of ingress and egress including a traffic study plan as site plan approvals are gained for the Zaitz property and wanted to confirm that it was still a top priority for the professionals.

Ms. Galella reiterated that the reason for accepting the easement now was because it was a condition of approval in the resolution that the Zoning Board adopted and in no way does it commit the Township to constructing a municipal roadway or preclude the professionals from investigating alternate ways for ingress and egress.

Committee Members raised certain questions and concerns that included process for easements; what portion/side of the roadway is owned by PSE&G; existing paper road alongside the power lines; existence of wetlands; and access to the Weidel tract.

Mayor Kuchinski declared public hearing open.

Harvey Lester urged the Committee to let this ordinance die and not introduce another ordinance until it has decided whether or not a roadway is going to be built. He made certain allegations that someone told the Zoning Board Chair that the Township wanted an easement otherwise neither the Zoning Board or PSE&G would know that the Township wanted the easement so there is every indication that the Township has every intention of going forward with the roadway.

Jon Edwards questioned the process and timetable in place for finding alternative road sites.

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

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

Discussion continued with regard to alternate easements parallel to the power lines; safety of such easement; the existing paper road; wetlands issue; alternatives for ingress and egress; urgency to accept the easement; assertion that someone instructed the Zoning Board what to do; history/plans for the PSE&G area indicated by the former Administrator/Engineer; and proposed Denow Road extension to Reed Road discussed in the past.

Motion by Blake, seconded by McLaughlin to adopt the introduced ordinance.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Blake, McLaughlin, Mayor Kuchinski

NOES: Hart

ABSENT: Ruger

ORDINANCE ADOPTED

During Roll Call Mayor Kuchinski voted yes with the following statement read into the record: “with the provision that we have the full results and the full result of external traffic studies that we plan to do and alternate means of ingress and egress before we come back and consider moving on the road. The second thing I’d like to say for the record I fully endorse Mr. Hart’s desire to study alternatives.”

Ordinance advertised June 15, 2018, Hopewell Valley News. Posted municipal bulletin board as required by law.

ORDINANCE NO. 18-1693

**ACCEPTING RIGHT OF WAY EASEMENT FROM
PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY LOCATED
AT BLOCK 88, LOT 3, 2451 PENNINGTON ROAD**

WHEREAS, Public Service Electric and Gas Company (“PSEG”) is the owner of certain real property located in the Township of Hopewell (“Township”) designated as Lot 3 in Block 88 on the Official Tax Map of Hopewell Township and with an address of 2451 Pennington Road, Hopewell, New Jersey 08560; and

WHEREAS, On September 6, 2017, the Hopewell Township Zoning Board of

Adjustment granted to Grantor preliminary and final site plan approval for the construction of an electric transmission substation on Grantor's Property, which Site Plan Approval was memorialized in Resolution Case No. 2017-15 adopted on October 4, 2017; and

WHEREAS, as a condition of the Site Plan Approval, the Zoning Board required Grantor to convey an easement to the Township over a portion of Grantor's Property for the future construction of a municipal connector road between Diverty Road and Denow Road; and

WHEREAS, the easement has been prepared and it is now necessary for the Township to accept the easement for the future construction of a municipal connector road between Diverty Road and Denow Road; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that:

Section One: The Township of Hopewell hereby accepts the Easement from the PSEG for the property located at Block 88, Lot 3, and corresponding legal descriptions, incorporated by reference as if set forth fully herein, and shown on the plan entitled "Hopewell Substation, Block 88, Lot 3, 2451 Pennington Road – Road Right-of-Way Easement Exhibit", prepared by PSEG Services Corporation, Surveys and Mapping, Newark, New Jersey, dated December 5, 2017. The Township Administrator and Mayor are hereby authorized to execute any documents necessary for the execution and recording of the easement.

Section Two: All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section Three: If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision and the remainder of this ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

Section Four: This ordinance shall become effective upon final passage and publication according to law.

ORDINANCE – FINAL READING, PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION

Mayor Kuchinski read by title the introduced ordinance:

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF DEEDS FOR
BLOCK 29, LOT 18.02 AND BLOCK 51, LOT 22.03 FROM
HARBOURTON FOUNDATION

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

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

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

Motion by McLaughlin, seconded by Hart to adopt the introduced ordinance.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Blake, Hart, McLaughlin, Mayor Kuchinski

NOES: None

ABSENT: Ruger

ORDINANCE ADOPTED

Ordinance advertised June 15, 2018, Hopewell Valley News. Posted municipal bulletin board as required by law.

ORDINANCE NO. 18-1694

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF DEEDS FOR BLOCK 29, LOT 18.02 AND BLOCK 51, LOT 22.03 FROM HARBOURTON FOUNDATION

WHEREAS, the Township of Hopewell, Mercer County, New Jersey seeks to preserve open space in the Township through the use of the Open Space Trust Fund for the purposes of recreation and/or conservation; and

WHEREAS, Harbourton Foundation is the owner of certain real property located at Block 29, Lot 18.02 and Block 51, Lot 22.03; which are located along Harbourton Woodsville and Woosamonsa Roads; and

WHEREAS, on December 11, 2017, Hopewell Township adopted Resolution #17-401 Approving Participation in The Preservation of Lands Owned by Harbourton Foundation; and

WHEREAS, partnerships in this land preservation are D&R Greenway Land Trust,

Mercer County, Friends of Hopewell Valley Open Space and The Nature Conservancy. Via Resolution #17-401, Hopewell Township approved the use of up to \$450,000 of Township Open Space Funds to match other grant funds of the NJDEP Green Acres Program, Mercer County Open Space Program, the Nature Conservancy and others; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:12-5 authorizes the Township to acquire said properties upon such terms as the Township deems reasonable; and

WHEREAS, D&R Greenway Land Trust has agreed to acquire title to the properties and transfer title to the Township following closing; and

WHEREAS, the Township desires to now officially authorize the acceptance of the Deeds for the properties located at Block 29, Lot 18.02 and Block 51, Lot 22.03; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Township to accept the deeds for the purposes of promoting and protecting open space.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that:

Section One: The Township of Hopewell is hereby authorized to accept Deeds from D&R Greenway Land Trust for the properties located at Block 29, Lot 18.02 and Block 51, Lot 22.03, in such percentage ownership interests as the Township deems advisable, along with corresponding legal descriptions, incorporated by reference as if set forth fully herein. The Mayor and/or Township Administrator are hereby authorized to execute any documents necessary for the execution and filing of the Deeds.

Section Two: All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section Three: If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision and the remainder of this ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

Section Four: This ordinance shall become effective upon final passage and publication according to law.

ORDINANCE – INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

Mayor Kuchinski read by title the ordinance for introduction.

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE EXTENSION OF THE MUNICIPAL CONSENT FOR CABLE TELEVISION SERVICES PROVIDED BY COMCAST OF SOUTHEAST PENNSYLVANIA, LLC

Ms. Galella provided background information related to the franchise renewal including hearings that took place and franchise fees.

Ms. Gompf announced that the regular meeting of the Township Committee scheduled for July 9, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. will be rescheduled to July 30, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. and at that time the public hearing for this ordinance shall take place.

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Blake, Hart, McLaughlin, Mayor Kuchinski

NOES: None

ABSENT: Ruger

ORDINANCE INTRODUCED

Second reading, public hearing date July 30, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

ORDINANCE – INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

Mayor Kuchinski read by title the ordinance for introduction.

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL, COUNTY OF MERCER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY APPROVING THE APPLICATION OF AND THE EXECUTION OF FINANCIAL AGREEMENT WITH U.S. HOME AT HOPEWELL URBAN RENEWAL, LLC REGARDING A

PORTION OF THE BLOCK 85, LOT 3 REDEVELOPMENT AREA (A PORTION OF THE ZAITZ REDEVELOPMENT AREA DESIGNATED FOR MULTI-FAMILY INCLUSIONARY RESIDENTIAL HOUSING CONTAINED WITHIN BLOCK 85, PART OF LOT 3; AND BLOCK 86, LOTS 32, 33, 34, & 130)

Mr. McManimon explained the PILOT payments, how they may be disbursed by the Township and also addressed the name of the organization as it relates to Lennar.

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Blake, Hart, McLaughlin, Mayor Kuchinski

NOES: None

ABSENT: Ruger

ORDINANCE INTRODUCED

Second reading, public hearing date July 30, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

RESOLUTIONS #18-206 THROUGH #18-209, Read by title.

Motion by Hart, seconded by Blake to adopt Resolutions #18-206 through #18-209.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

RESOLUTION #18-206

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SENIOR SERVICES COORDINATOR AGREEMENT BETWEEN BOROUGH OF HOPEWELL, BOROUGH OF PENNINGTON AND THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL

BE IT RESOLVED, on this 25th day of June 2018, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell that the Mayor and Clerk of the Township and/or their designees are hereby authorized to execute the attached agreement between the Borough of Hopewell, Borough of Pennington, and the Township of Hopewell for the Senior Services Coordinator to provide services to borough seniors of the Borough of Hopewell and the Borough of Pennington for the year 2018.

RESOLUTION #18-207

RESOLUTION FOR REDEMPTION OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATES

WHEREAS, on April 19, 2017 US Bank Cust- PC6 Sterling Nat purchased Tax Sale Certificate 17-00004, for property located at Block 33, Lot 10 known as 47 Pennington-Hopewell Rd, assessed to Skuraton Laureen; and redeemed by Bayview Loan Servicing as mortgagee, on June 7, 2018; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on this 25th day of June 2018, 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) or other party as specified below:

<u>BLOCK/LOT</u>	<u>OWNERS' NAME(S)</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>LIEN HOLDER</u>	<u>PREMIUM</u>
33/10	Laureen Skuraton	\$2,452.72	US Bank Cust- PC6 Sterling Nat	\$1,200.00

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

R E S O L U T I O N #18-208

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PART-TIME SEASONAL WORKERS FOR THE HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP RECREATION DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, there is a need for additional part-time seasonal workers to manage and supervise a variety of programs sponsored by the Hopewell Township Recreation Department; and,

WHEREAS, after reviewing their experience and qualifications, the following individuals were selected and are recommended by the Hopewell Township Recreation Director for appointment,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on this 25th day of June, 2018, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that part-time seasonal workers be hereby appointed effective June 26, 2018 as follows:

NAME	TITLE	PROGRAM	SALARY
Olivia Moser	Recreation Aide	Softball Clinics	\$ 10 per hour
Allie Taylor	Recreation Aide	Softball Clinics	\$ 10 per hour
Devon Witt	Recreation Aide	Softball Clinics	\$ 10 per hour
Emily Rubino	Recreation Aide	Softball Clinics	\$ 10 per hour
Shea Walsh	Recreation Aide	Softball Clinics	\$ 10 per hour
Chelsea Manto	Recreation Aide	Softball Clinics	\$ 10 per hour
Maggie Rarich	Recreation Supervisor	Field Hockey	\$ 200.00 per week

Pay scale as set by township Ordinance:

Recreation Aide:	\$ 7.25 per hour to \$15.00 per hour
Recreation Leader:	\$15.00 per hour to \$35.00 per hour
Recreation Supervisor	\$35.00 per hour to \$50.00 per hour

Each of the summer camps has a range of hours that is dependent on weather, drop-off and pick-up times of campers, daily trip times, and set-up/planning time.

Art in the Park	- Range is from 20 hours to 35 hours per week
Baseball Camp	- Range is from 20 hours to 25 hours per week
Skate Camp	- Range is from 17.5 hours to 25 hours per week
Soccer Camp/League	- Range is from 5 hours to 8 hours per week
Field Hockey Camp	- Range is from 20 hours to 25 hours per week
Field Hockey League	- Range is from 5 hours to 8 hours per week
Teen Travel	- Range is from 35 hours to 40 hours per week

R E S O L U T I O N #18-209

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPLICATION OF TITUSVILLE COMMUNITY 4TH OF JULY COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT A 4TH OF JULY PARADE

WHEREAS, application has been made by Titusville Community 4th of July Committee to conduct a 4th of July Parade in the Township of Hopewell in Titusville, New Jersey on River Drive from Grant Street to Church Road on July 4, 2018, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, the Hopewell Township Health Officer, the Hopewell Township Police Department and Hopewell Township Bureau of Fire Safety have reviewed the application and granted their approval to conduct the parade and recommend the granting of a permit pursuant to the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Hopewell, Chapter IV, Section 4-3 Festivals and Large Assemblies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. This Resolution shall constitute a permit to conduct a 4th of July Parade in accordance with the application submitted by Titusville Community 4th of July Committee, which is to be held July 4, 2018, on River Drive from Grant Street to Church Road in Hopewell Township.
2. Titusville Community 4th of July Committee shall be exempted from the several provisions of 4-3, et seq. (4-3.8 Exemptions. a. Charitable or non-profit

organizations) except those provided by 4-3.4, Insurance Requirement.

3. The Municipal Clerk is directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to Titusville Community 4th of July Committee, 100 River Drive, Titusville, NJ 08560.

RESOLUTION #18-210. Read by title.

Motion by Hart, seconded by Blake to adopt Resolution #18-210.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

R E S O L U T I O N #18-210

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PERMITTED DEER HUNTING
FROM SEPTEMBER 8, 2018 THROUGH FEBRUARY 16, 2019
ON CERTAIN LANDS WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL**

WHEREAS, in September 2009, the Hopewell Township Committee created the Hopewell Valley Deer Management Task Force for the purpose of developing a plan aimed at mitigating the negative effects caused by deer on the quality of life of residents of the Township; and

WHEREAS, on June 11, 2012, in accordance with the Task Forces' Deer Management Plan, and the recommendation of the Hopewell Township Deer Management Advisory Committee, the Township Committee adopted an ordinance to amend the Hopewell Township Code to include a deer management plan aimed at mitigating the negative effects caused by deer on the quality of life of residents of the Township; and

WHEREAS, Hopewell Township Code Section 2-33.16 requires that the Township Committee annually designate, by resolution, the number of deer hunting permits to be issued, the properties for which the permits are to be issued, and the dates that hunting shall be permitted on the designated properties.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on this 25th day of June 2018 by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that in accordance with Hopewell Township Code Section 2-33.16, deer hunting shall be permitted by hunters licensed with the State of New Jersey on the municipal lands identified below.

1. Site Name: Stony Brook Road
Location: Stony Brook Road, Hopewell, NJ 08525
Block/Lot(s): 22/3, 22/17, 22/18
Total Acres: 13 acres
Number of Permits: 1
Bow Hunting: Yes
Gun Hunting: No
Other Conditions : N/A

2. Site Name: Gomez Preserve
Location: Lambertville-Hopewell Road, Lambertville, NJ 08530
Block/Lot(s): 28/3.01, 28/11
Total Acres: 57 acres
Number of Permits: 5
Bow Hunting: Yes
Gun Hunting: Yes
Other Conditions : N/A

3. Site Name: Harbourton-Woodsville Road
Location: Harbourton-Woodsville Road, Lambertville, NJ 08530
Block/Lot(s): 29/18.01
Total Acres: 12 acres
Number of Permits: 2
Bow Hunting: Yes
Gun Hunting: No
Other Conditions : N/A

4. Site Name: Volger Preserve
Location: Marshalls Corner-Woodsville Road, Pennington, NJ 08534
Block/Lot(s): 32/6.09
Total Acres: 11 acres
Number of Permits: 2

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| | Bow Hunting: | Yes |
| | Gun Hunting: | No |
| | Other Conditions : | N/A |
| 5. | Site Name: | Vales Preserve |
| | Location: | State Highway 31 South, Pennington, NJ 08534 |
| | Block/Lot(s): | 31/3, 31/64 |
| | Total Acres: | 6 acres |
| | Number of Permits: | 1 |
| | Bow Hunting: | Yes |
| | Gun Hunting: | No |
| | Other Conditions : | N/A |
| 6. | Site Name: | Else |
| | Location: | State Highway 31 North, Pennington, NJ 08534 |
| | Block/Lot(s): | 37/19 |
| | Total Acres: | 67 acres |
| | Number of Permits: | 6 |
| | Bow Hunting: | Yes |
| | Gun Hunting: | Yes |
| | Other Conditions : | Waiver of building setbacks |
| 7. | Site Name: | Pennington-Rocky Hill Road |
| | Location: | Pennington-Rocky Hill Road, Pennington, NJ 08534 |
| | Block/Lot(s): | 39.02/9.01 |
| | Total Acres: | 5 acres |
| | Number of Permits: | 2 |
| | Bow Hunting: | Yes |
| | Gun Hunting: | No |
| | Other Conditions : | N/A |
| 8. | Site Name: | Mount Rose Preserve, East/West |
| | Location: | Carter Road, Princeton, NJ 08540 |
| | Block/Lot(s): | 39/26, 32, 14.01, 14.021, 14.013 |
| | Total Acres: | 385 acres |
| | Number of Permits: | 25 |
| | Bow Hunting: | Yes |
| | Gun Hunting: | Yes /limited |
| | Other Conditions : | Active Trail Use |
| 9. | Site Name: | Pennington Point |
| | Location: | State Highway 31 South, Pennington, NJ 08534 |
| | Block/Lot(s): | 48/8.012 |
| | Total Acres: | 39 acres |
| | Number of Permits: | 3 |
| | Bow Hunting: | Yes |
| | Gun Hunting: | No |
| | Other Conditions : | School Buffers |
| 10. | Site Name: | Woolsey Park |
| | Location: | Washington Crossing-Pennington Road, Titusville, NJ 08560 |
| | Block/Lot(s): | 92/9 |
| | Total Acres: | 166 acres |
| | Number of Permits: | 11 |
| | Bow Hunting: | Yes |
| | Gun Hunting: | Yes |
| | Other Conditions : | Trail Use, Sunday & Monday Hunting Prohibited (Opening Buck Day OK to Hunt) |
| 11. | Site Name: | Scotch Road |
| | Location: | 449 Scotch Road, Titusville, NJ 08560 |
| | Block/Lot(s): | 93/5.01 |
| | Total Acres: | 31 acres |

Number of Permits: 6
 Bow Hunting: Yes
 Gun Hunting: Yes
 Other Conditions : N/A

12. Site Name: Reed Road
 Location: 1564 Reed Road, Pennington, NJ 08534
 Block/Lot(s): 88/33.10
 Total Acres: 3 acres
 Number of Permits: 1
 Bow Hunting: Yes
 Gun Hunting: No
 Other Conditions : N/A

13. Site Name: Weidel
 Location: State Highway 31 South, Pennington, NJ 08534
 Block/Lot(s): 88/5.021
 Total Acres: 52 acres
 Number of Permits: 5
 Bow Hunting: Yes
 Gun Hunting: Yes
 Other Conditions :

14. Site Name: Zaitz-Hutcheson
 Location: 12 Washington Crossing Pennington Rd, Pennington, NJ
 08534
 Block/Lot(s): 85/3,8,13
 Total Acres: 75 acres
 Number of Permits: 5
 Bow Hunting: Yes
 Gun Hunting: Yes
 Other Conditions : N/A

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that hunting shall only be permitted from September 8, 2018 through February 16, 2019 as specified by the State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Fish and Wildlife, and as published in or amended by the 2018-19 Game Code; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all hunters shall be licensed by the State of New Jersey; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all hunters shall be permitted by the Township of Hopewell in accordance with the requirements of Hopewell Township Code Section 2-33.16 entitled "Deer Management"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to the Hopewell Township Code Section 2-33.16, prior to the receipt of the permit, every permittee shall be required to participate in a hunter orientation and safety course; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Administrator, upon the advice and recommendation of the Deer Management Advisory Committee and/or the Hopewell Township Police Chief, is authorized to revoke any permit issued at any time if the safety of any persons or personal property, including that of the Township of Hopewell, is threatened by a permittee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all hunters are required to comply with applicable local and State laws pertaining to parks and hunting. A violation of this provision may result in the loss of hunting privilege and any other applicable penalties provided by local and/or state law.

RESOLUTION #18-211. Read by title.

Eleanor Horne, co-president of the Lawrence Hopewell Trail Corporation, thanked the Committee for their support and action and spoke of the benefits of providing circuit trails.

Motion by Blake, seconded by McLaughlin to adopt Resolution #18-211.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

RESOLUTION #18-211

**RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE CONCEPT OF THE NINE COUNTY REGION
COMPLETING 180 MILES OF CIRCUIT TRAILS BY 2025 IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE
500 MILES OF COMPLETED CIRCUIT TRAILS.**

WHEREAS, the Circuit Trails are a connected system of multi-purpose trails (largely off-road) located in the nine (9) counties that comprise the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC) region, including Philadelphia, Bucks, Montgomery, Chester, Delaware, Mercer, Burlington, Camden, and Gloucester Counties; and

WHEREAS, the building of the Circuit Trails is considered to be one of the largest metropolitan-wide, multi-use trail building efforts in the country and very significant regional accomplishment; and,

WHEREAS the DVRPC set a long term regional goal in the Connections 2040 Plan to complete the Circuit Trails by 2040, and to meet this goal, 180 new miles of Circuit trails need to be completed by 2025 to reach 500 miles (2/3's complete); and

WHEREAS, the Circuit Trails provide equitable transportation options for all users and will connect communities to places of work, places to shop, places to worship, places to play, places of historic significance, and places to teach our children; and;

WHEREAS, the Circuit Trails Coalition, DVRPC, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, New Jersey Department of Transportation, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and other agencies have committed to complete non-motorized options for transportation and recreation; and

WHEREAS, the Circuit Trails will provide safe facilities separated from vehicular traffic to encourage bicyclists, walkers, the physically challenged, and other non-motorized users of all ages to be more active and spend time outdoors, thereby improving their fitness and health; and

WHEREAS, when communities in other areas of the United States and abroad provide for non-motorized transportation options they thrive as places to live and work; and

WHEREAS, the Circuit Trails, by offering both residents and tourists access to natural, cultural and historical sites, will bring health and economic benefits to counties, municipalities and businesses in the region such as revenues to local economies, healthcare savings, enhanced real estate values, and increased activity; and

WHEREAS, 5.7 million people reside in Greater Philadelphia and 85 percent of those surveyed support building more trails in their counties.

WHEREAS, The Municipality of Hopewell Township is one of 351 municipalities in the DVRPC region that is part of the Circuit; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, hereby endorses the concept of the nine county region completing 180 miles of Circuit Trails by 2025 in order to achieve 500 miles of completed Circuit trails and the Circuit Trails passage through Hopewell Township, and encourages our neighboring municipalities to do the same; and the Township of Hopewell supports the existing trails along the alignment of the Circuit Trails being designated as a "Circuit" Trail; and that Circuit guidance signage be installed with the coordination with the Community Development department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Circuit Trails Coalition, the Governor of the State of New Jersey, the New Jersey State Department of Transportation and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.

RESOLUTION #18-212. Read by title.

Motion by Blake, seconded by McLaughlin to adopt Resolution #18-212.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

RESOLUTION #18-212

**A RESOLUTION AMENDING 2017
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENTS**

WHEREAS, the Township entered into Professional Services Agreements with the firms 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 25th day of June, 2018 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>
Peter E. Sockler of Sockler Realty Services Group, Inc. (Appraisal Services & Tax Appeals) 7-01-20-150-028	\$9,000.00	\$9,100.00	12/31/17	No Change

RESOLUTION #18-213. Read by title.
Motion by Blake, seconded by Hart to adopt Resolution #18-213.
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

R E S O L U T I O N #18-213

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENTS**

WHEREAS, there exists a need for professional services for the following: Municipal Auditing Services; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost of the contract is \$35,000 () for Municipal Auditing Services; and funds are available in the 2018 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:
Inverso & Stewart, LLC, 12000 Lincoln Drive W, Suite 402, Marlton, NJ 08053
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 #18-214. Read by title.
Motion by Blake, seconded by Hart to adopt Resolution #18-214.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

R E S O L U T I O N #18-214

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EMERGENCY
APPROPRIATION TO FUND AN UNANTICIPATED
ROADWAY REPAIR IN THE CURRENT FUND**

WHEREAS, an emergency has arisen with respect to unanticipated roadway repair in the Current Fund and, no adequate provision was made in the 2018 budget for the aforesaid purpose, and NJS 40A:4-46 provides for the creation of an emergency appropriation for the purpose mentioned above; and

WHEREAS, the total amount of the emergency appropriations created, including the appropriation to be created by this resolution is \$100,000.00 and three (3) percent of the total operating appropriations in the budget for 2017 is \$501,409.43; and

WHEREAS, the foregoing appropriation together with prior appropriations does not exceed the (3) percent of the total operating in the budget for 2017.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, (by not less than 2/3 of all governing body members affirmatively concurring) that in accordance with NJS 40A:4-48:

1. An emergency appropriation is hereby made for an unanticipated increase in within the Current Fund in the amount of \$100,000.00.
2. That said emergency appropriation shall be provided for in full in the 2019 budget, and is requested to be excluded from CAPS, pursuant to NJS 40A:4-53.3c(1).
3. That two (2) certified copies of this resolution be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

RESOLUTION #18-215. Read by title.
 Motion by Blake, seconded by McLaughlin to adopt Resolution #18-215.
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

RESOLUTION #18-215

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT
 BETWEEN THE EWING-LAWRENCE SEWERAGE AUTHORITY,
 BRADFORD DAVIS, MARTHA DAVIS, THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL AND THE
 TOWNSHIP OF EWING FOR SEWER SERVICE FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 11
 BRANDON ROAD WEST, PENNINGTON, NEW JERSEY**

BE IT RESOLVED, on this 25th day of June 2018, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell that the Mayor and Clerk of the Township and/or their designees are hereby authorized to execute the attached agreement between the Ewing-Lawrence Sewerage Authority, Bradford Davis, Martha Davis, the Township of Hopewell and the Township of Ewing relating to sewer service for the property located at 11 Brandon Road West, Pennington, New Jersey 08534.

RESOLUTION #18-216. Read by title.
 Motion by Blake, seconded by McLaughlin to adopt Resolution #18-216.
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

RESOLUTION #18-216

**A RESOLUTION TO CANCEL THE UNEXPENDED BALANCE
 IN THE FY 2007 AND FY 2012 CLEAN COMMUNITIES GRANT**

WHEREAS, a receivable balance of \$1,735.95 remains outstanding on the Clean Communities Grant; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to formally cancel the receivable balance and it's offsetting appropriation reserve balance from the balance sheet of the grant fund;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 25th day of June 2018, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey that the following grant receivable and appropriation reserve balances be cancelled:

<u>Grant Title</u>	<u>Amount Cancelled</u>
2007 Clean Communities Grant	\$1,059.62
2012 Clean Communities Grant	\$ 676.33

RESOLUTION #18-217. Read by title.
 Motion by Blake, seconded by McLaughlin to adopt Resolution #18-217.
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

RESOLUTION #18-217

**A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF
ANY SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET OF
ANY COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY PURSUANT TO
N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1985)
(CLEAN COMMUNITIES GRANT FY2018)**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of any item of appropriation for equal amount; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Hopewell has received a grant in the amount of \$50,971.49 from the State of New Jersey wishes to amend its 2018 Budget by \$50,971.49 to include the amount received as revenue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 25th day of June 2018 by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that the Township of Hopewell hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of items of revenue in the budget of the year 2018 in the sum of \$50,971.49 which item is now available as a revenue from:

Clean Communities Grant	\$50,971.49
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$50,971.49 be and the same is hereby appropriated as follows:

Clean Communities Grant	\$50,971.49
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RESOLUTION #18-218. Read by title.

Motion by Blake, seconded by Hart to adopt Resolution #18-218.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

RESOLUTION #18-218

**A RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT
TO EARLE ASPHALT COMPANIES
FOR ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS, B18-02**

WHEREAS, the Township of Hopewell advertised for 2018 Roadway Improvements, (B18-02); and

WHEREAS, the Township received and opened four (4) bids on June 21, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the bids were reviewed, and recommendation has been made by the Township Engineer in his memorandum dated June 21, 2018, attached to and made part of this resolution, for award to Earle Asphalt Company, 1800 Route 34, Wall NJ 07719, the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, and

WHEREAS, the Township Chief Financial Officer certifies funds are available for this purpose and encumbered in accounts X-04-00-672-312; X-04-00-671-615; X-04-00-672-702; X-04-00-672-510; X-04-00-672-210; 7-01-44-900-101 and X-04-00-674-510.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on this 25th day of June, 2018 by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey:

1. That a contract be and is hereby awarded to Earle Asphalt Companies, 1800 Route 34, Wall NJ 07719.
2. That the total contract shall not exceed \$1,134,213.13.
3. That the Mayor and Clerk be and are hereby authorized to execute said contract.

RESOLUTION #18-219. Read by title.

Motion by Blake, seconded by McLaughlin to adopt Resolution #18-219.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

RESOLUTION #18-219

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COST SHARING AGREEMENT BETWEEN HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP, HOPEWELL BOROUGH AND PENNINGTON BOROUGH CONCERNING SHARING OF MATCH REQUIREMENT FOR COUNTY FUNDING OF PRIORITY REPAIRS TO READING STREET SENIOR CENTER

WHEREAS, Hopewell Township, Hopewell Borough and Pennington Borough jointly support continued use of the Reading Street Senior Center in Pennington; and

WHEREAS, the Reading Street Senior Center serves an important community need in the three municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the governing bodies of the three municipalities have adopted resolutions memorializing their shared commitment to finding solutions to keeping the Reading Street Senior Center open; and

WHEREAS, the three municipalities intend to apply for funding from the County of Mercer to cover the cost of priority repairs, recognizing that the grant application requires a fifty percent (50%) match and a description of each municipality’s contribution to that match; and

WHEREAS, the repairs and related cost estimates will not exceed the total \$392,694.00; and

WHEREAS, the County of Mercer funding will cover fifty percent (50%) of these costs, the balance of \$196,347.00 to be shared by the three municipalities either in cash or in-kind donations; and

WHEREAS, the three municipalities agree to split the cash match requirement based on the comparative shares of the use of the building and senior services by their respective residents, Hopewell Township 37.5%, Hopewell Borough 5% and Pennington Borough 7.5%; and

WHEREAS, the three municipalities agree to cooperatively work to obtain donations of time and/or materials; and

WHEREAS, all parties understand and agree that Exhibit A represents estimated costs and it may be necessary, after value engineering the project to amend this agreement to reflect reductions in actual costs; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer and State of New Jersey, that the Mayor with the attestation of the Township Clerk is hereby authorized to execute the attached Cost Sharing Agreement subject to approval by the Township Attorney as to form.

RESOLUTION #18-220. Read by title.
Motion by Blake, seconded by McLaughlin to adopt Resolution #18-220.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

RESOLUTION #18-220

BILLS & CLAIMS

BE IT RESOLVED, that the list of cash disbursements authorized for approval of bills for payment date June 25, 2018 in the following amounts:

Bills and Claims	\$ 7,812,575.97
Payroll	\$ 333,034.86
Total Disbursements	\$ 8,145,610.83

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

Committee Members suggested Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business; Cable Franchise Committee; Cable Presentation from Comcast; Economic Development Committee; and a Work Session regarding Washington Crossing Park Estates Water Utility be addressed at a future meeting.

PUBLIC SECTION

The following members of the public spoke during public comment:

Victor Silvestrov, a resident of Diverty Road, questioned the wetland issues for the cut-through road easement and asked the specifics of each municipality's responsibility as it relates to the Senior Center.

Jon Edwards thanked the Committee Members for meeting with the Senate and Assembly representatives regarding affordable housing, the future of the pending bills and related his opinion regarding same. Mr. Edwards also questioned if there was pending legislation regarding the four to one affordable housing unit to market rate unit ratio.

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

At 9:11 p.m., Motion by Hart, 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