

**2HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING
VIA ZOOM VIDEO COMMUNICATIONS**

Monday, January 10, 2022 – 6:40 p.m.

PROPER STATEMENT OF NOTICE – Mayor Peters-Manning 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 5, 2022, 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: Kevin Kuchinski, Uma Purandare, Michael Ruger,
Mayor Courtney Peters-Manning

ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Administrator/Public Works Director George Snyder, Municipal Clerk Laurie Gompf, CFO Julie Troutman, Community Development Director/Engineer James Hutzemann, Police Director Robert Karmazin, Township Attorney Steve Goodell

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

NOMINATION FOR TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEMBER

Mayor Peters-Manning announced that Committee Member McLaughlin has resigned her position as a Committee Member in order to take a new position on the Mercer County Commissioner’s Board which leaves a vacancy on the Township Committee and requested that Mr. Goodell to explain the process of filling the vacancy.

Mr. Goodell explained that Committee Member Kristin McLaughlin has been elected as a County Commissioner; that legally, she cannot hold two elected positions; that this has created a vacancy on the Township Committee; explained that there is a law in New Jersey entitled “The Municipal Vacancy Act” which provides instruction as to how to fill a vacancy; that the way you fill a vacancy depends on when it occurs during the person’s term of office; that since Ms. McLaughlin was in the last half of her term and since she was a nominee of a political party; the local political party, acting through its Committee, has an opportunity to nominate three names to the Township Committee. The Township Committee then has the choice to fill the seat and if so, they must choose from one of the three names; and that the Democratic Committee has submitted a list of names to the Township Committee.

Mr. Goodell indicated that the Township Committee has before them a resolution with a blank name which appoints a person to the vacant seat; that, if they choose to fill the vacancy, the Township Committee must fill in the blank name by nominating or moving one of the names from the list; that name will then be voted on by the remaining members of the Committee; if that person receives a majority of the vote, they may be seated on the Committee; and if the person does not receive enough votes to be seated, the process begins again with another name from the list.

Municipal Clerk Gompf confirmed that she did receive a list of names from the Democratic Committee and advised that the three names to be considered were: David Chait, Robert Green, and Peter Sanford.

Mayor Peters-Manning related that she knew all three of the nominees and considered them to all be upstanding citizens, committed community volunteers and fantastic people.

Mayor Peters-Manning called on the Township Committee to nominate one of the three names. Committee Member Ruger nominated David Chait and extolled his credentials. Committee Member Purandare seconded the motion.

Mayor Peters-Manning requested that Mr. Chait say a few words in support of his nomination. Mr. Chait thanked Committee Member Ruger for the nomination; introduced himself; expressed that he loves living in Hopewell Township; that he cares deeply about the community; that he and his wife, Amanda, have chosen Hopewell Township to raise their two girls; that he has developed deep roots in the community by serving on local boards, being a classroom parent and coaching youth sports; and that his appreciation for the Township continues to grow.

He conveyed that it would be his honor to serve on the Township Committee; that he believes that his combination of his government background, business experience and local involvement is a powerful asset; stated that as a Township Committee Member he would bring governmental experience and knowledge having served in the Obama administration as Senior Policy Advisor to the Administrator of the U.S. Small Business Administration in the midst of the great recession, as well as serving our local community most recently via the Hopewell Township Planning Board; and that he would also bring significant business experience which is critical to the fiscal and strategic issues the Committee faces on a regular basis.

Mr. Chait shared that he started his career as a consultant at McKinsey and Company working with Fortune 500 companies, nonprofits and governments on a wide array of strategic issues; that he is currently a small business owner and entrepreneur serving as CEO of Travefy, a software company that has 20 plus employees and three offices; that one of those offices is located in the heart of the Hopewell Valley; that as a member of the Committee he would promote pragmatic fiscal responsibility; a continued focus on health and safety; support of the senior community, the important challenge of preserving rural character; championing the conservation of our beautiful landscape while also promoting smart, inclusive growth; and diversifying our community as well as our tax base. He announced that most importantly, as a member of the Township Committee, he would listen; that he is committed to engaging with residents; would welcome open dialogue and exploring new ideas; that he believes in the power of active listening and that open communication builds bridges and optimizes solutions; that the current Committee has served the community well; that he recognizes that Committee Member McLaughlin leaves some big shoes to fill; that he would continue to endeavor the Committee's strong, thoughtful and open leadership style; that he would be a dedicated public servant and champion of Hopewell Township; and that he is grateful for the potential opportunity to serve our community.

RESOLUTION #22-13. Read by title.

Motion by Ruger, seconded by Purandare to adopt Resolution #22-13.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Kuchinski, Purandare, Ruger, Mayor Peters-Manning

NOES: None

R E S O L U T I O N #22-13

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, that David D. Chait is hereby appointed a member of the Township Committee to fill the unexpired term expiring December 31, 2022.

OATH OF OFFICE OF COMMITTEE MEMBER

Ms. Gompf administered the Oath of Office to Committee Member David Chait.

MINUTES SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL

Motion by Kuchinski, seconded by Ruger to approve June 29, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes.

ABSTAIN: Chait, Purandare

MOTION CARRIED

PRESENTATION – Health Officer Dawn Marling – COVID-19 Updates

Ms. Marling reported that Hopewell Township is experiencing severe and dramatic COVID cases; that the case numbers were unprecedented; that the numbers exceed the capacity to contact trace and follow up; that she expected the cases to rise by the end of the two week reporting period; urged everyone to stay home if they feel sick; advised of open testing sites; urged citizens who are unvaccinated to get vaccinated; announced that the vast majority of hospitalized COVID patients are unvaccinated; that the Health Department is exploring ways to get vaccinated people booster vaccines; provided vaccination statistics; that since the start of COVID to the end of 2021 the Township has seen 1,452 COVID cases and 17 deaths; announced the upcoming vaccine and booster clinics; and once more urged people who feel ill should stay home.

PRESENTATION – Proclamation Declaring January 2022 as Radon Action Month

PROCLAMATION

DECLARING JANUARY 2022 AS RADON ACTION MONTH

WHEREAS, radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas that is the second leading cause of lung cancer; and

WHEREAS, prolonged exposure to radon can kill as many as 500 people in New Jersey each year; and

WHEREAS, families who reside in homes with elevated radon levels are at risk of developing serious health problems; and

WHEREAS, any home could have high levels, even when neighboring homes do not; and

WHEREAS, radon testing can be done with great ease at a relatively low expense to the homeowner, with the cost of reducing radon concentrations being comparable to a home repair; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and the United States Environmental Protection Agency are collaborating during the month of January to promote the need for radon testing in an effort to protect the lives of our State’s residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Courtney Peters-Manning, Mayor of the Hopewell Township, on behalf of the Hopewell Township Committee and residents of Hopewell Township, do hereby proclaim the Month of January 2022, as

RADON ACTION MONTH

in the Township of Hopewell and call upon all residents who have not yet tested to test their homes for radon and to reduce radon levels if elevated levels are found, to protect their families from the serious health risk of radon.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR MEETING AGENDA

A. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2, SECTION 2-2.10 “POLICE DEPARTMENT” OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES TO PROVIDE FOR UP TO SIX SERGEANTS IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

B. A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP DEER MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND STAFF REPORTS

Mr. Goodell explained the procedures as they relate to cannabis; advised that if the Township wanted to include additional licenses or retail sales licenses for cannabis to the existing Ordinance, that amendments would need to be made; that a tax for the businesses would need to be determined; explained the process needed for the amendments; that the Planning Board had acknowledged the cannabis change as part of the reexamination of the Master Plan; that Frank Banish wrote a report to the Planning Board in December; that the Planning Board agreed that the conditions were appropriate; that the Planning Board recommended the retail sale of cannabis in certain retail zones; that it was now up to the Township Committee to determine if they would allow retail sales of cannabis; recommended having a special public comment meeting to measure the public's feelings on the matter; suggested that the Committee could hold a work session in order for the Committee to decide what they want to do; that his firm could draft an Ordinance in conjunction with the Community Development department and Mr. Banish regarding same; that the State licensing for retail opens in mid-March; and provided details of what the State requirements are for a retail cannabis license.

Mr. Snyder reminded everyone that Township offices will be closed on January 17th in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; that the registrar's office was closed today due to a staffing shortage; that all other offices remain open; and reported on the Department of Public Works leaf, Christmas tree, and Freon collection.

Committee Member Kuchinski reported that the Planning Board finished its Master Plan examination report which included key elements on the new Recreation and Open Space element; that the Planning Board will be reviewing the economic element to the Master Plan in 2022; and that they will be holding their reorganization meeting at the end of the month; that BeiGene will come before the Planning Board with their preliminary site plan at the end of the month; that Parks and Recreation will hold their first meeting of the year on January 24 and will be turning their attention to the recreation needs of the community; that the second budget meeting was held earlier tonight and the preliminary focus is on the Capital budget; and that future budget meetings will be advertised and announced on the Township's website and social media platforms.

Committee Member Purandare reported that she is currently in the process of introducing herself to the committees for which she is a liaison.

Committee Member Chait expressed that he is looking forward to his Committee assignments and reporting back.

Committee Member Ruger reported the details of the upcoming Citizens' Equity Advisory Committee and Woolsey Park Advisory Committee meetings and that a student from the High School will be proposing a COVID memorial before the Woolsey Park Advisory Committee at an upcoming meeting.

PUBLIC SECTION

The following members of the public spoke during public comment:

Jon Edwards, a resident of Pennington Harbourton Road, urged the Mayor to provide the new Committee Members with key documents, such as the current Master Plan which was implemented 20 years ago; requested a COVID update on the prisoners at the Mercer County Correctional Center; asked the administration to take a Zoom tour of the facility; requested a brief update on ELSA; thanked the Committee for holding meetings on Zoom; and wished everyone a happy New Year.

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

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

RESOLUTIONS #22-14 THROUGH #22-20, Read by title.

Motion by Kuchinski, seconded by Ruger to adopt Resolution #22-14 through #22-20.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

R E S O L U T I O N #22-14

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF PROPERTY
FOR NONPAYMENT OF TAXES AND OTHER MUNICIPAL CHARGES**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:5-1 et seq. and P.L. 1997 Chapter 99 allows for the sale of property for nonpayment of taxes and other municipal charges; and

WHEREAS, certain properties will have tax, utility, and/or other municipal charges open and unpaid for the calendar year ending December 31, 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on this 10th day of January 2022, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that the Township Committee authorizes the Tax Collector to hold a tax sale in 2022 for any accounts that remain in arrears for calendar year 2021 and any prior year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of the approved resolution be provided to the Tax Collector.

R E S O L U T I O N #22-15

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND FOR
HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP RESIDENT FOR
DRIVEWAY PERMIT NOT REQUIRED**

WHEREAS, the Public Works Department has determined that a driveway permit is not required; and,

WHEREAS, Jaroslaw Grzeski, 209 Pennington Lawrenceville Rd., Pennington, NJ 08534 has requested a refund for said driveway permit application (\$30.00); and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on this 10th day of January 2022 by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that the following refund is hereby authorized:

Jaroslaw Grzeski, 209 Pennington Lawrenceville Rd., Pennington, NJ 08534 \$30.00

R E S O L U T I O N #22-16

**GRANTING AUTHORITY FOR APPROVAL OF CERTAIN PURCHASES THROUGH
NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACTS AND/OR PURCHASING COOPERATIVES FOR
2022**

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. and P.L.2011, c.139, the governing body may delegate the power to award purchases, contracts and/or agreements through New Jersey State Contracts and/or Purchasing Cooperatives to which the Township of Hopewell is a member; and

WHEREAS, in the interest of streamlining Township operations and improving efficiency, it is the desire of the Mayor and Council to authorize the Purchasing Officer/Qualified Purchasing Agent (QPA) to approve purchases, contracts and agreements through New Jersey State Contracts and/or Purchasing Cooperatives, subject to provisions and requirements of the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. and P.L.2011, c.139 below the \$44,000.00 threshold in individual purchases and the aggregate as defined by N.J.S.A.40A:11-2(19).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell that the Purchasing Officer/Qualified Purchasing Agent (QPA) upon receipt of an identified need and direction from the Township is hereby authorized to approve purchases, contracts and/or agreements through New Jersey State Contracts and/or Purchasing Cooperatives to which the Township of Hopewell is a member without further action from the Township Committee, provided that funds are available to cover the expenditure; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Purchase approvals made by the Purchasing Officer/Qualified Purchasing Agent (QPA) by virtue of the adoption of this Resolution shall be

subject to the provisions and requirements of the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. and that no amount of any contract shall be in excess of the bid threshold in a single purchase or the aggregate without express individual resolutions authorizing such cooperative purchases by contract number.

RESOLUTION #22-17

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPLICATION OF
THE SUDC FOUNDATION TO CONDUCT MALCOLM'S RUN MEMORIAL 5K**

WHEREAS, application has been made by the SUDC Foundation to conduct a Memorial 5K run in the Township of Hopewell at Pennington Montessori School on April 23, 2022 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, the Hopewell Township Health Officer, the Hopewell Township Police Department and the Hopewell Township Bureau of Fire Safety have reviewed the application and granted their approval to conduct the festival 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 Memorial 5K Run in accordance with the application submitted by The SUDC Foundation, which festival is to be held on April 23, 2022 at Pennington Montessori School in Hopewell Township.
2. The SUDC Foundation 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 The SUDC Foundation, 101 Eisenhower Parkway, Suite 300, Roseland, NJ 07068.

RESOLUTION #22-18. Read by title.

Motion by Ruger, seconded by Kuchinski to adopt Resolution #22-18.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

RESOLUTION #22-18

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COLLECTOR
TO CHARGE FOR MAILINGS AS PART OF THE TAX SALE**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:5-26 requires that a copy of the tax sale notice be “published in a newspaper circulating in the municipality, once each of the four calendar weeks preceding the calendar week appointed for the sale”, and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:5-26 also provides that the Collector may “in lieu of any two publications, notice to the property owner and to any person or entity entitled to notice of foreclosure ... may be given by regular or certified mail, the costs of which shall be added to the cost of the sale... not to exceed \$25.00 for each set of notices...”, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector be authorized to substitute up to two mailings in lieu of publication, at the discretion of the Tax Collector; and

BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector be authorized to charge up to \$25.00 per mailing in 2022, as permitted by State law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a Certified Copy of this resolution be provided by the Municipal Clerk to the Tax Collector.

RESOLUTION #22-19. Read by title.

Motion by Kuchinski, seconded by Chait to adopt Resolution #22-19.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

RESOLUTION # 22-19

RESOLUTION FOR REDEMPTION

OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATES

WHEREAS, on June 19, 2019 US Bank Cust-Actlien Holding I purchased Tax Sale Certificate 19-00008, for property located at Block 62, Lot 1.02 known as 1300 Bear Tavern Road, assessed to Fedor Timothy & Rachael.; this certificate was redeemed by Key Premier Abstract Agency, LTD as owner representative; and

WHEREAS, the Township can now release the principal and interest received, and premium.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on this 10th day of January 2022, 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 as specified below:

<u>BLOCK/LOT</u>	<u>OWNERS' NAME(S)</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>LIEN HOLDER</u>	<u>PREMIUM</u>
62/1.02	Fedor, Timothy & Rachel	\$98,401.92	Actlien Holding I	\$70,000.00

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

RESOLUTION #22-20. Read by title.

Motion by Ruger, seconded by Kuchinski to adopt Resolution #22-20.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

R E S O L U T I O N #22-20

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COLLECTION OF A \$20.00 FEE FOR INSUFFICIENT FUNDS

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:5-18 permits a municipality to charge a service fee to any payment presenter whom tenders payment which was returned for insufficient funds, and;

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:5-18c states "...the service charge for a check or other written instrument returned for insufficient funds shall be determined and set by resolution or by ordinance of the governing body, as appropriate, from time to time, but shall not exceed \$20.00 per check or other written instrument."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on this 10th day of January, 2022, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, shall authorize to the collection of the maximum service fee of \$20.00 upon the return of a payment for insufficient funds.

ORDINANCE – INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

Mayor Peters-Manning read by title the ordinance for introduction as amended.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2, SECTION 2-2.10 "POLICE DEPARTMENT" OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES TO PROVIDE FOR UP TO SIX SERGEANTS IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Chait, Kuchinski, Purandare, Ruger, Mayor Peters-Manning

NOES: None

ORDINANCE INTRODUCED

Second reading, public hearing date January 24, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

RESOLUTION #22-21. Read by title.

Motion by Ruger, seconded by Kuchinski to adopt Resolution #22-21.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**RESOLUTION #22-21**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL,
COUNTY OF MERCER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, GRANTING AUTHORITY FOR
APPROVAL OF CERTAIN PURCHASES IN EXCESS OF THE
BID THRESHOLD THROUGH NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACTS AND/OR
PURCHASING COOPERATIVES FOR 2022**

WHEREAS, a need exists for the acquisition of various goods and services contained within cooperative contracts and over the bid threshold as aggregation of commodities, for the daily operations of the Township of Hopewell; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Hopewell may, without advertising for bids, purchase such materials through the New Jersey State Purchase and Property State Contracts and other approved Regional Cooperative Purchasing Systems of which the Township of Hopewell is a member, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12, and N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.29 et. Seq.; and

WHEREAS, under the state cooperative contract, or designated regional cooperative contract award, the following vendors hold valid cooperative contracts in accord with the New Jersey Local Publics Contract Law.

Vendor	Contract #	T- Number	Title	Term Expiration
Majestic Oil	19-FLEET-00972	T0083	Unleaded Automotive Gasoline	10/31/2024
Morton Salt	Mercer 2019-626		Road Salt	1/23/2022

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

1. The Qualified Purchasing Agent (QPA) upon receipt of an identified need and direction from the Township is hereby authorized to approve purchases in the aggregate over the bid threshold from the list of approved cooperative contract, through New Jersey State Contracts and/or Purchasing Cooperatives to which the Township of Hopewell is a member without further action from Township Committee, provided that funds are available to cover the expenditure.
2. Purchase approvals made by the Qualified Purchasing Agent (QPA) by virtue of the adoption of this Resolution shall be subject to the provisions and requirements of the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. and that no amount of any contract shall be in excess of the bid threshold in a single purchase or the aggregate without express individual resolutions authorizing such cooperative purchases by contract number.

RESOLUTION #22-22. Read by title.

Motion by Ruger, seconded by Purandare to adopt Resolution #22-22.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

RESOLUTION #22-22

**AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION TO PURCHASE TREATED AND UNTREATED
ROCK SALT AND SOLAR SALT IN EXCESS OF THE BID THRESHOLD THROUGH
THE COUNTY OF MERCER COOPERATIVE CONTRACT CK09 MERCER 2021-19**

WHEREAS, a need exists for ice and snow treatment material of Township of Hopewell roads; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Hopewell may, without advertising for bids, purchase such materials through the County of Mercer Cooperative pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11 and N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.1 et. Seq., and

WHEREAS, the County of Mercer Cooperative has awarded contract CK09 MERCER 2021-19 for a period of two (2) years ending on January 23, 2024, for the commodities as follows:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Price Per Ton Delivered</u>	<u>Price Per Ton Pickup</u>
Morton Salt (Treated Salt)	\$73.93	\$73.00

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, pursuant to N.J.S.A.40A:11-11 & N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.1 et. Seq., that subject to the governing bodies approval of future municipal budgets, the use of CK09 Mercer 2021-19 in excess of the bid threshold is hereby authorized.

RESOLUTION #22-23. Read by title.
 Motion by Kuchinski, seconded by Ruger to adopt Resolution #22-23.
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

R E S O L U T I O N #22-23

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
 AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF THE 2021 MERCER COUNTY,
 NEW JERSEY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE**

WHEREAS, all jurisdictions within Mercer County have exposure to hazards that increase the risk to life, property, environment, and the County and local economy; and

WHEREAS; pro-active mitigation of known hazards before a disaster event can reduce or eliminate long-term risk to life and property; and

WHEREAS, The Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-390) established new requirements for pre and post disaster hazard mitigation programs; and

WHEREAS; a coalition of Mercer County municipalities with like planning objectives has been formed to pool resources and create consistent mitigation strategies within Mercer County; and

WHEREAS, the coalition has completed a planning process that engages the public, assesses the risk and vulnerability to the impacts of natural hazards, develops a mitigation strategy consistent with a set of uniform goals and objectives, and creates a plan for implementing, evaluating and revising this strategy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Hopewell:

- 1) Adopts in its entirety, the 2021 Mercer County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update (the “Plan”) as the jurisdiction’s Hazard Mitigation Plan and resolves to execute the actions identified in the Plan that pertain to this jurisdiction.
- 2) Will use the adopted and approved portions of the Plan to guide pre- and post-disaster mitigation of the hazards identified.
- 3) Will coordinate the strategies identified in the Plan with other planning programs and mechanisms under its jurisdictional authority.
- 4) Will continue its support of the Mitigation Planning Committee as described within the Plan.
- 5) Will help to promote and support the mitigation successes of all participants in this Plan.
- 6) Will incorporate mitigation planning as an integral component of government and partner operations.
- 7) Will provide an update of the Plan in conjunction with the County no less than every five years.

RESOLUTION #22-24. Read by title.
 Motion by Purandare, seconded by Ruger to adopt Resolution #22-24.
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

R E S O L U T I O N #22-24

**A RESOLUTION AMENDING 2021
 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT**

WHEREAS, the Township entered into a Professional Services Agreement 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.

<u>FIRM</u>	<u>CURRENT MAXIMUM</u>	<u>PROPOSED MAXIMUM</u>	<u>CURRENT TERM EXPIRES</u>	<u>PROPOSED TERM EXPIRES</u>
Princeton Healthcare Systems (Employment & pre-employment medical services) X-21-00-929-131 (\$371.00) 1-01-20-100-028 (\$229.00)	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 3,400.00	12/31/2021	No Change

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 10th day of January, 2022 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.

RESOLUTION #22-25. Read by title.
Mayor’s Appointment

RESOLUTION #22-25

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING
A MEMBER TO THE HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP
DEER MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

BE IT RESOLVED, on this 10th day of January, 2022 that I, Courtney Peters-Manning, Mayor of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, do hereby appoint Dorothy Aicher as member to the Hopewell Township Deer Management Advisory Committee for a three-year term expiring December 31, 2024.

RESOLUTION #22-26. Read by title.
Motion by Ruger, seconded by Purandare to adopt Resolution #22-26.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Kuchinski, Purandare, Ruger, Mayor Peters-Manning
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: Chait

RESOLUTION #22-26

BILLS & CLAIMS

BE IT RESOLVED, that the list of cash disbursements authorized for approval of bills for payment date January 10, 2022 in the following amounts:

Bills and Claims	\$	349,283.38
Payroll	\$	340,816.21
Total Disbursements	\$	690,099.59

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 – AS LISTED ON THE TOWNSHIP WEBSITE ON THE CLERK’S PAGE.

PUBLIC SECTION

The following members of the public spoke during public comment:

James Burd, a resident of Nursery Road, questioned if all the Committee Members had the opportunity to review the Mercer County Hazardous Mitigation resolution and mentioned several areas he had concerns with.

Jon Edwards requested the documentation regarding the ELSA agreement be supplied to him and placed on the Township website; reminisced about visiting the Mercer County Correctional Center (MCCC) when he was Mayor; suggested that the MCCC will allow the Committee access to one of the cameras located in the facility for which they could view activities there; and urged the Committee to tour the facility virtually.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTION. Read into the record.
Mayor Blake stated that the regular meeting may reconvene following the Executive Session.

Motion by Kuchinski, seconded by Chait 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 #22-27

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
 - Brick Farm Tavern
 - OPRA – Libertarians for Transparent Government
 - BMS
- Real Estate
 - Pennytown
- Personnel
 - COVID Policy

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 10th day of January, 2022 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 7:51 p.m. the Executive Session was held.

At 9:33 p.m. the Regular meeting reconvened.

At 9:33 p.m., motion by Kuchinski, seconded by Purandare to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

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