

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

Monday, January 27, 2020 – 7:13 p.m.

PROPER STATEMENT OF NOTICE – Mayor McLaughlin called the meeting to order stating that notice of the meeting had been posted on the municipal bulletin board and forwarded to the Hopewell Valley News, The Times, the Trentonian and the Hopewell Express (the official newspapers) on January 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

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

ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR MEETING AGENDA

Mayor McLaughlin advised of the following additions to the agenda:

- A. A RESOLUTION FOR AN EMERGENCY TEMPORARY APPROPRIATION IN THE SBRSA SEWER UTILITY BUDGET
 - B. A RESOLUTION FOR AN EMERGENCY TEMPORARY APPROPRIATION IN THE WATER UTILITY BUDGET
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COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND STAFF REPORTS

Mayor McLaughlin reported on: her attendance at the Trenton Water Works meeting held at Stony Brook Elementary School; the Deer Management Advisory Committee meeting; and the Youth Advisory Committee meeting. She also reported that the Planning Board approved the use of a new driveway off of Route 31 into the Tree Farm Road shopping center; that the Capital Budget should be introduced the following week; and that there will be another Energy Aggregation meeting upcoming.

Committee Member Blake reported the activities of the Public Works department; that she attended the Trenton Water Works meeting and there should be many answers to many questions forthcoming in the next few weeks; explained the proposed Trenton Water Works rate increases and why they are important; and reviewed the future plans of Trenton Water Works to ensure clean, safe, water.

Committee Member Peters-Manning reported that three of four meeting have been held on Energy Aggregation with the final meeting being held this week; information regarding Energy Aggregation is on the “Have Your Say Hopewell” section of the Township’s website; announced that no one will ever call or knock on doors to have residents sign up for Energy Aggregation; requested that if anyone sees or hears anything suspicious, please report it to the Township;

announced that response from the public has been positive; and that a work session will be held next week regarding Energy Aggregation which could lead to the introduction of an Ordinance and result in a public hearing to be set. She also reported that the renovations to the Senior Center are complete and the Senior Center is up and running; that seniors want to be included in the planning of the new Senior Center; and commented on the Senior Advisory Board and Environmental Commission meetings.

Mayor McLaughlin provided the story behind the 500-year-old Salem Oak tree which inexplicably died last year. As a result, the Department of Environmental Protection gathered acorns from the fallen tree and each municipality in New Jersey will be given one seedling from the Salem Oak tree. A master gardener from the Environmental Commission will be assigned to care for Hopewell Township's seedling which will most likely be placed in the Woolsey Park arboretum.

Committee Member Peters-Manning reported that the Environmental Commission had sent a resolution to the Township Committee supporting the statewide plastic bag ban bill, which died in the Senate, and they are now looking for ways to reduce the use of plastic; that the Environmental Commission also sent a resolution promoting the green energy portion of energy aggregation and read the resolution aloud and in full; that the Affordable Housing Committee requested to have an attorney available at their meetings; and reported on "Light Up Public Places for Suffrage" which commemorates the 100th anniversary of New Jersey's ratification of the 19th Amendment confirming women's right to vote by lighting purple lights.

Committee Member Kuchinski expressed his excitement for the Salem Oak project and suggested a second seedling at the Mount Rose Preserve; reported on the Planning Board reorganizational meeting; expressed the Planning Board's desire to set aside funding for an open space inventory plan; announced that the 2020 capital budget is moving forward; more shared services programs will be explored; there will be a series of public budget discussions over the upcoming weeks; announced that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee will be holding their reorganization meeting and he will be excusing himself from the meeting to attend.

At 7:36 p.m. Committee Member Kuchinski left the meeting.

Committee Member Ruger announced that he will participate in a census training and that everyone should make sure they are counted in the 2020 Census; reported on his attendance at the D&R Greenway St. Michael's celebration; requested that recycling not be placed in plastic bags or it will be counted as trash; pizza boxes should not be recycled; keep recycling as clean as possible; and he and Committee Member Blake will be meeting with residents of Washington Crossing Estates regarding their water system.

MINUTES SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL

Motion by Blake, seconded by Mayor McLaughlin to approve November 18, 2020 Regular and Executive Session (2) Meeting Minutes.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

Motion by Blake, seconded by Ruger to approve December 2, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

Motion by Blake, seconded by Ruger to approve December 9, 2020 Special Meeting Minutes.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

Motion by Ruger, seconded by Blake to approve December 16, 2020 Special, Regular and Executive Session Meeting Minutes.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

Motion by Blake, seconded by Ruger to approve December 30, 2020 Special Meeting Minutes.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND STAFF REPORTS

Mr. Kataryniak reported that gas installation work is beginning in the Elm Ridge Park east section and information may be found on the Township's website. He also reported that the Township had received a notice of a development application in Lawrence Township regarding a piece of property that lies mostly in Lawrence Township, however, a small section lies in Hopewell Township. Mr. Kataryniak asked the Committee for direction. His recommendation was to acquiesce jurisdiction to Lawrence Township with the Committee passing a resolution to ensure the Township's interests are preserved. Mr. Goodell stated that such a resolution would allow the Township to work with Lawrence Township to ensure the Township's interests are being preserved. As a result, the Township Committee agreed to consider such a resolution.

RESOLUTION #20-36. Read in full by Attorney Goodell.
Motion by Blake, seconded by Ruger to adopt Resolution #20-36.
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

R E S O L U T I O N #20-36

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND THE TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY TO WORK WITH LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP AUTHORITIES

WHEREAS, the owner of a lot in Lawrence Township has applied to the Lawrence Planning Board for a 3-lot residential subdivision which is scheduled to be heard February 3, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the property contains a narrow strip of land that extends into Hopewell Township onto Federal City Road just north of Bull Run Road which lies within Hopewell Township and identified as Block 79, Lot 3.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on this 27th day of January, 2020 by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that the Township Committee shall authorize the Director of Community Development and the Township Attorney to work with Lawrence Township authorities to ensure that the interests of Hopewell Township are considered in the review of the property owner's application for development in the most efficient way possible.

Ms. Borges reported that the Annual Debt Statement has been filed; the annual Financial Statement is ready to be filed, however, the State has not opened the FAST program to allow filing as of yet; the 2020 budget is also waiting to be downloaded when the State allows; and the budget is moving forward.

PUBLIC SECTION

The following members of the public spoke during public comment:

Jon Edwards, a resident of Pennington Harbourton Road, made remarks about Lawrence Township and Woodmont development causing traffic issues; made remarks about an advisory committee being formed for Trenton Water Works issues; noted that Princeton opted out of energy aggregation; suggested utilizing the process Maplewood is using for energy aggregation; mentioned he asked the same questions at three different energy aggregation meetings and received three different answers which concerns him; and suggested reaching out to Princeton to determine why they opted out.

Stan Saperstein, a resident of Corrine Drive and co-chair of the Senior Advisory Board, requested that the Senior Advisory Board have an active role in the planning of the new Community/Senior Center. Mr. Saperstein introduced Brian Rogaski and offered his services in planning the Center as well.

Brian Rogaski, a resident of Ridgewood Avenue, stated he was a licensed architect in the State of New Jersey for fifty years and volunteered to help with the Community/Senior Center.

Rosaline Fleming, a resident of Hopewell Borough, made certain remarks on the importance of a Senior Center in Hopewell.

Melanie Philips, a resident of Washington Crossing-Pennington Road, questioned if a new location for the Community/Senior Center has been decided and made certain remarks regarding Committee Members commenting on Facebook.

Harvey Lester, a resident of Continental Lane, took exception to the month of January's meeting dates; questioned the nature of the emergency appropriation for the water utility; questioned why the members of the Washington Crossing Estates working group were not informed about the additional item added to the agenda which he alleged pertained to Washington Crossing Estates; and questioned why the Washington Crossing Estates working group was not included in the budget preparation.

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

ORDINANCE – FINAL READING, PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION

Mayor McLaughlin read by title the introduced ordinance:

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL ACCEPTING A DONATION

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 Blake, seconded by Ruger to adopt the introduced ordinance.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Kuchinski

ORDINANCE ADOPTED

Ordinance advertised January 17, 2020, Hopewell Valley News. Posted municipal bulletin board as required by law.

ORDINANCE NO. 20-1721

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL ACCEPTING DONATION

WHEREAS, the Township of Hopewell was in need of a holiday tree for its annual tree lighting ceremony; and

WHEREAS, Hardy Nurseries located at 263 Pennington Rocky Hill Road, Pennington, NJ has graciously donated a holiday tree for such purpose valued at \$280.00; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:12-5 requires that a municipality provide for the acquisition of personal property made by gift or donations through an ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey hereby accepts the donation of a holiday tree for the purpose of the Township's annual tree lighting ceremony.

ORDINANCE – FINAL READING, PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION

Mayor McLaughlin read by title the introduced ordinance:

CALENDAR YEAR 2020 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)

Mayor McLaughlin declared public hearing open.

James Burd, a resident of Nursery Road, questioned if all departments utilized the 2% CAP indicated in the Ordinance.

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

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Kuchinski

ORDINANCE ADOPTED

Ordinance advertised January 17, 2020, Hopewell Valley News. Posted municipal bulletin board as required by law.

ORDINANCE NO. 20-1722

**CALENDAR YEAR 2020 ORDINANCE
TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET
APPROPRIATION AND TO ESTABLISH A
CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)**

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget to 2.5% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year’s final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell in the County of Mercer finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2020 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee hereby determines that a 1.0% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$141,473.09 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated, as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, in the County of Mercer, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2020 budget year, the final appropriations of the Township of Hopewell shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.15a be increased by 1.0% amounting to \$141,473.09 and that the CY 2020 municipal budget for the Township of Hopewell be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within five days of introduction; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within five days after such adoption.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

RESOLUTIONS #20-37 THROUGH #20-40. Read by title.

Motion by Blake, seconded by Ruger to adopt Resolution #20-37 through #20-40 .

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

RESOLUTION #20-37

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COLLECTOR TO CHARGE
FOR MAILING IN LIEU OF ADVERTISING
UNDER TAX SALE LAW**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A.54:5-26 requires the Township to advertise the annual tax sale in a local newspaper once in each of the four calendar weeks preceding the day appointed for the sale; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A.54:5-26 also allows the municipality to replace advertising for two of the four weeks with a mailing of notices; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A.54:5-26 also allows the municipality to charge a fee no greater than \$25.00 for each notice for those two weeks in lieu of advertising, said mailing may be given by regular or certified mail.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, Mercer County, New Jersey, on this date of January 27, 2020 that the Tax Collector be authorized to charge a fee no greater than \$25.00 per notice for two weeks in lieu of advertising, as allowed by N.J.S.A. 54:5-26.

RESOLUTION #20-38

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF
TAX OR SEWER OVERPAYMENTS**

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has determined that overpayments of taxes and/or utility charges have been made; said overpayments are caused by duplicated payments from owners, title agencies and mortgage companies who have been contacted by the Collector for proper settlement; tax appeals; or utility overpayments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on this 27th day of January, 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 overpayment of taxes. Further, a copy of this approved resolution shall be forwarded to the Collector and to the Finance Officer.

<u>BLOCK/LOT</u>	<u>REFUND TO</u>	<u>REASON</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
114/122.01	Stephen Varn & Stephanie Power	Tax Appeal- Added Assessment	10 Cortlandt Ave	\$493.84

RESOLUTION #20-39

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF BOND

WHEREAS, bond was posted for road excavation permit; and

WHEREAS, appropriate Township Department Officials have certified that conditions of road excavation permit have been met and recommend reimbursement of the bond.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on this 27th day of January, 2020 by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, and State of New Jersey:

1. That Road Excavation Bond money (\$140.00) posted on 08/07/17 by Penn jersey electric, PO Box 4058, Hamilton, NJ 08610 for 56 River Drive, Titusville, NJ 08560 (permit #19-1003-02) be and is hereby released.

RESOLUTION #20-40

**A RESOLUTION RE-ESTABLISHING
THE HOPEWELL VALLEY GREEN TEAM**

WHEREAS, the governing bodies of Hopewell Borough, Hopewell Township and

Pennington Borough recognize a need to develop “green” initiatives to create a plan for a healthy economy, environment and society in Hopewell Valley; and

WHEREAS, the governing bodies of Hopewell Borough, Hopewell Township and Pennington Borough desire to identify and support green, sustainable practices which benefit our residents and business partners that are easy to replicate and affordable to implement; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hopewell, the Township of Hopewell and the Borough of Pennington have each resolved to participate in **SUSTAINABLE JERSEY™**, a certification program for municipalities in New Jersey that want to go green, control costs and save money, and take steps to sustain their quality of life over the long term; and

WHEREAS, the governing bodies of Hopewell Borough, Hopewell Township and Pennington Borough have identified a need to work collaboratively to achieve **SUSTAINABLE JERSEY™** certification as the economical and environmental health of Hopewell Valley does not end at municipal borders; and

WHEREAS, the governing bodies of Hopewell Borough, Hopewell Township and Pennington Borough, in an attempt to focus attention on green issues and to further the primary goals of saving tax dollars, assuring clean air and water, improving working and living environments, and strengthening communities that are sustainable economically, environmentally and socially well into the future, established the “Hopewell Valley Green Future Task Force;” and

WHEREAS, since on or about August 3, 2009, the Hopewell Valley Green Future Task Force, now the Hopewell Valley Green Team with annually appointed members comprised of a minimum of four representatives of each Hopewell Valley municipality, including one governing body member liaison, one municipal staff representative and at least two members of the public representing residents, businesses, congregations and other community groups, met quarterly or as needed to develop and recommend programs and projects that seek to:

1. Improve public health and safety.
2. Identify alternative energy options.
3. Encourage water and energy conservation.
4. Reduce environmental pollution.
5. Promote recycling efforts.
6. Preserve natural resources.
7. Increase public awareness regarding green initiatives through the development of educational programs and resources dedicated to green initiatives.
8. Provide updates and recommendations to Hopewell Valley governing bodies, administrations, planning boards, environmental commissions, shade tree board and other groups directly or indirectly responsible to environmental issues; and

WHEREAS, the governing bodies of Hopewell Borough, Hopewell Township, and Pennington Borough desire that the Hopewell Valley Green Team continue meeting, on a quarterly or as needed basis, to develop and recommend the above-described programs and projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Hopewell Township Committee, that it hereby supports and does re-establish the Hopewell Valley Green Team, formerly the Hopewell Valley Green Future Task Force, in cooperation with the Borough of Hopewell and the Borough of Pennington.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following individuals are appointed to serve on the Hopewell Valley Green Team for 2020, and that the Township shall provide details of said appointments to the municipal clerk of the Borough of Hopewell and the Borough of Pennington: Rex Parker, Carol Meyer, Molly Reinero, Paul Kinney

RESOLUTION #20-41. Read by title.

Motion by Blake, seconded by Ruger to adopt Resolution #20-41.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Kuchinski

R E S O L U T I O N #20-41

2019 BUDGET TRANSFER RESOLUTION #6

BE IT RESOLVED on this 27th day of January, 2020, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer and State of New Jersey, that a transfer be made in the 2019 Budget appropriations as follows:

From:

Admin O/E	3,300.00
Medical O/E	10,639.22

Total	13,939.22
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To:

Solid Waste O/E	3,300.00
Legal O/E	10,639.22

Total	13,939.22
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RESOLUTION #20-42. Read by title.

Motion by Ruger, seconded by Blake to adopt Resolution #20-42.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Kuchinski

R E S O L U T I O N #20-42

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 \$483,288.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on this 27th day of January 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:

**	Legal O/E	203,700.00
	Admin O/E	99,020.00
	Clerk O/E	5,490.00
	Finance O/E	16,325.00
	Bldgs & Grounds O/E	11,333.00
	Engineering O/E	35,000.00
	Health O/E	6,100.00
	Assessor O/E	25,000.00
	Comm Dev. O/E	66,000.00
	Interlocal EMS	15,320.00
	Total	483,288.00

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 #20-43. Read by title.

Motion by Blake, seconded by Peters-Manning to adopt Resolution #20-43.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Blake, Peters-Manning, Ruger, Mayor McLaughlin
NOES: None
ABSENT: Kuchinski

R E S O L U T I O N #20-43

**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 \$7,200.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on this 27th day of January 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	\$7,200.00
Total	\$7,200.00

- 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 #20-44. Read by title.

Motion by Blake, seconded by Ruger to adopt Resolution #20-44.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Blake, Peters-Manning, Ruger, Mayor McLaughlin
NOES: None
ABSENT: Kuchinski

R E S O L U T I O N #20-44

**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 \$7,115.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on this 27th day of January 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:

Water O/E	\$ 7,115.00
Total	\$ 7,115.00

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 #20-45. Read by title.

Motion by Blake, seconded by Ruger to adopt Resolution #20-45.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

R E S O L U T I O N # 20-45

**2006 DEBT SERVICE RESOLUTION
(MATURING ON APRIL 1, 2020)**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19 provides authority for appropriating in a resolution the permanent debt service requirements for the coming fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, debt service payments will be due on April 1, 2020 on a 2006 Bond refunding issued and outstanding;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 27th day of January 2020, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that the following appropriations be made to cover the payments due April 1, 2020.

DEBT SERVICE – TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL 2006 BONDS - refunding

Interest

Current Fund	\$102,619.94
Water Fund	843.75
Sewer Fund	8,531.25
Open Space	47,805.07
TOTAL	\$159,800.01

RESOLUTION #20-46. Read by title.

Motion by Blake, seconded by Ruger to adopt Resolution #20-46.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

R E S O L U T I O N # 20-46

**2015 DEBT SERVICE RESOLUTION
(MATURING ON APRIL 1, 2020)**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19 provides authority for appropriating in a resolution the permanent debt service requirements for the coming fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, debt service payments will be due on April 1, 2020, on a 2015 Bond issued and outstanding;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 27th day of January 2020, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that the following appropriations be made to cover the payments due April 1, 2020.

DEBT SERVICE – TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL 2015 BONDS

	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Principal</u>
Current Fund	\$76,705.00	\$400,000.00
Sewer Fund	\$ 8,502.50	\$ 35,000.00
TOTAL	\$85,207.50	\$435,000.00

RESOLUTION #20-47. Read by title.
 Motion by Peters-Manning, seconded by Blake to adopt Resolution #20-47.
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

R E S O L U T I O N #20-47

**2019 DEBT SERVICE RESOLUTION
 (MATURING ON APRIL 3, 2020)**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19 provides authority for appropriating in a resolution the permanent debt service requirements for the coming fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, debt service payments will be due on April 3, 2020, on a 2019 Note issued and outstanding;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 27th day of January 2020, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that the following appropriations be made to cover the payments due April 3, 2020.

DEBT SERVICE – TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL 2018 NOTES

	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Principal</u>
Current Fund	\$ 277,586.55	\$472,361.15
Sewer	\$ 4,310.00	\$ 2,250.00
TOTAL	\$ 281,896.55	\$474,611.15

RESOLUTION #20-48. Read by title.
 Motion by Blake, seconded by Ruger to adopt Resolution #20-48.
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

R E S O L U T I O N #20-48

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TAX ASSESSOR TO ACT AS AGENT FOR
 HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP FOR THE PURPOSE OF FILING AND SETTLING TAX
 APPEALS ON BEHALF OF THE TAXING DISTRICT FOR THE TAX YEAR 2020**

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

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

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on this 27th day of January, 2020 by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, in the County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that the Tax Assessor is hereby authorized to act as agent for the Township of Hopewell, without further governing body approval to:

(a) Determine when tax appeals, cross appeals, complaints and counterclaims should be filed on behalf of the Taxing District with regard to any property located in Hopewell Township

and ratio issue, and accordingly direct the attorney for the Taxing District to file such documents with either the County Tax Board or Tax Court of New Jersey as deemed appropriate;

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

RESOLUTION #20-49. Read by title.

Motion by Blake, seconded by Ruger to adopt Resolution #20-49.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

R E S O L U T I O N #20-49

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 2019-28

WHEREAS, a need exists for ice and snow treatment material for 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 2019-28 for a period of two (2) years ending on January 23, 2022 for the commodities as follows:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Price Per Ton Delivered</u>	<u>Price Per Ton Pickup</u>
<i>Morton Salt (Primary Vendor Treated Salt)</i>	\$64.50	\$64.00
<i>Riverside Construction Material Inc. (Primary Vendor Untreated Salt)</i>	\$50.93	\$50.93
<i>Morton Salt (Secondary Vendor Untreated Salt)</i>	\$51.50	\$51.00
<i>Chemical Equipment Labs of DE Inc. (Secondary Vendor Treated Salt)</i>	\$67.03	\$67.03

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body 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 2019-28 in excess of the bid threshold is hereby authorized.

RESOLUTION #20-50. Read by title.

Motion by Ruger, seconded by Blake to adopt Resolution #20-50.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

R E S O L U T I O N #20-50

A RESOLUTION AMENDING 2019 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENTS

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

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 27th day of January, 2020 by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that the Professional Services Agreements be and are hereby amended as follows:

<u>FIRM</u>	<u>CURRENT MAXIMUM</u>	<u>PROPOSED MAXIMUM</u>	<u>CURRENT TERM EXPIRES</u>	<u>PROPOSED TERM EXPIRES</u>
Parker McCay, P.A. (Township Attorney) 9-01-20-115-028	\$200,000.00	\$208,639.22	12/31/19	No Change
Harry Haushalter (Tax Appeals) 9-01-29-115-028	\$39,500.00	\$41,500.00	12/31/19	No Change
Woodard & Curran, Inc. (Receptor Evaluation and LSRP/Project Management Services for the Former Hopewell Twp. Garage Environmental Site) X-04-00-674-640	\$136,078.06	No Change	12/31/19	12/31/20

RESOLUTION #20-51. Read by title.
 Motion by Peters-Manning, seconded by Ruger to adopt Resolution #20-51.
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

RESOLUTION #50-51

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING
 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENTS**

WHEREAS, there exists a need for professional services for the following: engineering affairs as it relates to legal matters; legal services relating to tax appraisals and tax appeals; legal services related to the Castoro Litigation; Insurance Brokerage services; Employee assistance program services; Qualified Purchasing Agent services; well testing evaluation and general hydrogeologic consulting; municipal public defender; alternate/conflict Municipal Public Defender; alternate/conflict Municipal Public Defender; alternate/conflict Municipal Public Defender; alternate/conflict Municipal Public Defender; Municipal Prosecutor services; maintenance and updating of the Revised General Ordinances and the Land Use and Development book; potable water monitoring services for the Hopewell Municipal Services Building, the Public Works Building and the ball field; Bond Counsel services; Continuing Disclosure Agent services; Administrative services related to affordable housing; engineering services related to affordable housing matters; assistance with the Township’s Affordable Housing Trust; Open Space engineering affairs; potable water monitoring services for the Community System at Washington Crossing Estates; engineering as it relates to sewer matters in the ELSA Sewer Service area; engineering affairs as it relates to sewer matters in the SBRSA Sewer Service Area; General Engineering; engineering as it relates to stormwater matters; appraisal services; Labor Attorney services; Township Attorney services; assistance with PennEast Pipeline Legal affairs; assistance with appraisal services and tax appeals; assistance with Open Space Legal affairs; deer removal and disposal services; Township physician services; Equal Pay Act Audit services; assistance with legal affairs for the Hopewell Township Planning Board; legal assistance with Hopewell Township Ordinance amendments; assistance with engineering affairs as it relates to planning matters; general planning services; planning assistance with Hopewell Township Ordinance amendments; legal services for the Hopewell Township Zoning Board of Adjustment; engineering affairs as it relates to zoning matters; planning services to assist with zoning matters; and engineering affairs as it relates to water matters; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost of the contract is \$1,000.00 (0-01-20-115-028) for engineering affairs as it relates to legal matters; \$40,000.00 (0-01-20-115-028) for legal services relating to tax appraisals and tax appeals; \$4,500.00 (0-01-20-115-028) for legal services related to the Castoro Litigation; \$39,000.00 (0-01-20-100-028) for Insurance Brokerage services; \$3,300.00 (0-01-20-100-028) for Employee assistance program services; \$17,000.00 (0-01-20-100-028) for Qualified Purchasing Agent services; \$1,000.00 (0-01-27-330-028) for well testing evaluation and general hydrogeologic consulting; \$21,600.00 (0-01-43-495-011) for municipal public defender;

\$50.00 per hour for outside work, \$60.00 per hour for court time (0-01-43-495-011) for alternate/conflict Municipal Public Defender; \$50.00 per hour for outside work, \$60.00 per hour for court time (0-01-43-495-011) for alternate/conflict Municipal Public Defender; \$50.00 per hour for outside work, \$60.00 per hour for court time (0-01-43-495-011) alternate/conflict Municipal Public Defender; \$50.00 per hour for outside work, \$60.00 per hour for court time (0-01-43-495-011) alternate/conflict Municipal Public Defender \$25,200.00 (0-01-20-115-028) for Municipal Prosecutor services; \$5,490.00 (0-01-20-120-028) for maintenance and updating of the Revised General Ordinances and the Land Use and Development book; \$11,333.00 (0-01-26-310-028) for potable water monitoring services for the Hopewell Municipal Services Building, the Public Works Building and the ball field; \$12,500.00 (0-01-20-130-028) for Bond Counsel services; \$1,550.00 (0-01-20-130-028) for Continuing Disclosure Agent services; \$36,686.00 (X-14-19-927-028) for Administrative services related to affordable housing; \$1,000.00 (X-14-19-927-028) for engineering services related to affordable housing matters; \$16,500.00 (X-14-19-927-028) for assistance with the Township's Affordable Housing Trust; \$1,000.00 (X-12-00-925-234) for Open Space engineering affairs; \$7,115.00 (0-05-55-502-028) for potable water monitoring services for the Community System at Washington Crossing Estates; \$7,200.00 (0-07-55-502-028) for engineering as it relates to sewer matters in the ELSA Sewer Service area; \$7,200.00 (0-10-55-502-028) for engineering affairs as it relates to sewer matters in the SBRSA Sewer Service Area; \$50,000.00 (0-01-20-165-028) for General Engineering services; \$10,000.00 (0-01-20-165-028) for assistance with engineering affairs as it relates to Stormwater matters; \$10,000.00 (0-01-20-150-028) for appraisal services; \$65,000.00 (0-01-20-115-028) for Labor Attorney services; \$120,000.00 (0-01-20-115-028) for Township Attorney services; \$15,000.00 (0-01-20-115-028) for assistance with PennEast Pipeline Legal affairs; \$15,000.00 (0-01-20-150-028) for assistance with appraisal services and tax appeals; \$5,000.00 (X-12-00-925-234) for assistance with Open Space Legal affairs; \$5,100.00 (0-01-27-330-028) for deer removal and disposal services; \$2,800.00 (9-01-20-100-028) for Township Physician services; \$15,000.00 () for Equal Pay Act Audit services; \$23,500.00 (0-01-21-190-028) for assistance with legal affairs for the Hopewell Township Planning Board; \$10,000.00 (0-01-21-190-028) for legal assistance with Hopewell Township Ordinance amendments; \$1,000.00 (0-01-21-190-028) for assistance with engineering affairs as it relates to Planning matters; \$5,000 (0-01-21-190-028) for general planning services; \$25,000.00 (0-01-21-190-028) for planning assistance with Hopewell Township Ordinance amendments; \$10,000.00 (0-01-21-190-028) for legal services for the Hopewell Township Zoning Board of Adjustment; \$1,000.00 (0-01-21-190-028) for engineering affairs as it relates to zoning matters; \$1,000.00 (0-01-21-190-028) for planning services to assist with zoning matters; and \$3,000.00 (0-05-55-502-028) for engineering affairs as it relates to water matters; and funds will be available in the 2020 budget appropriations for this purpose certified by the local finance officer; 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 agreement with:

Van Cleef Engineering Associates for engineering affairs as it relates to legal matters;

Harry Haushalter for legal services relating to tax appraisals and tax appeals;

Mason, Griffin, Pierson for legal services related to Castoro litigation;

Integrity Consulting Group for Insurance Brokerage Services;

Mercer Council on Drug and Alcoholism for Metro Employee Assistance Service for Employee Assistance Program Services;

The Canning Group, LLC for Qualified Purchasing Agent Services;

M2 Associates, Inc. for well testing evaluation services and general hydrogeologic consulting;

John M. Holliday for Public Defender Services;

Lee H. Engelman, P.A. for Conflict Municipal Public Defender;

James Mahon, Attorney at Law for Conflict Municipal Public Defender;

Robert Rogers, Esq. for Conflict Municipal Public Defender;

Rykiya A. Blackwell, Esq. for Conflict Municipal Public Defender;

Robert H. Yostembski for Municipal Prosecutor services;

Coded Systems, LLC for maintenance and updating of the Revised General Ordinances and the Land Use and Development Book;

McGowan Well Water Compliance Management, LLC for potable water monitoring services for the Hopewell Municipal Services Building, the Public Works Building and the ball field;

- McManimon, Scotland & Bauman, LLC for Bond Counsel services;
- Anthony P. Inverso of Phoenix Advisors, LLC for continuing Disclosure Agent Services;
- PCH Development Corporation for administrative services related to affordable housing;
- Van Cleef Engineering Associates for assistance with engineering related to Affordable housing matters;

- Mason, Griffin & Pierson for assistance with the Township’s Affordable Housing Trust;
- Van Cleef Engineering Associates assistance with Open Space engineering affairs;
- McGowan Well Water Compliance Management, LLC for potable water monitoring services for the Community System at Washington Crossing Estates;
- Van Cleef Engineering Associates for assistance with engineering as it relates to Sewer matters in the ELSA Sewer Service area;
- Van Cleef Engineering Associates for assistance with engineering as it relates to Sewer matters in the SBRSA Sewer Service area;
- Van Cleef Engineering Associates for General Engineering;
- Van Cleef Engineering Associates for assistance with engineering affairs as it Relates to stormwater matters;
- Ronald A. Curini Appraisal Co., Inc. for appraisal services;
- Mark S. Ruderman, Esq. of Ruderman & Roth, LLC for Labor Attorney services;
- Steven P. Goodell, Esq. of Parker McCay, P.A. for Township Attorney services;
- Parker McCay, P.A. for assistance with PennEast Pipeline Legal affairs;
- Peter E. Sockler of Sockler Realty Services Group, Inc. for assistance with appraisal services and tax appeals;
- Parker McCay, P.A. for assistance with Open Space Legal affairs;
- Kelly Winthrop, LLC for deer removal and disposal services;
- Princeton Healthcare Systems for Township Physician services;
- KS Branigan Law, P.C. for Equal Pay Act Audit services;
- Francis P. Linnus, Esq. for assistance with legal affairs for the Planning Board;
- Francis P. Linnus, Esq. for assistance with Ordinance amendments;
- Van Cleef Engineering Associates for assistance with engineering affairs as it relates to planning matters;
- Banish Associates, Inc. for general planning services;
- Banisch Associates, Inc. for assistance with Ordinance amendments;
- Mason, Griffin & Pierson for legal affairs for the Zoning Board of Adjustment;
- Van Cleef Engineering Associates for engineering affairs as it relates to zoning matters;
- Banisch Associates, Inc. for planning services to assist with zoning matters;
- Van Cleef Engineering Associates for assistance with engineering affairs as it relates to water matters

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 #20-52. Read by title.
 Motion by Blake, seconded by Ruger to adopt Resolution #20-52.
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

R E S O L U T I O N #20-52

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACT WITH SAVE, A FRIEND TO HOMELESS ANIMALS TO PROVIDE FOR SHELTER SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Township has a need for shelter services for its animal control activities; and

WHEREAS, SAVE, a Friend to Homeless Animals, is a non-profit corporation of the State of New Jersey which houses animals and places them for adoption; and

WHEREAS Hopewell, by and through its Animal Control Officer, takes custody of stray animals in accordance with N.J.S.A. 4:19-15.16; and

WHEREAS Hopewell, from time to time, has a need for a facility for the boarding of animals and places animals with SAVE, A Friend to Homeless Animals; and

WHEREAS SAVE, A Friend to Homeless Animals is willing to accept such animals subject to conditions set forth within agreement found acceptable to the Township of Hopewell; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer hereby certifies that funds are available NOT TO EXCEED \$12,000.00, as follows:

2020 Current Budget – X-20-00-917-234

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, Mercer County, New Jersey, that the recommendation to award is hereby accepted; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, Mercer County, New Jersey, that the Mayor is authorized to effectuate a contract with SAVE, a Friend to Homeless Animals.

RESOLUTION #20-53. Read by title.

Motion by Peters-Manning, seconded by Ruger to adopt Resolution #20-53.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

RESOLUTION #20-53

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CONTRACT FOR RENEWAL OF AFFORDABLE ACCESSORY APARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Township entered into an Agreement on July 30, 2009 with William Rich of Richly Properties, Owner of 7 Washington Crossing-Pennington Road, Titusville, also known as Lot 20 in Block 69 on the Hopewell Township Municipal Tax Map; that permitted the Owner to create an approximately 600 square foot, second floor accessory apartment on the Property as a moderate income affordable housing unit for a period of ten years in accordance with the Hopewell Township accessory apartment ordinance; and,

WHEREAS, the Township agreed to provide the Owner with a subsidy payment in the amount of \$20,000 to assist with the physical construction of the accessory apartment, in exchange for the ten-year control period; and,

WHEREAS, the Owner is desirous of renewing the 2009 Agreement, and the Township is willing to subsidize the additional ten-year deed-restriction with a payment of \$15,000 from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund so that the Owner can perform home improvements to the property; and,

WHEREAS, the renewal of the accessory apartment agreement and ten-year control period is in accordance with the Hopewell Township accessory apartment ordinance, Section 17-219, and consistent with the Hopewell Township Housing Plan Element and Fair Share Plan adopted on July 18, 2019; and,

WHEREAS, the Township wishes, therefore, to authorize the execution of an Agreement Renewal to facilitate any upgrade to the accessory apartment and renewal of the ten-year control period; and,

WHEREAS, the Township wishes to fund the upgrade of the accessory apartment and renewed ten-year period of controls with Hopewell Township Affordable Housing Trust Fund monies, conditioned upon the Owner's compliance with the NJ Fair Share Housing Act and promulgating rules and regulations, and with the provisions of the Hopewell Township accessory apartment ordinance, as the same may be amended, including but not limited to, the recording of required deed restrictions.

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 Mayor and Clerk of the Township Hopewell are hereby authorized and directed to execute an Agreement Renewal, in substantially the same form as the Agreement Renewal attached hereto, for the upgrade and renewal of an accessory apartment unit for a moderate income household on Lot 20 in Block 69, Hopewell Township Municipal Tax Map. Any substantive changes to the attached

Agreement shall be reviewed and approved by the Hopewell Township Affordable Housing Attorney.

2. The expenditure of \$15,000 from the Hopewell Township Affordable Housing Trust Fund is authorized for the upgrade of the accessory apartment and in exchange for an additional ten-year period of affordable housing controls, or Deed Restrictions, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Agreement, and all applicable COAH rules and regulations and the Hopewell Township accessory apartment ordinance, as the same may be amended.
3. The Mayor and Clerk of the Township Hopewell are hereby authorized and directed to execute the renewal of the Deed Restriction for a ten-year period, in substantially the same form as the Deed Restriction attached hereto. Any substantive changes to the attached Deed Restriction shall be reviewed and approved by the Hopewell Township Affordable Housing Attorney.
4. A certified true copy of this Resolution shall be furnished upon its adoption to the Hopewell Township Affordable Housing Counsel and Affordable Housing Committee.

RESOLUTION #20-54. Read by title.

Motion by Ruger, seconded by Blake to adopt Resolution #20-54.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

R E S O L U T I O N #20-54

**RESOLUTION OF EXTENSION
AWARD FOR ONE (1) YEAR
BID #19-09 BITUMINOUS ROAD MATERIALS**

WHEREAS, the Township has advertised and received formal bids for Bid # 19-09 Bituminous Road Materials, in a Fair and Open manner in accord with N.J.S.A 19:44A-20.4 et. Seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Township received formal bids on May 1, 2019 at 10:30 am, to wit:

	<i>TRAP ROCK INDUSTRIES, LLC.</i>	<i>STAVOLA CONST. MATERIALS</i>
<i>I-2/ Ton</i>	\$66.00	\$72.00
<i>I4/ Ton</i>	\$68.00	\$75.00
<i>I5/ Ton</i>	\$68.00	\$75.00
<i>M64/ Ton</i>	\$70.00	\$75.00
<i>MILES FROM PRIMARY</i>	3.9 miles	18.4 miles
<i>MILES FROM SECONDARY</i>	18.5 miles	26 miles

; and

WHEREAS, Trap Rock Industries LLC, PO Box 419, Kingston, N.J. 08528, at the price per ton as listed submitted the lowest bid; and

WHEREAS, Trap Rock Industries was awarded a one (1) year contract through Resolution 19-170 on May 6, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Township desires to extend the contract pricing as per N.J.S.A. 40A:11-15, for a one (1) year period; and

WHEREAS, the Qualified Purchasing Agent and Superintendent of Public Works recommends the extension of award of Bid #19-09 Bituminous Road Materials for a one (1) year contract extension to Trap Rock Industries LLC, PO Box 419, Kingston, N.J. 08528 for the bid cost of:

TRAP ROCK INDUSTRIES, LLC.

<i>I-2/ Ton</i>	\$66.00
<i>I4/ Ton</i>	\$68.00
<i>I5/ Ton</i>	\$68.00
<i>M64/ Ton</i>	\$70.00
<i>MILES FROM PRIMARY</i>	3.9 miles

<i>MILES FROM SECONDARY</i>	18.5 miles
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WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer hereby certifies that funds are available NOT TO EXCEED \$45,000.00, as follows:

2020 Current Budget – Road Material- 0-01-26-290-131

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, Mercer County, New Jersey, that the recommendation to award is hereby accepted. The bid provided by Trap Rock Industries LLC, PO Box 419, Kingston, N.J. 08528 for bid # 19-09 Bituminous Road Materials Bid in the amount per ton as indicated is hereby accepted for a recommended one (1) year extension effective May 6, 2020 as per N.J.S.A. 40A:11-15; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, Mercer County, New Jersey, that the Mayor is authorized to effectuate a contract with Trap Rock Industries LLC, PO Box 419, Kingston, N.J. 08528, reflecting the precepts as contained within this agreement.

RESOLUTION #20-55. Read by title.

Motion by Blake, seconded by Ruger to adopt Resolution #20-55.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

R E S O L U T I O N #20-55

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING
AN ALTERNATE MEMBER TO THE
HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

BE IT RESOLVED, on this 27th day of January, 2020 that I, Mayor Kristin L. McLaughlin, with the advice and consent of the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, do hereby appoint Robert Warznak, as Alternate No. 2 member of the Historic Preservation Commission to an unexpired term expiring December 31, 2020.

RESOLUTION #20-56. Read by title.

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT

R E S O L U T I O N #20-56

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

BE IT RESOLVED, on this 27th day of January, 2020 that I, Kristin McLaughlin, Mayor of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, do hereby appoint Christopher Pazdan as member to the Hopewell Township Deer Management Advisory Committee for a three-year term expiring December 31, 2022.

RESOLUTION #20-57. Read by title.

Motion by Ruger, seconded by Blake to adopt Resolution #20-57.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Kuchinski

R E S O L U T I O N #20-57

BILLS & CLAIMS

BE IT RESOLVED, that the list of cash disbursements authorized for approval of bills for payment date January 27, 2020 in the following amounts:

Bills and Claims	\$	6,478,394.02
Payroll	\$	350,243.45
Total Disbursements	\$	6,828,637.47

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:

Harvey Lester questioned if three members of the Committee comment on a Facebook exchange would constitute a quorum.

Jon Edwards requested that the Committee Member who uses her maiden name on Facebook change her name to her married name; made comments regarding the examination of the budget and requested it be done in more detail and in public; requested energy aggregation notifications be placed on the Township’s website; and questioned the discount energy aggregation would provide.

At 8:27 p.m. Committee Member Kuchinski rejoined the meeting.

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

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

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

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

RESOLUTION #20-58

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
 - ELSA
 - Concerned Citizens
- Contract Negotiations
 - Ewing Township

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 27th day of January, 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.

At 8:35 p.m. the Executive Session was held.

At 9:26 p.m. the Regular meeting reconvened.

At 9:26 p.m., motion by Kuchinski, seconded by Ruger to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

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

LAURIE E. GOMPF
MUNICIPAL CLERK