

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

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**Monday, February 18, 2020 – 7:14 p.m.**

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**PROPER STATEMENT OF NOTICE** – Mayor McLaughlin called the meeting to order stating that notice of the meeting had been posted on the municipal bulletin board and forwarded to the Hopewell Valley News, The Times, the Trentonian and the Hopewell Express (the official newspapers) on January 3, 2020, in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975.

**ROLL CALL:** Those answering the roll call of the Municipal Clerk:

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Blake, Kuchinski, Peters-Manning, Ruger, Mayor McLaughlin

**ABSENT:** None

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

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

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**MINUTES SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL**

Motion by Kuchinski, seconded by Blake to approve January 2, 2020 Reorganization Meeting Minutes.

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**

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**PRESENTATION - PURPLE HEART PARKING**

Colonel Ken Baker, president of the Hopewell Valley Veterans Association introduced himself, Weed Tucker, Vice President and William Meytrott, the Association's trustee.

Col. Baker explained that last year Governor Murphy established a program named "The New Jersey Governors We Value Our Veterans Community Award" which recognizes communities that value veterans. Hopewell Township, Hopewell Borough and Pennington Borough were recipients of the award. Col. Baker stated he will be presenting the award certificate to the Township Committee for their continued support for the veterans in the Hopewell community. He explained that one of the requirements of the program is to provide a reserved parking spot for a purple heart recipient, which the Township Committee will need to choose a location for the spot.

Col. Baker then presented the award to all members of the Township Committee. Mayor McLaughlin the read the certificate as follows:

"The New Jersey Governors We Value Our Veterans Community Award is presented to Hopewell Township in grateful appreciation of your extraordinary efforts to promote a military-friendly environment for the veterans of our great state.

As Governor of the State of New Jersey, I commend Hopewell Township for their dedication to the values of our state and ensuring our veterans are recognized, honored and valued for their bravery.

Given under my hand by the seal of the great State of New Jersey, this 11<sup>th</sup> day of November 2019. Phillip D. Murphy”

Mayor McLaughlin emphasized that the veterans’ service to our country cannot be overstated and what is more incredible, is that they continue to serve their communities in many ways and that their legacy of service will outlive them in the deepest, most profound and community effecting way. She said that the Committee is thrilled to be recognized for their efforts and she can’t wait to see the certificates hung up.

Committee Member Blake recognized all the veterans in attendance for their service and asked them to stand and be recognized.

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**RESOLUTION #20-72.** Read in full into the record.

Motion by Ruger, seconded by Peters-Manning to adopt Resolution #20-72.

Mayor McLaughlin announced that she was proud that the Committee could bring forth the resolution in a meaningful way and recognized Cat Hogan and Beverly Mills for assisting in the composition of the resolution.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

**NOES:** None

**RESOLUTION #20-72**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL  
RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY AS  
“BLACK HISTORY MONTH” IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**WHEREAS**, the history of New Jersey and the history of our nation are inextricably linked to the heritage of our country’s Black Americans; and

**WHEREAS**, in the beginning of our nation’s history, a large majority of Black Americans were enslaved; yet many, such as William Stives, a local African American war veteran and Badge of Merit recipient, participated in the struggle for American independence with his life in order to build a society based upon the ideals of liberty, prosperity, and self-government; and

**WHEREAS**, the history of Black Americans is the story of extraordinary individuals such as Friday Truehart, Frost Blackwell and Sylvia Dubois who were born enslaved but achieved their freedom and, along with William Stives a free man, were among the first African Americans to settle in the Sourland Mountain region and raise families whose descendants would remain in the area; and

**WHEREAS**, the history of African Americans has not been accurately transcribed as the history has either been diminished, distorted or deleted. Black Americans have served in every theater of war. In the Civil War, 88,000 New Jerseyans participated with African Americans numbering upwards of 2,900. From our region soldiers such as Ira Bergen, Raymond Bergen, George Boldin, Lewis Fisher, William Boyer, Charles Jennings, Samuel Montgomery, John Naz, Tracy Peterson, George Reasoner, William Reasoner, Samuel Ridley, James Schenk, Jonathan Stives, Aaron Truehart, George Williamson and John VanZandt enlisted in the United States Colored Troops in the 127<sup>th</sup>, 41<sup>st</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> regiments and were eyewitnesses to historical events such as President Abraham Lincoln’s second inauguration, Lee’s surrender to Grant at the Appomattox Courthouse and were survivors of the bloody Battle of Olustee which suffered some of the heaviest regimental losses recorded in the Civil War; and

**WHEREAS**, the spirit of competition in athletics has played an integral part in the history of our region because of Black Americans such as Paul Arnold, a local African American man who started with the Pennington Allstars and went on to play against well-known athletes, both Black and White, and became a member of the Brooklyn Royal Giants, the Newark Browns and the Newark Dodgers which became part of the Negro National League; and

**WHEREAS**, while the history of Black Americans is also the story of countless nameless heroes brought to our shores who endured lives of bondage and oppression, the deprivation of their civil rights, and the ravages of bigotry and racism, it is a history for which

the most glorious chapters have yet to be written as Black Americans contribute in full measure to the fulfillment of the American promise; and

**WHEREAS**, the people of New Jersey and this nation should study the history of Black Americans through vehicles such as the book “If These Stones Could Talk”, written by local residents Beverly Mills and Elaine Buck about the African American presence in the Hopewell Valley, Sourland Mountain and Surrounding region, the Sankofa Collaborative comprised of five New Jersey organizations (1804 Consultants, Grounds For Sculpture, The New Jersey Historical Society, the Stoutsburg Sourland African American Museum and the William Trent House Museum) and Amistad Commission so that they may learn from its stories of heroism, struggle, and achievement; and

**WHEREAS**, On April 7, 2005 this State adopted P.L. 2005, Joint Resolution No. 2 which designated the month of February of each year as “Black History Month” in recognition of the many accomplishments of Black Americans and their contributions to the history of this nation and State, and to provide the citizens of this State with an annual opportunity to pay tribute to the sacrifices and accomplishments of Black Americans.

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

1. The Township recognizes February as “Black History Month” in the State of New Jersey and acknowledges and pays tribute to the bravery, sacrifices, and accomplishments of Black Americans.

2. The Township urges all citizens of this State to reflect upon the many contributions that Black Americans have made to this State and nation and to participate in the activities and programs that are held in observance of “Black History Month” in accordance with P.L. 2005, Joint Resolution No. 2.

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## COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND STAFF REPORTS

Mr. Kataryniak reported that the gas main construction is continuing in Elm Ridge Park East and will continue for the next few months.

Ms. Borges announced that the budget is proceeding forward and addressed a question from a previous meeting regarding fees for Concord Energy.

Mayor McLaughlin reported that she attended the New Jersey Conference of Mayors Legislative Day which focused on school district consolidation, smart cities, cannabis referendum, and lead issues in Newark and Trenton’s water systems. She also reported that she spoke to the Lion’s Club; announced the date of the Deer Management Advisory Committee meeting and stated she received a letter from the Mercer County Improvement Authority regarding an experimental food waste composting site in Hopewell Township. Mayor McLaughlin, with the consent of the Committee, then directed Mr. Kataryniak, Mr. English and Mr. Oswald to prepare the Township’s response regarding the Township’s concerns with such facility.

Committee Member Blake reported on the activities of the Public Works Department.

Committee Member Peters-Manning reported that the Lawrence Hopewell Trail Old Mill bicycle trail on the bridge is under construction and should be completed this spring.

Committee Member Kuchinski reported on the 2020 budget process; explained the advantages of passing the Capital Budget early; announced that the budget meetings in the month of March will focus on utility budgets; announced that the State is behind on the budget process therefore the municipality’s budget will likely not be introduced until late April with an adoption in May. He reported that the Recreation Department is working with some of the leagues and associations in looking at certain field maintenance needs; that the Township is looking towards renewable energy in an effort to battle the PennEast Pipeline; and interviews are being completed for volunteers for the Economic Development and Tourism Advisory Committee.

Committee Member Ruger reminded everyone that the 2020 Census ballots will be arriving next month and that it is very important to fill it out and return it as quickly as possible either by mail, online or by telephone. He reported that a Guide to Uncommon Recyclable Items is posted on the Township’s website for recycling uncommon items. He also reported that someone from Raritan Valley Community College is offering to do a deer survey in Woolsey Park using a drone and infrared; and there is currently work on naming people to the Woolsey Park Advisory Committee.

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## **PUBLIC SECTION**

The following members of the public spoke during public comment:

**Jon Edwards**, a resident of Pennington Harbourton Road, asked for clarification that the budget will be amended to reflect the new Health Officer's salary; made certain statements about the budget process; and questioned if the Economic Development and Tourism Committee would take on the role of the Finance Committee.

**Cheryl Edwards**, a resident of Pennington Harbourton Road, requested an update on Pennytown.

**Monica Breglia**, a resident of Valley Road, made certain comments about the Energy Aggregation resolution; stated that she had solar panels and questioned if the Energy Aggregation resolution would include people with solar panels.

**Melanie Philips**, a resident of Washington Crossing-Pennington Road, questioned if the site concept plan for the Scotch Road redevelopment plan was available to the public.

**Patty Cronheim**, a resident of Penn View Drive, thanked the Committee for all the work they have done on Energy Aggregation; hoped the resolution would be passed; stated that it's a great way for residents to reduce their costs and would also give PennEast a "big kick in the pants."

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

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

Mayor McLaughlin read by title the introduced ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE SALARY AND  
WAGE PLAN FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL, MERCER  
COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

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 Kuchinski to adopt the introduced ordinance.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

**NOES:** None

**ORDINANCE ADOPTED**

Ordinance advertised February 7, 2020, Hopewell Valley News. Posted municipal bulletin board as required by law.

### **ORDINANCE NO. 20-1723**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE  
SALARY AND WAGE PLAN FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF  
HOPEWELL, MERCER COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

Explanation: Material underlined \_\_\_ is added  
Material bracketed [ ] is deleted

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

**Section 1.** For the year 2020 the salary and wage plan for employees and certain officials of the Township of Hopewell shall be in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance as hereafter shown.

**Section 2.** The administration of the salary and wage plan established by this Ordinance shall be the responsibility of the Township Administrator or other designated person and shall be implemented in accordance with the adopted budget and with such other policies, rules, and regulations as may be adopted from time to time by the Township Committee.

**Section 3.** Job classifications and salary ranges for full-time employees shall be in accordance with the following schedule:

<b>Grade</b>	<b>Classification</b>	<b>Minimum</b>	<b>Maximum</b>
<b>1</b>			
<b>2</b>			
<b>3</b>			
<b>4</b>			
<b>5</b>			
<b>6</b>	Deputy Clerk Deputy Court Administrator	40,000.	69,000
<b>7</b>			
<b>8</b>	Administrative Assistant <u>Communications and Outreach Manager</u> Foreman Utility Systems /Buildings Foreman Assistant Treasurer/Assistant CFO	45,000.	87,000
<b>9</b>	General Foreman Tax Collector Tax Assessor Municipal Clerk Human Resources Director	47,000.	96,000.
<b>10</b>	Municipal Court Administrator Recreation Director	49,000.	82,000
<b>11</b>	Director of Public Works Municipal Construction Official Health Officer	55,000	120,000
<b>12</b>	Police Lieutenant CFO/Treasurer Township Engineer Director Community Development	68,000	167,000
<b>13</b>	Chief of Police	76,000	156,000
<b>14</b>	Township Administrator	10,000.	121,990

**Section 4.** Job classifications and salary ranges for part-time **salaried** employees shall be in accordance with the following schedule:

<b>Grade</b>	<b>Classification</b>	<b>Maximum</b>
3	Recreation Supervisor	8,600.
4	Recreation Leader	6,000.
4	Joint Insurance Fund Coordinator	5,000.
12	Municipal Judge	45,000.
15	Township Committee	4,560

**Section 5.** Job classifications and salary ranges for part-time **hourly** employees shall be in accordance with the following schedule:

Grade Classification		Minimum	Maximum
1	Recreation Aide	[8.85] <u>11.00</u>	15.00
1	School Crossing Guard	[10.00] <u>11.00</u>	19.00
2	Board of Health Secretary		70.00/mtg
2	Temporary Community Development Coordinator		210.00/mtg
3	Recreation Supervisor	35.00	50.00
4	Recreation Leader	15.00	35.00
5	Temporary Animal Control Officer	25.00	35.00
5	Court Attendant		100.00/session
5	Utility System Operator	14.00	21.00
8	Temporary MCO Dept. Inspectors	24.00	28.00
8	Temporary Public Health Investigator	12.00	20.00
8	Municipal Alliance Coordinator	15.00	31.00
9	Temporary Sub Code Officials	27.00	41.00

**Section 6.** Full-time hourly employees shall be compensated at appropriate overtime rates of pay for the time worked in excess of the normal workweek unless such positions are deemed exempt in Section 7.

**Section 7.** The following positions shall be considered overtime **EXEMPT** in accordance with the provisions of the FLSA:

[Administrative Assistant]  
 Administrator  
 [Assistant CFO/Assistant Treasurer]  
 CFO/Treasurer  
 Chief of Police  
 Director Community Development  
 Director of Public Works  
 Health Officer  
 [Human Resources Director]  
 Municipal Clerk  
 Municipal Construction Official  
 Municipal Court Administrator  
 Police Lieutenant  
 Recreation Director  
 Tax Assessor  
 Tax Collector  
 Township Engineer

**Section 8.** The salary of the Chief of Police shall be, at a minimum, \$12,000 above the salary of the highest paid Lieutenant. The salary of the lowest paid Lieutenant shall be, at a minimum, \$10,000 above the salary of the highest paid Sergeant. The Chief of Police and Lieutenants will receive the same benefits the contract between the Township and the Superior Officers provide except for the following: salaries, overtime and educational incentive. The Chief of Police and/or Lieutenants shall be entitled to an educational incentive of \$1,500 added to the base salary upon the attainment of a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice or Public Administration.

**Section 9.** Compensation for employees in collective bargaining units shall be governed by the specific provisions of agreements between said units and the Township, or in the absence of an agreement, practices in effect at the time of adoption of this Ordinance.

**Section 10.** Under extraordinary circumstances and subject to policy guidance by the Township Committee, the Township Administrator may approve compensation of employees at rates of pay outside the ranges set forth in Sections 3, 4, and 5 above.

**Section 11.** Rates of pay for temporary, seasonal, occasional, and other employees for whom no other method of compensation is set forth herein, shall be fixed by the Township Administrator, provided that said rates of pay may not exceed \$30.00 per hour unless specified otherwise approved by the Township Committee.

**Section 12.** The salary of the General Foreman in Public Works shall be a minimum of \$1,000 higher than the Foreman salary. The salary of the Foreman shall be a minimum of \$1,000 higher than the highest paid rank and file member of Public Works.

**Section 13.** This ordinance supersedes all other salary and wage ordinances adopted by the Hopewell Township Committee. It shall be in force effective with the first payroll of January in 2020, upon adoption and publication in accordance with the law.

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

Mayor McLaughlin read by title the introduced ordinance:

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SECOND SUBSECTION OF SECTION 3(a) OF BOND ORDINANCE NUMBERED 19-1712 OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL, IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY, FINALLY ADOPTED JUNE 17, 2019 IN ORDER TO AMEND THE DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT

Mayor McLaughlin declared public hearing open. No comments from the public.  
Motion by Blake, seconded by Kuchinski to close public hearing.

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**

Motion by Kuchinski, seconded by Peters-Manning to adopt the introduced ordinance.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

**NOES:** None

**ORDINANCE ADOPTED**

Ordinance advertised February 7, 2020, Hopewell Valley News. Posted municipal bulletin board as required by law.

**ORDINANCE NO. 20-1724**

**ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SECOND SUBSECTION OF SECTION 3(a) OF BOND ORDINANCE NUMBERED 19-1712 OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL, IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY, FINALLY ADOPTED JUNE 17, 2019 IN ORDER TO AMEND THE DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT.**

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

Section One. The second subsection of Section 3(a)(i) of Bond Ordinance numbered 19-1712 of the Township of Hopewell, in the County of Mercer, New Jersey (the “Township”), finally adopted June 17, 2019 is hereby amended to include the 2020 Chip Seal Program to read as follows:

“(ii) The 2019 and 2020 Chip Seal Programs, as more fully described on lists on file in the Office of the Clerk which are hereby incorporated by reference as if set forth at length, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.”

Section Two. The Township hereby certifies that it has adopted a capital budget or a temporary capital budget, as applicable. The capital or temporary capital budget of the Township is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. To the extent that the purposes authorized herein are inconsistent with the adopted capital or temporary capital budget, a revised capital or temporary capital budget has been filed with the Division of Local Government Services.

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

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

Mayor McLaughlin read by title the introduced ordinance:

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL

IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL, IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$5,598,787 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$4,839,705 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

Mayor McLaughlin declared public hearing open.

**Jon Edwards** stated his objections to the ordinance.

Motion by Blake, seconded by Peters-Manning to close public hearing.

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**

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

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

**NOES:** None

**ORDINANCE ADOPTED**

Ordinance advertised February 7, 2020, Hopewell Valley News. Posted municipal bulletin board as required by law.

**ORDINANCE NO. 20-1725**

**BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL, IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$5,598,787 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$4,839,705 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.**

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

Section 1. The several improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are hereby respectively authorized to be undertaken by the Township of Hopewell, in the County of Mercer, New Jersey (the "Township") as general improvements. For the several improvements or purposes described in Section 3, there are hereby appropriated the respective sums of money therein stated as the appropriation made for each improvement or purpose, such sums amounting in the aggregate to \$5,598,787, including the \$504,361 grant expected to be received from the State of New Jersey Department of Transportation (the "State Grant") for the Road Program Priority 1 (no base), as more specifically described in Section 3(a)(i) hereof (the "Road Program"), and further including the aggregate sum of \$254,721 as the several down payments for the improvements or purposes required by the Local Bond Law. Although no down payment is required for the Road Program pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:2-11(c) as such improvement is partially funded by the State Grant, an amount equal to \$86,232 is nevertheless provided as a down payment therefor. The down payments have been made available by virtue of provision for down payment or for capital improvement purposes in one or more previously adopted budgets.

Section 2. In order to finance the cost of the several improvements or purposes not covered by application of the several down payments or the State Grant, negotiable bonds are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$4,839,705 pursuant to the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of the bonds, negotiable bond anticipation notes are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

Section 3. The several improvements hereby authorized and the several purposes for which the bonds are to be issued, the estimated cost of each improvement and the appropriation therefor, the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for each improvement and the period of usefulness of each improvement are as follows:

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Appropriation &amp; Estimated Cost</u>	<u>Estimated Maximum Amount of Bonds</u>	<u>Period of Usefulness</u>
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a) **Road Department:**

(i) The Road Program (base), the Road Program Priority 1 (no base)\* and 2021 Road Program preparation (PSEG), all as more fully described on lists on file in the Office of the Clerk which are hereby incorporated by reference as if set forth at length, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.

\$2,612,000  
(Includes the State Grant\*) \$2,002,257 10 years

(ii) The Chip Seal Program, as more fully described on a list on file in the Office of the Clerk which is hereby incorporated by reference as if set forth at length, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.

\$1,217,857 \$1,156,964 5 years

(iii) Signal installation at Federal City Road and Bull Run Road, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.

\$150,000 \$142,500 10 years

(iv) Installation of multi-way stop locations, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.

\$8,500 \$8,075 15 years

(v) Easement acquisition for drainage, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.

\$251,500 \$238,925 40 years

b) **Utility:**

Installation of draft hydrants at two locations, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.

\$47,000 \$44,650 15 years

c) **Buildings:**

Site and architectural planning for the Community/Senior Center, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.

\$60,000 \$57,000 15 years

d) **Studies:**

Aquifer and traffic studies by the Council of Affordable Housing, including related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.

\$200,000 \$190,000 15 years

e) **Drainage:**

Design of Coventry Lane drainage improvements, including all related costs and

expenditures incidental thereto.	\$5,000	\$4,750	15 years
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**f) Police Department:**

(i) Acquisition of utility vehicles, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	\$104,000	\$98,800	5 years
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(ii) Acquisition of various equipment, including mobile radios and a phone recording system, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	\$41,500	\$39,425	10 years
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**g) Public Works Department:**

(i) Acquisition of various vehicles, including a jet vac truck, a loader with claw and a road mower, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	\$495,000	\$470,250	5 years
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(ii) Acquisition of vehicle lifts, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	\$90,000	\$85,500	15 years
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**h) Building and Grounds:**

Installation of a pedestrian crossing sign at Penn RH and Penn Harbourton Road, the acquisition of various equipment, including fuel pumps and a salt barn, and the construction of Department of Public Works access Phase II, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto and further including all related costs and expenses incidental thereto.	<u>\$316,430</u>	<u>\$300,609</u>	15 years
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<b>GRAND TOTAL:</b>	<u>\$5,598,787</u>	<u>\$4,839,705</u>	
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The excess of the appropriation made for each of the improvements or purposes aforesaid over the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued therefor, as above stated, is the amount of the down payment for each purpose and the State Grant, as applicable.

Section 4. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the chief financial officer; provided that no bond anticipation note shall mature later than one year from its date, unless such bond anticipation notes are permitted to mature at such later date in accordance with applicable law. The bond anticipation notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the chief financial officer. The chief financial officer shall determine all matters in connection with bond anticipation notes issued pursuant to this bond ordinance, and the chief financial officer's signature upon the bond anticipation notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of the Local Bond Law or other applicable law. The chief financial officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the bond anticipation notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The chief financial officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the bond anticipation notes pursuant to this

bond ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the bond anticipation notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

Section 5. The Township hereby certifies that it has adopted a capital budget or a temporary capital budget, as applicable. The capital or temporary capital budget of the Township is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this bond ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. To the extent that the purposes authorized herein are inconsistent with the adopted capital or temporary capital budget, a revised capital or temporary capital budget has been filed with the Division of Local Government Services.

Section 6. The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The improvements or purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are not current expenses. They are all improvements or purposes that the Township may lawfully undertake as general improvements, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefitted thereby.

(b) The average period of usefulness, computed on the basis of the respective amounts of obligations authorized for each purpose and the reasonable life thereof within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, is 10.41 years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Clerk, and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the Township as defined in the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds and notes provided in this bond ordinance by \$4,839,705, and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by that Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$626,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20 is included in the estimated cost indicated herein for the purposes or improvements.

Section 7. The Township hereby declares the intent of the Township to issue bonds or bond anticipation notes in the amount authorized in Section 2 of this bond ordinance and to use the proceeds to pay or reimburse expenditures for the costs of the purposes or improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance. This Section 7 is a declaration of intent within the meaning and for purposes of the Treasury Regulations.

Section 8. Any grant moneys received for the purpose described in Section 3(a) hereof shall be applied either to direct payment of the cost of the improvement or if other than as referred to in Section 1 hereof, to payment of the obligations issued pursuant to this bond ordinance. The amount of obligations authorized but not issued hereunder shall be reduced to the extent that such funds are so used.

Section 9. The chief financial officer of the Township is hereby authorized to prepare and to update from time to time as necessary a financial disclosure document to be distributed in connection with the sale of obligations of the Township and to execute such disclosure document on behalf of the Township. The chief financial officer is further authorized to enter into the appropriate undertaking to provide secondary market disclosure on behalf of the Township pursuant to Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Rule") for the benefit of holders and beneficial owners of obligations of the Township and to amend such undertaking from time to time in connection with any change in law, or interpretation thereof, provided such undertaking is and continues to be, in the opinion of a nationally recognized bond counsel, consistent with the requirements of the Rule. In the event that the Township fails to comply with its undertaking, the Township shall not be liable for any monetary damages, and the remedy shall be limited to specific performance of the undertaking.

Section 10. The full faith and credit of the Township are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Township, and the Township shall be obligated to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all the taxable real property within the Township for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

Section 11. This bond ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

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

Mayor McLaughlin read by title the introduced ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL  
ESTABLISHING AN ENERGY AGGREGATION PROGRAM

Mayor McLaughlin declared public hearing open.

**Monica Breglia** questioned if the residents were being forced to be in the program or would they be allowed to opt out; questioned the rates; and asked what type of assistance programs will they offer residents who have solar panels.

**Jon Edwards** made certain statements about the Energy Aggregation program; voiced his concerns about the program; and requested a wording change to the Ordinance that the mailing include what the actual rate will be.

**Harvey Lester**, a resident of Continental Lane, accused the Committee of holding secret meetings at Brandon Farms; and made certain accusations regarding the process to adopt energy aggregation.

**John Muscente**, a resident of Crest Avenue, remarked that the program should be an opt-in program and not an opt-out program; and remarked that he spoke to Public Service who told him that residents would be notified before being opted-in.

**Patty Cronheim** objected to the innuendo and “conspiracy theories” brought forth by some of the residents; offered a definition of what it means to be “slammed;” and spoke positively about the energy aggregation program.

Committee Members offered their reasons for supporting the Ordinance.

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

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**

Motion by Peters-Manning, seconded by Kuchinski to adopt the introduced ordinance.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

**NOES:** None

**ORDINANCE ADOPTED**

Ordinance advertised February 7, 2020, Hopewell Valley News. Posted municipal bulletin board as required by law.

**ORDINANCE NO. 20-1726**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL  
ESTABLISHING AN ENERGY AGGREGATION PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Hopewell (“Township”) believes it is in the public interest to promote lower electric rates for Township residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township has expressed its concerns about global warming in resolutions such as #19-144 and #17-235; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township understands that one way to help fight global warming is through increasing the percentage of electricity provided from renewable energy sources; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of New Jersey has been engaged in a process to establish a competitive marketplace through deregulation and restructuring the electric utility market; and

**WHEREAS**, the establishment of a community energy aggregation program to purchase electric generation service pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:3-93.1 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 14:4-6.1 et seq. (“Program”) will increase competition for the supplying of electric power (but not the delivery of electric power) to residential users, thereby reducing electric rates, and is an opt-out program in accordance with New Jersey law; and

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Bureau of Public Utilities (“BPU”) has established protections for consumers in such Programs, including a provision that pricing from new service providers must be lower than the Basic Generation Service (BGS) rate at the time of the community energy aggregation auction; and

**WHEREAS**, entering into a Program would change residents’ energy supplier but would not change the entity that currently delivers electricity to their homes, which is either Public

Service Electric & Gas or Jersey Central Power & Light (“Energy Delivery Provider”) and is determined by where a residence is located in the Township; and

**WHEREAS**, there would be absolutely no change in service in that the Energy Delivery Provider will remain responsible for any interruptions in service and residents would contact the Energy Delivery Provider in the event of a service interruption; and

**WHEREAS**, an Energy Delivery Provider is not permitted to discriminate against a resident who contracts with an alternative energy supplier; and

**WHEREAS**, any residents who are currently eligible for senior citizen or low-income discounts would continue to be eligible for such discounts, and budget billing/equal payment plan billing will be offered; and

**WHEREAS**, any resident with solar panels or who currently has a third-party supplier will not be automatically included to the program or contacted about the program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township will seek to offer an opt-in option through this program that offers a significantly higher proportion of renewable energy than the current New Jersey Portfolio Standard; and

**WHEREAS**, before entering into a Program, the Township will receive a written contract establishing energy supply rates, and the Township will have the opportunity to review the contract; and

**WHEREAS**, before a contract becomes effective, every eligible residential household in the Township will receive a letter by first class mail informing the resident about the program and providing a postage-paid card, a website, and a toll-free number should the resident elect to opt-out of the program and remain with their current energy supplier; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township shall have the opportunity to review the letter before it is sent as well as any comments offered by the BPU; and

**WHEREAS**, residents will receive a second communication prior to the change; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township shall not bear the cost of these letters; and

**WHEREAS**, a resident may elect to opt out of the Program at any time; and

**WHEREAS**, realizing energy cost savings and a greater percentage of renewable energy generation is in the interests of the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Township; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township is aware of other municipalities entering into or considering entering into similar Programs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township hereby finds that it is in the best interests of residential ratepayers for the Township to create the opportunity for them to enter into an aggregation agreement in order to receive savings on electric rates; and

**WHEREAS**, the vendor chosen to implement the Program for the Township has been vetted and approved by the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Township Committee of Hopewell in the County of Mercer and the State of New Jersey, duly assembled in public session, as follows:

1. The Township publicly declares its intent to become a community aggregator of electric power on behalf of its residential users of electricity pursuant to the Government Energy Act of 2003, N.J.S.A. 48:3-91.3 to -98, and implementing regulations.
2. The Township will utilize approved vendors, Commercial Utility Consultants, Inc. and its subcontractor Concord Engineering Group dba Concord Energy Services, pursuant to the NJ E-PROCUREMENT Pilot program (P.L. 2001, c.30) under the NJ Department of Community Affairs. The Reverse Energy auction will seek bids from licensed and appropriate third party suppliers. If such winning bid is selected and agreement executed, individual residential consumers would retain the option not to participate and to choose any alternatives they desire.
3. The Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute any documents necessary to carry out this Ordinance, provided that they comply with the requirements set forth in this Ordinance, including the provision that no bid will be accepted if it does not result in cost savings to rate payers.
4. All ordinances and parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.
5. If any portion of this ordinance shall be deemed invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder shall survive in full force and effect.
6. This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon adoption and publication in accordance with law.

**RESOLUTIONS #20-73 THROUGH #20-75.** Read by title.

Motion by Ruger, seconded by Peters-Manning to adopt Resolution #20-73 through #20-75.

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**

### **R E S O L U T I O N #20-73**

#### **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A MORTGAGE SUBORDINATION AGREEMENT FOR 125 SHREWSBURY COURT IN THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL, COUNTY OF MERCER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**WHEREAS**, 125 Shrewsbury Court is a housing unit that is deed restricted as a part of the Hopewell Township Affordable Housing Program; and

**WHEREAS**, as a requirement of said program, the owner of said unit executed a repayment mortgage dated November 7, 2014 which was recorded in the Office of the Mercer County Clerk in Deed Book 11099, Page 892; and

**WHEREAS**, the owner of said unit wishes to refinance; and

**WHEREAS**, said owner's request to refinance has been reviewed and approved under the provisions of the New Jersey Fair Housing Act, *NJS.A. 52:27D-301 et seq.* by the Hopewell Township Administrative Agent; and

**WHEREAS**, the owner of said affordable housing unit has requested that the Township of Hopewell subordinate its existing Repayment Mortgage as referenced above to a new Mortgage which the owner is about to place on the property with Berkshire Bank, its successors and/or assigns, as their interests may appear for a sum of \$111,800.00.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Hopewell Township Committee as follows:

1. The Mayor and Clerk of the Township of Hopewell are hereby authorized and directed to enter into a Postponement of Mortgage Agreement concerning 125 Shrewsbury Court, Hopewell Township, New Jersey. The Postponement of Mortgage Agreement authorized by this Resolution shall be kept on file in the Office of the Township Clerk and may be inspected during regular office hours.
2. A certified true copy of this Resolution shall be furnished upon its adoption by the Hopewell Township Clerk to the Township's Municipal Housing Liaison and Administrative Agent and to Berkshire Bank, its successors and/or assigns.

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### **R E S O L U T I O N #20-74**

#### **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF BOND (ROAD EXCAVATION 1230 BEAR TAVERN ROAD)**

**WHEREAS**, bond was posted for a road excavation permit; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 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 03/19/2019 by Wieslaw Krajewski, Z. R. J. Construction, 3303 Nottingham Way, Hamilton, NJ 08690 for 1230 Bear Tavern Road, Titusville, NJ 08560 Block 92.10 Lot 19.01 (permit #19-0319-01) be and is hereby released.

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### **R E S O L U T I O N #20-75**

#### **RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPLICATION OF DELAWARE VALLEY OLD TIME POWER & EQUIPMENT ASSOCIATION TO CONDUCT A PUBLIC EXHIBITION**

**WHEREAS**, application has been made by Delaware Valley Old Time Power & Equipment Association, Inc. to conduct a public exhibition in the Township of Hopewell at Washington Crossing State Park, Titusville, New Jersey, on April 25 and 26, 2020, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 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 exhibition 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 an outdoor public exhibition in accordance with the application submitted by Delaware Valley Old Time Power & Equipment Association, Inc., which public exhibitions are to be held April 25 and 26, 2020, at Washington Crossing State Park, Titusville, New Jersey.
2. Delaware Valley Old Time Power & Equipment Association, Inc. 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 Delaware Valley Old Time Power & Equipment Association Inc., 1285 Route 179, Lambertville, NJ 08530.

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**RESOLUTION #20-76.** Read by title.

Motion by Ruger, seconded by Kuchinski to adopt Resolution #20-76.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

**NOES:** None

**R E S O L U T I O N #20-76**

**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 \$1,197,877.90

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, on this 18th day of February 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:

**	Medical O/E	420,000.00
	Interlocal Recycling	33,000.00
	Clerk O/E	5,868.58
	Solid Waste and Recycling	1,000.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>459,868.58</b>

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.

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**RESOLUTION #20-77.** Read by title.

Motion by Kuchinski, seconded by Peters-Manning to adopt Resolution #20-77.

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**

**RESOLUTION #20-77**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING LOCAL REVIEW  
OF THE 2020 MUNICIPAL BUDGET**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-78b has authorized the Local Finance Board to adopt rules that permit municipalities in sound fiscal condition to assume the responsibility, normally granted to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, of conducting the annual budget examination; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.A.C. 5:30-7 was adopted by the Local Finance Board on February 11, 1997; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.2 through 7.5 the Township of Hopewell has been declared eligible to participate in the program by the Division of Local Government Services, and the Chief Financial Officer has determined that the local government meets the necessary conditions to participate in the program for the 2020 budget year.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February 2020, by the Governing Body of the Township of Hopewell that in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.6a & 7.6b and based upon the Chief Financial Officer's certification, the Governing Body has found the budget has met the following requirements:

1. That with reference to the following items, the amounts have been calculated pursuant to law and appropriated as such in the budget:

- a. Payment of interest and debt redemption charges
- b. Deferred charges and statutory expenditures
- c. Cash deficit of preceding year
- d. Reserve for uncollected taxes
- e. Other reserves and non-disbursement items
- f. Any inclusions of amounts required for school purposes

2. That the provisions relating to limitation on increases of appropriations pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.2 and appropriations for exceptions to limits on appropriations found at N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.3 et seq. are fully met (complies with CAP law.)

3. That the budget is in such form, arrangement, and content as required by the Local Budget Law and N.J.A.C. 5:30-4 and 5:30-5.

4. That pursuant to the Local Budget Law:

- a. All estimates of revenue are reasonable, accurate, and correctly stated
- b. Items of appropriation are properly set forth
- c. In itemization, form, arrangement, and content the budget will permit the exercise of the comptroller function within the municipality

5. The budget and associated amendments have been introduced and publicly advertised in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Local Budget Law except that failure to meet the deadlines of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5 shall not prevent such certification.

6. That all other applicable statutory requirements have been fulfilled.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services upon adoption.

**RESOLUTION #20-78.** Read by title.

Motion by Blake, seconded by Ruger to adopt Resolution #20-78.

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**

**RESOLUTION #20-78**

**RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION #19-388,  
AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR THE  
GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE  
FISCAL GRANT JULY 1, 2020 TO JUNE 30, 2021**

**WHEREAS**, the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse established the Municipal Alliances for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse in 1989 to educate and engage residents, local government and law enforcement officials, schools, nonprofit organizations, the faith community, parents, youth and other allies in efforts to prevent alcoholism and drug abuse in communities throughout New Jersey.

**WHEREAS**, the Committee of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society

amongst persons of all ages; and therefore along with Hopewell Borough and Pennington Borough has an established Municipal Alliance Committee; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Hopewell further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuses in our community; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Committee of the Township of Hopewell has applied for funding to the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse as a consortium with Hopewell Borough and Pennington Borough through the County of Mercer; and,

**WHEREAS**, the requested funding will be applied among the three municipalities in Hopewell Valley based on population;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey hereby recognizes the following:

1. The Township of Hopewell does hereby authorize the submission of a strategic plan for the Hopewell Valley Municipal Alliance grant for the budget year July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 in the amount of:

DEDR	\$25,334.00
Cash Match	\$18,800.00*
In-Kind	\$19,000.00

\*Hopewell Township: \$14,960.00, Pennington Borough \$1500.00, Hopewell Borough \$2340.00

2. The Township of Hopewell acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

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**RESOLUTION #20-79.** Read by title.

Motion by Ruger, seconded by Peters-Manning to adopt Resolution #20-79.

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**

**R E S O L U T I O N #20-79**

**RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FROM LOCAL GOVERNING BODY AUTHORIZING THE SUSTAINABLE JERSEY GRANT APPLICATION**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February 2020, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, that:

**WHEREAS**, a sustainable community seeks to optimize quality of life for its residents by ensuring that its environmental, economic and social objectives are balanced and mutually supportive; and

**WHEREAS**, Hopewell Township strives to save tax dollars, assure clean land, air and water, improve working and living environments; and

**WHEREAS**, Hopewell Township is participating in the Sustainable Jersey Program; and

**WHEREAS**, one of the purposes of the Sustainable Jersey Program is to provide resources

to municipalities to make progress on sustainability issues, and they have created a grant program called the Sustainable Jersey Small Grants Program;

**WHEREAS**, the Hopewell Valley Green Team seeks to expand its collection of non-mandated materials for upcycling through approximately six collection events. A Sustainable Jersey grant of \$2,000 would help defray the costs of such events. The applicant for the Sustainable Jersey grant must be a municipality.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Hopewell Township Committee of Hopewell Township has determined that Hopewell Township should apply for the aforementioned Sustainable Jersey grant in the amount of \$2,000 for the Collection of Non-Mandated Materials for Recycling; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Hopewell Township Committee of the Hopewell Township, State of New Jersey, authorize the submission of the aforementioned Sustainable Jersey Grant.

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**RESOLUTION #20-80.** Read by title.

Motion by Ruger, seconded by Blake to adopt Resolution #20-80.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

**NOES:** None

**R E S O L U T I O N #20-80**

**BILLS & CLAIMS**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the list of cash disbursements authorized for approval of bills for payment date February 18, 2020 in the following amounts:

Bills and Claims	\$	13,081,710.10
Payroll	\$	333,062.37
Total Disbursements	\$	13,414,772.47

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** offered his definitions of what a secret meeting and slamming are; and objected to the Township Committee not allowing a member of the public to speak out of turn.

**Melanie Phillips** questioned if a site plan exists for the Scotch Road development.

**Jon Edwards** questioned if the Budget Committee’s duties would be taken on by the new Economic Development Committee and would the Committee give consideration to reinstating the Budget Committee.

**John Muscente** requested to know how much green, renewable, energy will be contracted.

The detailed public comment may be viewed at [www.hopewelltp.org](http://www.hopewelltp.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 Peters-Manning, seconded by Ruger to go to Executive Session to discuss contract negotiations, real estate, legal and personnel matters.

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**

**R E S O L U T I O N #20-81**

**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:

- Personnel
- Contract Negotiations
  - Shared Services

- Affordable Housing
- Litigation
  - Concerned Citizens
- Real Estate
  - Pennytown

**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 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020 by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that the Township Committee shall forthwith conduct an executive session to discuss the above.

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At 9:11 p.m. the Executive Session was held.

At 10:10 p.m. the Regular meeting reconvened.

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**RESOLUTION #20-82.** Read by title.

Motion by Ruger, seconded by Peters-Manning to adopt Resolution #20-82.

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**

**R E S O L U T I O N #20-82**

**A RESOLUTION PROMOTING**

**A. PETER ENEA III TO SENIOR REGISTERED ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST IN THE HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

**BE IT RESOLVED** on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020 by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that A. Peter Enea III be promoted to Senior Registered Environmental Health Specialist effective February 19, 2020.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that A. Peter Enea III be compensated at an annual salary of \$70,065.69 (Grade 8 Step 4 on New Hire Salary Guide) effective February 19, 2020, and then compensated at an annual salary of \$72,517.98 (Grade 8 Step 5 on New Hire Salary Guide) effective May 29, 2020.

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At 10:12 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](http://www.hopewelltp.org) in the video library.

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LAURIE E. GOMPFF  
MUNICIPAL CLERK