

**HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING  
VIA ZOOM VIDEO COMMUNICATIONS**

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**Monday, March 15, 2021 – 4:33 p.m.**

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**PROPER STATEMENT OF NOTICE** – Mayor Blake 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 March 12, 2021, in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975.

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

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Kevin Kuchinski, Kristin McLaughlin, Courtney Peters-Manning, Michael Ruger, Mayor Julie Blake

**ABSENT:** None

**STAFF PRESENT:** Acting Administrator George Snyder, Municipal Clerk Laurie Gompf, CFO Julie Troutman, Director of Community Development/Engineer Mark Kataryniak, Police Director Robert Karmazin

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**2021 MUNICIPAL BUDGET DISCUSSION**

Ms. Troutman reviewed the Municipal Court's past budgets and their 2021 request which reflected a slight increase due to printing needs and equipment maintenance; and a decrease in revenue in the Public Defender's fees.

Discussion ensued regarding lost revenues; COVID-19 grant funding; how it will be able to be applied to the Township's budget; and the timing of the introduction of the budget.

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Ms. Troutman reviewed the utilities budget which included electric, street lighting, telephone, and motor fuels. Committee Member Kuchinski explained how much electricity is expended through lighting and expressed his concerns over motor fuel costs.

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Committee Member Kuchinski previewed the next budget meeting; explained that the Committee was attempting to balance the burden of any monetary shortfalls to the budget for this year and future years; and spoke of fiscal responsibility this year and in future years.

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**PUBLIC SECTION**

The following members of the public spoke during public comment:

No comments from the public.

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At 5:01 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. GOMPF  
MUNICIPAL CLERK