

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

Monday, May 16, 2022 – 6:35 p.m.

PROPER STATEMENT OF NOTICE – Mayor Peters-Manning called the meeting to order stating that notice of the meeting had been posted on the municipal bulletin board and forwarded to the Hopewell Valley News, The Times, the Trentonian and the Hopewell Express (the official newspapers) on January 5, 2022, in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975.

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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: David Chait, Kevin Kuchinski, Uma Purandare, Michael Ruger, Mayor Courtney Peters-Manning

ABSENT: None

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

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

Mayor Peters-Manning announced that there will be a moment of silence in remembrance of all those who have died as a result of COVID-19 and noted that one million people have now died from the virus. She asked Committee Member Chait to share some personal comments regarding COVID.

Committee Member Chait began by referring to the New York Times' headline regarding COVID reaching the one million death rate; that it has been over two years since COVID began; and that all of us have been touched by COVID-19 and the pandemic in some way, shape or form. He shared that early in the pandemic he lost his grandmother to COVID-19; how important she was to him; and remarked that, sadly, her story was one of a million tragedies including many here in the Hopewell Valley.

Committee Member Chait announced that in recognition of the one million Americans lost to the coronavirus and millions more globally, the meeting will begin with a moment of silence.

MINUTES SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL

Motion by Ruger, seconded by Chait to approve January 25, 2022 Special, Regular and Executive Session Meeting Minutes.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

RESOLUTION #22-190. Read by title.

Motion by Chait, seconded by Kuchinski to adopt Resolution #22-190.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

R E S O L U T I O N #22-190

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING
LIEUTENANT JAMES ROSSO AS**

HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP CHIEF OF POLICE

WHEREAS, the Hopewell Township Police Director has submitted his resignation request with an effective date of May 15, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the desire of the Hopewell Township Committee is to select the next Chief of Police from within the Hopewell Township Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has interviewed Lieutenant James Rosso, and determined that Lieutenant Rosso meets and exceeds the requirements for Chief of Police as specified in the Hopewell Township Police Department Rules and Regulations manual.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 16th day of May 2022, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that Lieutenant James Rosso is hereby appointed Hopewell Township Chief of Police, effective May 16, 2022, with an annual salary of \$159,097.05.

Chief Rosso expressed his appreciation and gratitude to the Township Committee, his family, friends and fellow officers.

Mayor Peters-Manning administered the Oath of Office to Chief Rosso.

PRESENTATION – PROCLAMATION – NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

PROCLAMATION NATIONAL POLICE WEEK 2022

WHEREAS, Congress and the President of the United States have designated May 15, 2022 as “Peace Officers’ Memorial Day” and the week in which it falls as “National Police Week”; and

WHEREAS, there are approximately 900,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including the dedicated members of the Hopewell Township Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the members of our law enforcement agency of Hopewell Township play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of Hopewell Township; and

WHEREAS, it is important for all citizens to know and understand the duties, responsibilities, hazards, and sacrifices of their law enforcement agency, and that members of our law enforcement agency recognize their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property, by protecting against violence and disorder, and by protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression; and

WHEREAS, the service and sacrifice of all officers killed in the line of duty were honored during the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund’s 34th Annual Candlelight Vigil on the evening of May 13, 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Courtney Peters-Manning, Mayor of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer and State of New Jersey, call upon our citizens and all patriotic, civic and educational organizations to observe the week of May 15-21, 2022 as *NATIONAL POLICE WEEK* recognizing all law enforcement officers, past and present, who, by their faithful and loyal devotion to their responsibilities, have rendered a dedicated service to their communities.

PRESENTATION – PROCLAMATION IN RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK, MAY 15-21, 2022 “READY AND RESILIENT”

PROCLAMATION IN RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK May 15–21, 2022 “READY AND RESILIENT”

WHEREAS, public works professionals focus on infrastructure, facilities, emergency management, and services that are of vital importance to sustainable and resilient communities

and the public health, high quality of life, and well-being of the people of Hopewell Township; and

WHEREAS, these infrastructures, facilities, and services could not be provided without the dedicated efforts of public works professionals, who are federally mandated first responders, and the engineers, managers, and employees at all levels of government and the private sector, who are responsible for rebuilding, improving, and protecting our nation’s transportation, water supply, water treatment and solid waste systems, public buildings, and other structures and facilities essential for our citizens; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest for the citizens, civic leaders, and children in Hopewell Township to gain knowledge and maintain ongoing interest and understanding of the importance of public works first responders and public works programs in their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, the year 2022 marks the 62nd annual National Public Works Week sponsored by the American Public Works Association/Canadian Public Works Association.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, I, Courtney Peters-Manning, Mayor of the Township of Hopewell, Mercer County, New Jersey, do hereby designate the week May 15–21, 2022, as National Public Works Week; I urge all citizens to join with representatives of the American Public Works Association and government agencies in activities, events, and ceremonies designed to pay tribute to our public works professionals, engineers, managers, and employees and to recognize the substantial contributions they make to protecting our national health, safety, and quality of life.

PRESENTATION – EMS WEEK PROCLAMATION TO DESIGNATE THE WEEK OF MAY 15-21, 2022 AS EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK

PROCLAMATION

To Designate the Week of May 15-21, 2022 as Emergency Medical Services Week

WHEREAS, emergency medical services are a vital public service; and

WHEREAS, the members of emergency medical services teams are ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and

WHEREAS, access to quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury; and

WHEREAS, the emergency medical services system consists of emergency physicians, emergency nurses, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, firefighters, first responders, emergency medical dispatchers, educators, administrators and others; and

WHEREAS, the members of emergency medical services teams, whether career or volunteer, engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills; and

WHEREAS, emergency medical services are provided to the residents of the Township of Hopewell by the Union Fire Company & Rescue Squad, the Pennington First Aid Squad, the Pennington Fire Company, the Hopewell Fire Department and Emergency Medical Unit, Hopewell Valley Emergency Services, Capital Health Emergency Medical Services, and Hopewell Township Police Department; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the value and the accomplishments of emergency medical services providers by designating Emergency Medical Services Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, New Jersey in recognition of this event do hereby proclaim the week of May 15 - 21, 2022, as

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK

With the EMS Strong Theme, EMS WEEK: Rising to the Challenge, We encourage the community to observe this week with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities

PRESENTATION – PROCLAMATION DECLARING THE FIRST FRIDAY IN JUNE, 2022 TO BE NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY

PROCLAMATION

DECLARING THE FIRST FRIDAY IN JUNE, 2022 TO BE NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY

This proclamation declares the first Friday in June to be National Gun Violence Awareness Day in the Township of Hopewell to honor and remember all victims and survivors of gun violence and to declare that we as a country must do more to reduce gun violence.

WHEREAS, every day, 110 Americans are killed by gun violence, alongside more than 200 who are shot and wounded, and on average there are more than 16,000 gun homicides every year; and

WHEREAS, Americans are 26 times more likely to die by gun homicide than people in other high-income countries; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey has on average 439 gun deaths every year, with a rate of 4.9 deaths per 100,000 people, New Jersey has the 47th highest rate of gun deaths in the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, gun homicides and assaults are concentrated in cities, with more than half of all firearm related gun deaths in the nation occurring in 127 cities; and

WHEREAS, cities across the nation, including in Hopewell Township, are working to end the senseless violence with evidence-based solutions; and

WHEREAS, protecting public safety in the communities they serve is the mayors' highest responsibility; and

WHEREAS, support for the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens goes hand-in-hand with keeping guns away from people with dangerous histories; and

WHEREAS, mayors and law enforcement officers know their communities best, are the most familiar with local criminal activity and how to address it, and are best positioned to understand how to keep their citizens safe; and

WHEREAS, gun violence prevention is more important than ever as the COVID-19 pandemic continues to exacerbate gun violence after more than a two years of increased gun sales, increased calls to suicide and domestic violence hotlines, and an increase in city gun violence; and

WHEREAS, in January 2013, Hadiya Pendleton, was tragically shot and killed at age 15; and on June 3 2022 to recognize the 25th birthday of Hadiya Pendleton (born June 2, 1997), people across the United States will recognize National Gun Violence Awareness Day and wear orange in tribute to:

- (1) Hadiya Pendleton and other victims of gun violence; and
- (2) The loved ones of those victims; and

WHEREAS, the idea was inspired by a group of Hadiya's friends, who asked their classmates to commemorate her life by wearing orange; they chose this color because hunters wear orange to announce themselves to other hunters when out in the woods and orange is a color that symbolizes the value of human life; and

WHEREAS, anyone can join this campaign by pledging to Wear Orange on June 3rd, the first Friday in June in 2022, to help raise awareness about gun violence; and

WHEREAS, by wearing orange on June 3, 2022 Americans will raise awareness about gun violence and honor the lives of gun violence victims and survivors; and

WHEREAS, we renew our commitment to reduce gun violence and pledge to do all we can to keep firearms out of the wrong hands, and encourage responsible gun ownership to help keep our children safe.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, Mercer County, New Jersey declares the first Friday in June, June 3, 2022, to be National Gun Violence Awareness Day. I encourage all citizens to support their local communities' efforts to prevent the tragic effects of gun violence and to honor and value human lives.

PRESENTATION – JERSEY MEDS MANAGEMENT – APPLICATION FOR CLASS 5 CANNABIS RETAILER

Mayor Peters-Manning recused herself from the discussion and turned the meeting over to Deputy Mayor Ruger.

Sheila Mints representative for Jersey Meds Management, presented the company as a company driven by community, compassion, diversity and wellness; that they wish to provide safe access to legal cannabis products while focusing on the importance of educating staff, customer and the community as a whole; that their promise is to prevent youth access; offer high quality, legal cannabis products; provide multiple educational opportunities; and incorporate community partnerships.

Ms. Mints introduced the team; provided their backgrounds; and then turned the presentation over to Ellie Siegel, the company's cannabis consultant.

Ms. Siegel explained the core values of the company; emphasized that a primary core value was

preventing youth access and underage sales; related the company's precautions in ensuring there are no molds, mildews, pesticides, toxins or other contaminants in their products; conveyed that the company would conduct neighborhood outreach in order to provide a forum for answering questions; and discussed the methods the company will utilize in order to achieve odor mitigation and abate nuisances.

Ms. Siegel explained that the property leased by Jersey Meds Management at 2566 Pennington Road, Pennington, is compliant with Hopewell Township's zoning ordinance for cannabis retailers; provided the details of the potential retail store site, as well as the parking area; described the traffic flow; provided the planned hours of operation; that the windows will be blacked out; provided a planned layout model; described the purchasing process; and reviewed the business operations, security and protocol.

Committee Members questioned the difference between CBD and THC products to which Ms. Siegel responded that CBD comes in many different varieties and is derived from the hemp plant which is different than THC products which are derived from the cannabis plant. She explained that hemp is a cannabis plant however, it is cultivated differently and the products are created differently; that the chemical compounds are different; and that the strains are different but have similar named strains.

Committee Members questioned the status of Jersey Meds' application in Pennington Borough and asked, if they were approved by Hopewell Township, would Jersey Meds rescind their request to Pennington Borough. Ms. Siegel replied that when they applied to the CRC, they needed to apply with a location which was in Pennington Borough, so they cannot withdraw at this time.

Committee Members questioned the access to products on Jersey Meds website by underage users. Ms. Siegel explained that the current website was for the sale of CBD products and not for cannabis products and the regulations for the sale of CBD products are markedly different than those for cannabis products. They also questioned why there was a marijuana leaf on their CBD website; insinuated that the leaf was confusing to those seeking CBD products; discussed CBD infused items which appeared to be candy; focused on "best practices;" and questioned certain items as they related to best practices on the website.

Mr. Goodell questioned the removal of the reference of the word "marijuana" from Jersey Meds website to which Ms. Mints replied that it was erroneously placed on the website and taken down as soon as the error was found.

Committee Members questioned the standards that Jersey Meds will utilize to ensure that State standards are met with their products; suggested that the application be carried until the Committee may conduct a further review; and questioned how Jersey Meds would keep up with security training.

Mr. Goodell inquired as to Jersey Meds' intent if both their applications (Pennington Borough and Hopewell Township) were approved by the State in the event that their application was approved by the Hopewell Township Committee this evening; that Hopewell Township only has two licenses to offer; and questioned if other businesses would be discouraged to apply for the second license in Hopewell due to the application of Jersey Meds.

Ms. Siegel explained that the applications could result in a license for the particular premise for which the license was approved; that after receiving the conditional approval from the State, a Conversion Application would need to be filed; that when the Conversion Application is filed it must identify the final site of the premise and be approved by the State. She also explained that their application to Hopewell Township should not prevent another applicant for applying for support from the Township based on the process needed to obtain a State license. Ms. Mints explained that Hopewell Township is permitted to issue multiple letters of support although there are only two licenses available in the Township and that issuing a resolution of support will not guarantee that an applicant will be granted a license.

When asked again if Jersey Meds would commit to Hopewell Township if issued a license by the State, Ms. Siegel said they would.

Deputy Mayor Ruger opened the discussion to the public.

Jon Edwards, a resident of Pennington Harbourton Road, questioned if it would be possible for purchasers to go to one store, then go to another town, purchase again, repeating the process and possibly exceeding the legal limit to purchase cannabis; inquired if anyone convicted of selling or

purchasing cannabis to a minor or had a DUI would be prohibited from purchasing from their store; questioned if there was a prohibition on selling to out-of-state purchasers; and inquired if it was possible to have products delivered to homes.

Dan Hanley, a resident of Ridge Drive, questioned if this is a similar business to the one that is on Route 1; stated that he sees that it is quite busy on Route 1 and there is a police presence there; and questioned if the Committee has taken into consideration that police might be needed at the facility.

Ms. Siegel explained that the facility on Route 1 is a medical dispensary and has been approved to convert to adult use sales; that there is massive interest from consumers in the opening weeks of sales; added that by the time that the Jersey Meds shop comes on-line, more business will be in operation therefore there will not be a concentrated number of clients. She explained that there will be delivery of THC products permitted in New Jersey and they cannot be prevented by law, although at this time there is no delivery in New Jersey. She then explained that Jersey Meds does not have the purview to know where someone will be consuming the products they buy; therefore, they cannot prevent someone from out of state transporting product across state lines; that the burden is on the person purchasing the product not to break the law; that Jersey Meds will strictly conform to NJ State law; that people with convictions purchasing cannabis are regulated by the State and Jersey Meds will follow the laws for the sale of cannabis set by the State; that Jersey Meds will adhere to the set limits for sale per person set by the State in their retail stores but it cannot control what a person does after they leave the store; and that they could possibly go to another cannabis store and purchase more because a system does not exist that would allow the tracking of such purchases.

Deputy Mayor Ruger questioned the Committee if they would like to proceed with voting on the resolution in support of Jersey Meds to which each Committee Member replied that they would prefer more time to consider the resolution. Deputy Mayor Ruger announced that Resolution 12-A would be considered at future meeting and tabled the resolution.

Mayor Peters-Manning rejoined the meeting.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR MEETING AGENDA

Mayor Peters-Manning advised that there was a third Bills and Claims Resolution to be added to the agenda.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND STAFF REPORTS

Mr. Snyder reported that the Hopewell Valley Veterans Association will hold a Veteran's Day Ceremony on Memorial Day at Woolsey Park.

Mr. Hutzelmann reported on damage done to Harbourton Rocktown Road due to a truck accident; that funding for the damages may be able to be included in the contract with Earle Asphalt; that the road is safe for travel; that there will be an initial meeting for updating the Farmland Preservation Plan on Thursday; and that there is a 50% matching grant for Farmland Preservation with the SADC.

Ms. Marling reported that COVID cases have dramatically increased recently; that New Jersey is inching closer to a high transmission status; urged everyone to wear a high quality mask while out; suggested those with health issues and at a higher risk avoid crowded settings; and advised that everyone ensure that all COVID vaccinations are up to date. She also recommended that anyone who tests positive at home contact their personal healthcare provider.

Mr. Goodell reported that Susan Bacso from his office attended the closing on the Walker tract, of which the Township is 10% owner in conjunction with FOHVOS, which means more open space for the Township.

Ms. Gompf reminded everyone that tomorrow is the deadline to register to vote for the June 7th primary election and provided early voting information.

Committee Member Chait reported on the upcoming Affordable Housing Committee meeting; that it is Public Works Week; and reported on Freon and brush collection.

Committee Member Purandare reported that May is Older American's Month; that this year's theme is "Age My Way;" that senior activities are now taking place in-person; that the plastic bag ban has been enacted; that the Health Department has conducted two successful COVID clinics; and urged everyone to take the time to keep safe.

Mr. Snyder announced that Hopewell Township received Tree City USA certification 5 years in a row.

Committee Member Ruger reported on the upcoming Woolsey Park Advisory Committee, Citizens' Equity Advisory Committee, and Open Space Advisory Committee meetings.

2022 MUNICIPAL BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

Committee Member Kuchinski explained that there will be a presentation of the 2022 Municipal Budget; that after the presentation comments will be taken from members of the Committee; that the public hearing will be held and comments from the public will be heard; and after the public hearing is closed the budget will be voted on by the Committee.

Ms. Troutman presented the following:

- Analysis of the Average Tax Bill
 - Hopewell Township taxes are only 14% of the average tax bill.
 - Open Space is 1% of the average tax bill.
 - Fire District is 3% of the average tax bill.
 - Mercer County is 24% of the average tax bill.
 - Hopewell Valley Regional School District is 58% of the average tax bill.
 - The average residential assessed value is \$484,577
 - Average total tax bill \$14,920
 - Average share of Municipal taxes is \$2,122
- The Township collects the taxes for Mercer County, HVRSD and the Fire District, each is paid in full tax apportionment leaving the Township to bear the cost of uncollected taxes.
- Hopewell Township tax rate is essentially flat over 2021 as we continue to focus on the practice of doing more with less.
- The levy is below the New Jersey 2010 Levy CAP preserving the bank for future years.
- New capital spending is less than the principal scheduled for repayment and is consistent with proven past practices.
- The Township's levy will impact the average home assessed at \$484,577 by \$2 per month.
- Presented the Township's budgeted revenue history from 2018 through present.
- Presented the 2021 revenues realized.
- Presented a graph of the Township's surplus history over the past 25 years.
- Presented a chart indicating that the assessed value of the Township was negatively impacted with the exit of corporate neighbors but began to increase in 2022. This increase has had a positive impact on the tax levy.
- Expenses have had increases and decreases.
- In 2022, the Township will appropriate out of the General fund just over \$6 million for debt service payments.
- Nearly \$1 of every \$4 dollars expended in the budget goes to debt service payments.
- The Township's overall Gross Debt has declined over the past several years.
- Presented future debt reduction plans.
 - Eliminate all non-construction-related Township debt (e.g. roads, new Township facilities, etc.)
 - This includes utilizing one-time monies from BeiGene towards our Affordable Housing fund to eliminate the Pennytown debt (which is currently subsidized by General Fund taxes)
 - Plan to utilize new revenues from PILOTs to pay down other Township debt and fund the direct purchase of new capital
 - Evaluate using surplus Open Space monies to retire the debt on previous Open

Space purchases.

- Impact of Affordable Housing on the 2022 Budget
- 2022 Goals
 - Monitor year to date revenue collections and potentially freeze appropriations as needed.
 - Closely monitor tax collections and contact any unpaid accounts with reminder notices.
 - Work towards additional shared services with neighboring municipalities and the school district.
 - Explore non-tax revenue sources to assist in supporting the cost of operations.
 - Continue redevelopment of the Bristol-Myers Squibb campus and attract the right mix of other new small businesses to bolster our non-residential ratable base.

Committee Members voiced their appreciation for the hard work that went into the budget and offered their approval of the budget.

Mayor Peters-Manning declared the Public Hearing of the 2022 Municipal Budget open.

Jon Edwards questioned if and when a re-evaluation of properties will be forthcoming and what impact that will have on the budget; requested an update on the bids for Capital projects; and requested the actual levy increase amount.

Harvey Lester, a resident of Continental Lane, questioned the total levy increase.

Dan Hanley, questioned if a stop sign could be erected at Pennington-Harbourton and Pennington-Titusville Roads due to accidents and asked how many new homes are to be built in the Scotch Road development.

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

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

RESOLUTION #22-191. Read by title.

Motion by Purandare, seconded by Ruger to adopt Resolution #22-191.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NOES: None

(See attached Resolution #22-191)

PUBLIC SECTION

The following members of the public spoke during public comment:

Jon Edwards requested the status of the lawsuit between the Boroughs of Pennington and Hopewell against the Township; if any other lawsuits have been brought against the Township regarding the PILOTs; and questioned if the original complaint from the Boroughs had been amended to include the new PILOT.

John Hart, a resident of Titus Mill Road, requested that the Committee review the intersection at Pennington-Titusville and Scotch Roads.

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

ORDINANCE – INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

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

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL AMENDING
CHAPTER 17, SECTION 17-82, “DRAINAGE, DETENTION AND
STORMWATER MANAGEMENT”, ARTICLE VI (DESIGN
STANDARDS) OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL

Motion by Chait, seconded by Purandare to introduce the ordinance on first reading.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Kuchinski

ORDINANCE INTRODUCED

Second reading, public hearing date June 13, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

RESOLUTIONS #22-192 THROUGH #22-200, Read by title.

Motion by Ruger, seconded by Chait to adopt Resolution #22-192 through #22-200.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

R E S O L U T I O N #22-192

**A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE APPOINTMENT DATE FOR
KAITLIN PAULSEN AS CLERK/FLOATER**

WHEREAS, Kaitlin Paulsen was appointed as a Clerk/Floater position in the Hopewell Administration Department at the April 18, 2022 Township Committee meeting; and

WHEREAS, Kaitlin Paulsen's original start date was scheduled to be April 25, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the effective date of Kaitlin Paulsen's appointment needs to be amended.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on this 16th day of May, 2022, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey that the employment start date for Kaitlin Paulsen be amended to be effective on April 26, 2022.

R E S O L U T I O N #22-193

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PAYMENT OF
UNUSED SICK TIME TO SERGEANT ROBERT SPARANO**

WHEREAS, Sergeant Robert Sparano retired May 1, 2022 from employment with the Township of Hopewell Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement between Hopewell Township and the Hopewell Township Superior Officers Association provides to employees who retire from service the payment of unused sick, annual leave and compensatory time at their current hourly rate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 16th day of May, 2022 by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that the Township Committee hereby approves the payout of accumulated sick time as calculated by the Human Resources Director in the amount of **\$65.04** to Sergeant Robert Sparano.

R E S O L U T I O N #22-194

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PAYMENT OF
UNUSED VACATION AND COMPENSATORY TIME
TO MICHAEL ELONIS**

WHEREAS, Michael Elonis terminated April 27, 2022 from employment with the Township of Hopewell Public Works Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 16th day of May 2022 by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that the Township Committee hereby approves the payout of accumulated vacation and compensatory time as calculated by the Human Resources Director in the amount of **\$2,927.29** to Michael Elonis.

R E S O L U T I O N #22-195

**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 16th day of May 2022 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>
91/10	PennyMac	Paid by Wire on Tax Exempt Property	1649 Reed Rd	\$3,880.34
72/6.11	Mortgage Connect LP	Paid by Owner & Mortgage Company	30 Shara La	\$5527.62

RESOLUTION #22-196

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPLICATION OF
HOPEWELL VALLEY LACROSSE LEAGUE TO CONDUCT
“LAX IN THE VALLEY” PLAY DAY**

WHEREAS, application has been made by the Hopewell Valley Lacrosse League to conduct a “Lax in the Valley” Play Day in the Township of Hopewell at the Athletic Fields at Timberlane Middle School on May 21, 2022, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. This Resolution shall constitute a permit to conduct a “Lax in the Valley” Play Day in accordance with the application submitted by Hopewell Valley Lacrosse League, which is to be held May 21, 2022, at the Athletic Fields at Timberlane Middle School in Hopewell Township.
2. Hopewell Valley Lacrosse League 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 Fire Lanes at Timberlane Middle School and HV Central High School may not be blocked for this event. Access to the Timberlane Athletic Fields must be maintained for both Fire and EMS.
4. All cooking operations will need a fire safety permit.
5. The Municipal Clerk is directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to Hopewell Valley Lacrosse League, P.O. Box 362, Pennington, NJ 08534.

RESOLUTION #22-197

**A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP ZONING OFFICER TO
ISSUE A TEMPORARY ACTIVITIES PERMIT TO
DEPUTY DAWG & CATERING**

WHEREAS, Robert Serratelli / Deputy Dawg & Catering seeks permission to operate a cart on the grounds of the Twin Pines Recreation Area for weekly vending of hot dogs, packaged snacks and canned beverages on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, this proposal has been reviewed by the Hopewell Township Attorney who has advised that this proposal can be authorized under a Temporary Activities Permit issued by the Hopewell Township Zoning Officer; and

WHEREAS, this request has been reviewed by the Hopewell Township Health Department, Hopewell Township Police Department, Municipal Construction Office and Hopewell Valley Fire Safety who have raised no objections;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on this 16th day of May 2022, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that the Hopewell Township Zoning Officer be directed to issue a Temporary Activities Permit to Robert Serratelli / Deputy Dawg & Catering for operation of a hot dog vending cart at the Twin Pines Recreation Area on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. subject to receipt of all final approvals and comments from the Hopewell Township Health Officer, Hopewell Township Police, Municipal Construction Office, Hopewell Valley Fire Safety and Zoning Officer, and subject to any relevant restrictions on use, noise, signs, etc. or other permits as may be required, including:

1. The Temporary Activities Permit shall be valid for a period of six (6) months from the date of issuance. The applicant may apply for an extension of the permit by submitting a written request to the Zoning Office at least thirty (30) days prior to expiration of the permit.
2. The applicant must ensure compliance with any applicable Executive Orders in effect and should implement CDC guidance throughout the length of the permit.
3. The Health Department issued retail food handling license 2021028 on July 8, 2021 with an expiration date of June 30, 2022. The applicant shall contact the Health Department to apply for the food handling license prior to expiration of the current license.
4. Hopewell Valley Bureau of Fire Safety issued permit 21-000482 on July 20, 2021 with an expiration date of July 20, 2022. The applicant shall contact Fire Safety to apply for a permit prior to expiration of the current permit.

R E S O L U T I O N #22-198

A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP ZONING OFFICER TO ISSUE A TEMPORARY ACTIVITIES PERMIT TO THE TITUSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WHEREAS, The Titusville Presbyterian Church is seeking a Temporary Activities Permit to allow food trucks for a church fundraiser, the use of the parking lot located at 48 River Drive, operating June 4, 2022 through November 11, 2022, Saturdays & Sundays from 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM, to provide refreshments/food for pedestrians from the Tow Path and River Drive; and

WHEREAS, this proposal has been reviewed by the Hopewell Township Attorney who has advised that this proposal can be authorized under a Temporary Activities Permit issued by the Hopewell Township Zoning Officer; and

WHEREAS, this request has been reviewed by the Hopewell Township Health Department, Hopewell Township Police Department, Hopewell Valley Fire Safety and Municipal Construction Office who have raised no objections.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on this 16th day of May 2022, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that the Hopewell Township Zoning Officer be directed to issue a Temporary Activities Permit to the Titusville Presbyterian Church for the temporary operation of a food truck(s) in the parking area of the Titusville Presbyterian Church, Saturdays & Sundays from 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM, to provide refreshments/food for pedestrians from the Tow Path and River Drive, subject to receipt of all final approvals and comments from the Hopewell Township Health Officer, Hopewell Township Police, Hopewell Valley Fire Safety, Municipal Construction Office and Zoning Officer, and subject to any relevant restrictions on use, noise, signs, etc., or other permits as may be required, including:

1. Operation is limited to two (2) food trucks at any given time; each truck proposing to operate at the site must be licensed by the Hopewell Township Health Department. Each truck proposing to operate at the site will be required to obtain a fire safety permit from Hopewell Valley Fire Safety prior to commencing operations at the site. Trucks must be spaced at least fifteen (15) feet apart, bumper to bumper. A schedule shall be provided to Fire Safety and the Health Department for each month by the 15th of the preceding month, outlining anticipated food truck vendors. Any proposed new vendor must have submitted their application, fee, and most recent in section report no later than 10 days prior to their operating date.
2. Applicant must maintain Fire and EMS access to the rear of the building; the driveway and parking lot must be accessible at all times.
3. The applicants must ensure compliance with any applicable Executive Orders in effect on the date of their event and should implement CDC guidance at their event.

R E S O L U T I O N #22-199

**A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP ZONING OFFICER
TO ISSUE A TEMPORARY ACTIVITIES PERMIT TO
THE BANK OF AMERICA/HAROLD CAMPBELL**

WHEREAS, The Bank of America/Harold Campbell is seeking a Temporary Activities Permit to allow outdoor grills and car show, on the lawn/street outside of 1550 American Boulevard, operating June 15, 2022 and June 16, 2022 with a rain date of June 16, 2022 and June 17, 2022, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, to provide refreshments/food and entertainment for employees only; and

WHEREAS, this proposal has been reviewed by the Hopewell Township Attorney who has advised that this proposal can be authorized under a Temporary Activities Permit issued by the Hopewell Township Zoning Officer; and

WHEREAS, this request has been reviewed by the Hopewell Township Health Department, Hopewell Township Police Department, Hopewell Valley Fire Safety and Municipal Construction Office who have raised no objections;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on this 16th day of May 2022, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that the Hopewell Township Zoning Officer be directed to issue a Temporary Activities Permit to The Bank of America/Harold Campbell for the temporary operation of outdoor grills on the lawn/street outside of 1550 American Boulevard, June 15, 2022 and June 16, 2022 with a rain date of June 16, 2022 and June 17, 2022, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, to provide refreshments/food and entertainment for employees, subject to receipt of all final approvals and comments from the Hopewell Township Health Officer, Hopewell Township Police, Hopewell Valley Fire Safety, Municipal Construction Office and Zoning Officer, and subject to any relevant restrictions on use, noise, signs, etc., or other permits as may be required, including:

1. The applicant will be required to obtain a fire safety permit from Hopewell Valley Fire Safety & the Health Department prior to commencing operations at the site.
2. The applicants must ensure compliance with any applicable Executive Orders in effect on the date of their event and should implement CDC guidance at their event.

R E S O L U T I O N #22-200

**A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP ZONING OFFICER
TO ISSUE A TEMPORARY ACTIVITIES PERMIT TO
HOPEWELL VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, Hopewell Valley Regional School District is seeking a Temporary Activities Permit to hold a “Class of 2022 Picnic Event,” on June 21, 2022 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on the grounds of the Hopewell Valley Central High School, 259 Pennington-Titusville Road, Pennington, NJ; and

WHEREAS, food trucks will operate in a parking lot near the turf field during the event; and

WHEREAS, this proposal has been reviewed by the Hopewell Township Attorney who has advised that this proposal can be authorized under a Temporary Activities Permit issued by the Hopewell Township Zoning Officer; and

WHEREAS, this request has been reviewed by the Hopewell Township Health Department, Hopewell Township Police Department, Hopewell Valley Fire Safety and Municipal Construction Office who have raised no objections.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on this 16th day of May 2022, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that the Hopewell Township Zoning Officer be directed to issue a Temporary Activities Permit to Hopewell Valley Regional School District for a “Class of 2022 Picnic Event,” with the temporary operation of food trucks in a parking lot near the turf field of the Hopewell Valley Central High School on June 21, 2022 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., subject to receipt of all final approvals and comments from the Hopewell Township Health Officer, Hopewell Township Police, Hopewell Valley Fire Safety, Municipal Construction Office and Zoning Officer, and subject to any relevant restrictions on use, noise, signs, etc., or other permits as may be required, including:

1. Each truck proposing to operate at the site must be licensed by the Hopewell Township Health Department.

2. Each truck proposing to operate at the site will be required to obtain a fire safety permit from Hopewell Valley Fire Safety prior to commencing operations at the site. Trucks must be spaced at least fifteen (15) feet apart, bumper to bumper.
3. A schedule shall be provided to Fire Safety and the Health Department as to the trucks that will be operating during the event.
4. The applicant must ensure compliance with any applicable Executive Order in effect on the date of their event and should implement CDC guidance at their event.

RESOLUTION #22-201. Read by title.
 Motion by Chait, seconded by Purandare to adopt Resolution #22-201.
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

R E S O L U T I O N #22-201

**A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RETIREMENT OF
 DONALD D. O’HARA IN THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, Donald D. O’Hara was appointed as a Laborer for the Hopewell Township Public Works Department on April 1, 1991; and

WHEREAS, Donald D. O’Hara had a title change to Truck Driver in Public Works Department July 1, 1996; and

WHEREAS, Donald D. O’Hara was promoted to Light Equipment Operator in Public Works Department November 8, 1999; and

WHEREAS, Donald D. O’Hara has served Hopewell Township honorably throughout his 31 years of service, and is now eligible for retirement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, that the Township Committee accepts the retirement of Donald D. O’Hara from the Hopewell Township effective July 1, 2022; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hopewell Township Committee, on behalf of itself and all municipal employees, wishes Donald D. O’Hara good health and happiness in his retirement.

RESOLUTION #22-202. Read by title.
 Motion by Ruger, seconded by Chait to adopt Resolution #22-202.
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

R E S O L U T I O N #22-202

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL, COUNTY OF MERCER,
 STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE USE OF
 OMNIA PARTNERS, FORMERLY KNOWN AS US COMMUNITIES NATIONAL
 COOPERATIVE**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 52:34-6.2 authorizes contracting units, including the Township of Hopewell, to make purchases and contract for services through the use of nationally recognized and accepted cooperative purchasing agreements that have been developed utilizing a competitive bidding process by another contracting unit within the State of New Jersey or within any other state; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Hopewell has determined that the use of cooperative purchasing agreements may result in significant cost savings and is desirous of joining and participating in a national cooperative called the Omnia Partners formerly known as US Communities National Cooperative; and

WHEREAS, Omnia Partners, 840 Crescent Centre Drive, Franklin, TN 37067 is a private cooperative, complying with New Jersey Local Finance Notice 2012-10 by ensuring lead agency procurements are offered to the New Jersey region in accord with the mandates as described within the Local Finance Notice; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Hopewell desires to become a member of Omnia Partners for the purposes of purchasing goods and or services through a procurement process that is more efficient and provides a cost savings to the Township.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, being the governing body thereof, that the Township of Hopewell be and hereby is

authorized to join and become a member of the Omnia Partners National Cooperative, 840 Crescent Centre Drive, Franklin, TN 37067; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor be and hereby is authorized to execute any agreement and the Clerk is authorized to attest to the signature of the Mayor on any agreement signed in connection with joining and participating in Omnia Partners National Cooperative; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township of Hopewell Qualified Purchasing Agent shall be responsible for ensuring that all goods and/or services procured through Omnia Partners comply with all laws of the State of New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., and all other provisions of the revised statutes of the State of New Jersey.

RESOLUTION #22-203. Read by title.

Motion by Purandare, seconded by Chait to adopt Resolution #22-203.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

R E S O L U T I O N #22-203

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO NATIONAL AUTO FLEET GROUP THROUGH SOURCEWELL NATIONAL COOPERATIVE CONTRACT 091521-NAF FOR TWO (2) NEW/ USED (2022 FORD ESCAPE(U9G) SE AWD, FOR THE ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

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

WHEREAS, in accordance with the requirements of the Local Public Contract Law P.L. 2011, C.139 (the "Law" or "Chapter 139" and N.J.S.A.52:34-6.2 the regulations promulgated there under in Local Finance Notice LFN 2012-10, the following purchase without competitive bids from vendor with a National Cooperative Contract is hereby approved for municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Hopewell has the need to procure certain vehicles for the Administration Department in accord with the Local Publics Contract Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et. Seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Hopewell has previously acted in accord with New Jersey public procurement statutes and regulations as promulgated by formally joining a recognized and compliant national cooperative, being the Sourcewell National Cooperative through Resolution 15-290 on September 4, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the regulations as set forth within Local Finance Notice LFN 2012-10 have been fully complied with; and

WHEREAS, the Qualified Purchasing Agent has complied with the public notification provisions of public advertisement and has received no protests in accord with law and regulation; and

WHEREAS, the equipment and corresponding Sourcewell National Cooperative contract number is: 0921521-NAF National Auto Fleet Group; and

WHEREAS, the Township is desirous of purchasing Two (2) New/Unused (2022 Ford Escape (U9G) SE AWD, for a total of \$59,969.24; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Hopewell has certified that adequate funds for such contract are available and are designated to line-item appropriation of the official budget. In the amount not to exceed \$59,969.24

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into contract for the purchase Two (2) New/Unused (2022 Ford Escape (U9G) SE AWD, for a total of \$59,969.24, through Sourcewell National Cooperative for the Administration Department.

RESOLUTION #22-204. Read by title.

Motion by Purandare, seconded by Chait to adopt Resolution #22-204.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

R E S O L U T I O N #22-204

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PHILIP M. CASCIANO (PMC) INC. PURSUANT TO NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACT –

**DIVISION OF PURCHASE AND PROPERTY
CONTRACT NUMBER T-0109/83932**

WHEREAS, a need exists for the acquisition of portable radio communications for the public safety, health and welfare for the emergency operations of the Township of Hopewell; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Hopewell may, without advertising for bids, purchase such materials through the New Jersey State Purchase and Property State Contract T-0109/ 83932 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12 and N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.29 et. Seq., and

WHEREAS, under the state contract award, the Philip M. Casciano Inc (PMC) Inc. 8 Crown Plaza, Suite 106, Hazlet, NJ 07730 is the vendor to whom the Township may purchase such items under state contract T0109/ 83932 expiring April ,2023; and.

WHEREAS, it is the desire to purchase portable radios under state contract T0109 from PMC in the amount of \$52,152.00.00; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer will certify funds NOT TO EXCEED \$52,152.00 as follows:

Line item: X-04-00-679-510

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Township of Hopewell that it authorizes the police department to purchase without bidding pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-12 Philip M. Casciano Inc (PMC) Inc. 8 Crown Plaza, Suite 106, Hazlet, NJ 07730, through State Contract T0109 in the amount of \$52,152.00.00

RESOLUTION #12-F. TABLED

RESOLUTION #22-205. Read by title.
Motion by Kuchinski, seconded by Chait to adopt Resolution #22-205.
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

R E S O L U T I O N #22-205

**A RESOLUTION URGING THE NEW JERSEY LEGISLATURE TO
AMEND THE BUDGET CAP LAW TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS
FOR INCREASING INSURANCE COSTS**

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45, et al, a municipality is required to limit any increase in its budget to 2 1/2% or the cost-of-living adjustment, whatever is less, over the prior year's final appropriations subject to certain exceptions; and

WHEREAS, all local public entities, including participating municipalities in the Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund (MEL), has incurred an estimated \$50 million in COVID related worker's compensation claims and it is anticipated that these costs will continue to increase as a result of long-term COVID cases; and

WHEREAS, a 2021 New Jersey Department of Labor decision regarding worker's compensation funding has generated increased costs to the members of the MEL by over 10% in order to cover claims that were previously funded by the State pension system; and

WHEREAS, a recent amendment to the sexual molestation statute of limitations will increase total liability costs for members of the MEL system by an estimated amount of 6% in 2023; and

WHEREAS, the frequency of weather-related catastrophic claims and corresponding impacts are anticipated to increase property insurance costs by over 10% per year; and

WHEREAS, cyber liability events throughout the country have resulted in twice the amount of premium costs in 2022 and such costs are expected to accelerate at a pace far greater than the rate of inflation; and

WHEREAS, these increasing costs, regulations, policy decisions and environmental impacts are occurring when many other items and costs in municipal budgets are also increasing at a greater rate than 2 1/2%.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of Hopewell Township that N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45 be amended to provide that appropriations in the first three years after the effective date of (this amendment) for liability insurance, worker's compensation insurance, cyber insurance, and property insurance be exempt from the Budget CAP and the Levy CAP Law 40A:4-45.44 through 45.47 treating these costs as a waiver of extraordinary costs for amounts above the 2.5% allowable increase.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the New Jersey Legislative representative for Hopewell Township.

RESOLUTION #22-206. Read by title.

Motion by Kuchinski, seconded by Ruger to adopt Resolution #22-206.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NOES: None

R E S O L U T I O N #22-206

BILLS & CLAIMS (#1)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the list of cash disbursements authorized for approval of bills for payment date May 16, 2022 in the following amounts:

Bills and Claims	\$	5,930,390.22
Payroll	\$	391,466.84
Total Disbursements	\$	6,321,857.06

Itemized and listed on the submitted schedule are hereby approved and filed as a record as part of the minutes of this meeting.

RESOLUTION #22-207. Read by title.

Motion by Ruger, seconded by Chait to adopt Resolution #22-207.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Kuchinski

R E S O L U T I O N #22-207

BILLS & CLAIMS (#2)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the list of cash disbursements authorized for approval of bills for payment date May 16, 2022 in the following amounts:

Bills and Claims	\$	1,500.00
Payroll	\$	0.00
Total Disbursements	\$	1,500.00

Itemized and listed on the submitted schedule are hereby approved and filed as a record as part of the minutes of this meeting.

RESOLUTION #22-208. Read by title.

Motion by Ruger, seconded by Chait to adopt Resolution #22-208.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NOES: None

R E S O L U T I O N #22-208

BILLS & CLAIMS (#3)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the list of cash disbursements authorized for approval of bills for payment date May 16, 2022 in the following amounts:

Bills and Claims	\$	6,918,173.31
Payroll	\$	0.00
Total Disbursements	\$	6,918,173.31

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:

Jon Edwards requested that the bills and claims be posted online before the meeting.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTION. Read into the record.

Mayor Peters-Manning stated that the regular meeting may reconvene following the Executive Session.

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

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

R E S O L U T I O N #22-209

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

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 16th day of May, 2022 by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that the Township Committee shall forthwith conduct an executive session to discuss the above.

At 9:38 p.m. the Executive Session was held.

At 9:54 p.m. the Regular meeting reconvened.

At 9:54 p.m., motion by Ruger, seconded by Chait 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