

**HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING
HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING AUDITORIUM
VIA ZOOM VIDEO COMMUNICATIONS**

Monday, June 27, 2022 – 6:34 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, Uma Purandare, Mayor Courtney Peters-Manning

ABSENT: Kevin Kuchinski, Michael Ruger

STAFF PRESENT: Administrator/Public Works Director George Snyder, Municipal Clerk Laurie Gompf, CFO Julie Troutman, 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.

MINUTES SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL

Motion by Chait, seconded by Purandare to approve February 7, 2022 Special and Regular Meeting Minutes; February 22, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes; and February 28, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR MEETING AGENDA

Mayor Peters-Manning announced that there will be the addition of two Resolutions and one Ordinance to the agenda.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND STAFF REPORTS

Mr. Snyder reported that the OWL camera was being used tonight; that it had been borrowed from the Fire Bureau; that an OWL has been purchased for Township use, but is on back order; that it is being funded through the Health Department grant; announced that offices will be closed on July 4th for Independence Day; that chip seal and distressed pavement bids were received on Friday; and that road paving bids will be received on June 30th.

Ms. Troutman reported that the Municipal Audit deadline has been extended from June 30th to August 31st by the State this year; that the Township's portion of the audit is complete; that the auditor is now preparing the report; and that the Township is awaiting the report from the auditor.

Committee Member Purandare reported that the Health Department will be holding a Men's Health Screening Workshop at the Municipal Building on June 29th.

Committee Member Chait reported on Freon collection and the upcoming meetings of the Lower Delaware Wild and Scenic River Management Council and the Affordable Housing Committee.

Mayor Peters-Manning reported on the joint meeting of the Agricultural Advisory Committee and the Deer Management Advisory Committee and that the meeting was held to encourage farmland assessed properties to implement deer management on their properties.

PUBLIC SECTION

The following members of the public spoke during public comment:

Jon Edwards, a resident of Pennington Harbourton Road, requested updates regarding deer management; energy aggregation; and the lawsuits by the Boroughs regarding the PILOT.

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

ORDINANCE – FINAL READING, PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION

Mayor Peters-Manning read by title the introduced ordinance:

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER VII OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL ENTITLED "TRAFFIC" AND CHAPTER X OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL ENTITLED "FEES AND PERMITS" TO ESTABLISH REGULATIONS FOR PUBLIC PARKING SPACES FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLES

Mayor Peters-Manning declared public hearing open.

Harvey Lester, a resident of Continental Lane, questioned if the fines on the fee schedule would discourage anyone and suggested they should be higher.

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

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

Motion by Chait, seconded by Purandare to adopt the introduced ordinance.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Chait, Purandare, Mayor Peters-Manning

NOES: None

ABSENT: Kuchinski, Ruger

ORDINANCE ADOPTED

Ordinance advertised June 17, 2022, Hopewell Valley News. Posted municipal bulletin board as required by law.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-1776

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER VII OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL ENTITLED "TRAFFIC" AND CHAPTER X OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL ENTITLED "FEES AND PERMITS" TO ESTABLISH REGULATIONS FOR PUBLIC PARKING SPACES FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLES

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

SECTION 1. Chapter VII, entitled "Traffic," of the Code of the Township of Hopewell is hereby supplemented with a new Section as follows:

§ 7-3.9 Public Parking Spaces for Charging of Electric Vehicles

A. Definitions. For purposes of this Chapter, the following phrases and words shall have the meanings indicated:

Charging Station shall mean a location that is fitted with charging station equipment. **Charging Station Equipment** shall mean the conductors, including ungrounded and grounded, and the electric vehicle connectors, attachment plugs, and all other fittings, devices, power outlets, charging status or apparatus installed specifically for the purpose of delivering electrical energy from the Charging Station to the electric vehicle.

Charging Station Space shall mean a dedicated, marked parking space that is fitted with charging station equipment and exclusively used for the charging of electric vehicles.

Electric Scooter and/or Electric Motorcycle shall mean a 2-wheel or 3-wheel electric vehicle that operates exclusively on electrical energy stored in the vehicle's batteries.

Electric Vehicle shall mean a vehicle that operates, either partially or exclusively on electrical energy from a Charging Station or other electrical energy source that is stored in the vehicle's battery for propulsion purposes. Electric vehicle includes: a battery electric vehicle; a plug-in hybrid electrical vehicle; a neighborhood electric vehicle; and electric scooters or electric motorcycles.

Neighborhood Electric Vehicle shall mean an electric vehicle that is a low-speed vehicle, built to have a top speed of twenty-five miles per hour and have a maximum loaded weight of 3,000 lb.

Non-Electric Vehicle shall mean a vehicle that does not meet the definition of "electric vehicle" as provided herein.

Plug-In Hybrid Electric Vehicle or PHEV shall mean an electric vehicle that: contains an internal combustion engine and also allows power to be delivered to drive wheels by an electric motor; charges its battery primarily by connecting to a charging station or other electrical source not on board the vehicle; may additionally be able to sustain a battery charge using an on-board internal-combustion-driven generator; and has the ability to be propelled through the use of electricity.

B. Public parking spaces for charging of electric vehicles.

The Township may designate parking spaces for use as electric vehicle charging stations. Use of said charging station spaces shall be limited and restricted as follows:

- (1) It shall be unlawful for any person to park or leave standing a vehicle in a stall or space that is designated as a charging station unless the vehicle is an electric vehicle and is connected for electric charging purposes;
- (2) Nonelectric vehicles are prohibited from parking in charging station spaces; and
- (3) Electric vehicles are authorized to park in spaces designated as charging station spaces only during the time the vehicles are connected for electric charging purposes. When the vehicle is no longer charging, the owner or operator of said vehicle shall be required to remove the vehicle from the charging station space.

C. Charging station fees.

The fee to use parking spaces within the Township identified as charging station spaces shall be set forth in Chapter X Fees and Permits for when the electric vehicle is connected to the charging station.

D. Designation of public spaces for electric vehicle charging.

The following location(s) shall be designated as charging station spaces:

- (1) Five spaces located in the public parking lot of the Hopewell Township Municipal Building located on 201 Washington Crossing-Pennington Road, Titusville, New Jersey 08560.

SECTION 2. Chapter X, entitled "Fees and Permits," of the Code of the Township of Hopewell is hereby supplemented with a new Section as follows:

10-20 Fees for Electric Vehicle Public Charging Stations

- a. Fee. Electric vehicle charging station: \$1 to \$5 per hour, with a thirty-minute grace period after vehicle is fully charged, after which fee increases to \$5 to \$50 per hour

ORDINANCE – FINAL READING, PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION

Mayor Peters-Manning read by title the introduced ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A COMPREHENSIVE SALARY AND WAGE PLAN FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL, MERCER COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, AND TO PROVIDE FOR ITS ADMINISTRATION IN 2022

Mayor Peters-Manning declared public hearing open.

Jon Edwards noted that many Township Committees in the past have not voted for salary increases for themselves and many members of the Committee have not taken payment for their service.

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

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

Motion by Purandare, seconded by Chait to adopt the introduced ordinance.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Chait, Purandare, Mayor Peters-Manning

NOES: None

ABSENT: Kuchinski, Ruger

ORDINANCE ADOPTED

Ordinance advertised June 17, 2022, Hopewell Valley News. Posted municipal bulletin board as required by law.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-1777

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A COMPREHENSIVE SALARY AND WAGE PLAN FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL, MERCER COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, AND TO PROVIDE FOR ITS ADMINISTRATION IN 2022

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 2022 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:

Grade	Classification	Minimum	Maximum
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			
6	Deputy Clerk Deputy Court Administrator	40,000.	[71,000]. <u>74,000</u>
7			
8	Administrative Assistant Communications and Outreach Manager Foreman Public Health Nurse Utility Systems /Buildings Foreman [Assistant Treasurer/Assistant CFO]	45,000.	[90,000]. <u>93,000</u>
9	General Foreman Tax Collector	47,000.	[102,000] <u>106,000</u>

	Tax Assessor Human Resources Director Assistant Director of Public Works		
10	Municipal Court Administrator Recreation Director	49,000.	[94,000]. <u>98,000</u>
11	Director of Public Works Municipal Construction Official Municipal Clerk	55,000	[130,000]. <u>136,000</u>
11A	Health Officer	55,000	111,000
12	Police Lieutenant CFO/Treasurer Township Engineer Director Community Development	68,000	[160,000] <u>155,000</u>
13	Chief of Police Police Director	76,000	[150,000]. <u>167,000</u>
13 A	Deputy Administrator	10,000.	20,000
14	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:

Grade Classification		Maximum
2	OEM Coordinator	3,000.
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	[4,730] <u>4,920</u>

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	[12.00]	<u>13.00</u> 15.00
1	School Crossing Guard	[12.00]	<u>13.00</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	Public Health Nurse	25.00	38.00
4	Recreation Leader	15.00	35.00
5	Court On –Call Wages	250.00	375.00/quarter
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	40.00
8	Temporary Public Health Investigator	12.00	20.00
9	Temporary Sub Code Officials	27.00	50.00

Section 6. Full-time hourly employees shall be compensated at appropriate overtime rates of pay for the time worked in excess of the normal work week 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:

Administrator
Assistant Director Public Works
 CFO/Treasurer
 Chief of Police
 Police Director
 Communications and Outreach Manager
 Deputy Township Administrator
 Director Community Development
 Director of Public Works
 Health Officer
 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 \$38.00 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 **July** in 2022, upon adoption and publication in accordance with the law.

ORDINANCE – INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

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

ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$57,000 FROM THE CAPITAL
 IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR THE WASHINGTON CROSSING
 ESTATES TREATMENT PLANT PIPE REPLACEMENT PROJECT IN
 AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL, IN THE COUNTY OF
 MERCER, NEW JERSEY

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Chait, Purandare, Mayor Peters-Manning

NOES: None

ABSENT: Kuchinski, Ruger

ORDINANCE INTRODUCED

Second reading, public hearing date July 11, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**RESOLUTIONS #22-238 THROUGH #22-239**, Read by title.

Motion by Chait, seconded by Purandare to adopt Resolution #22-238 through #22-239.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**R E S O L U T I O N #22-238****A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE DMHAS GRANT FUNDING AMOUNT IN RESOLUTION #22-170 AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE FOR A DIVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES (DMHAS) YOUTH LEADERSHIP GRANT**

WHEREAS, the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (GCADA) 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. In coordination with GCADA, the New Jersey Department of Human Services/Division on Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) has awarded a Youth Leadership Grant to the GCADA Municipal Alliance Program; and

WHEREAS, The Hopewell Township 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 has an established Municipal Alliance Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Hopewell Township Committee 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 Hopewell Township Committee has applied for DMHAS Youth Leadership funding through the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Mercer.

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

1. The Hopewell Township Committee does hereby authorize submission of an application for DMHAS Grant funding for the Hopewell Valley Municipal Alliance for Year One Grant Term 7/1/22 – 3/14/23 in the amount of:
DMHAS Grant Funding ~~\$4,330.00~~ \$4,430.00
2. The Hopewell Township Committee acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

R E S O L U T I O N #22-239**A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP ZONING OFFICER TO ISSUE A TEMPORARY ACTIVITIES PERMIT TO THE PENNINGTON SCHOOL FOR A CROSS COUNTRY MEET AT WOOLSEY PARK**

WHEREAS, Rick Ritter, with The Pennington School, seeks permission to use the Woolsey Park for a Cross Country Meet scheduled for September 20, 2022, September 28, 2022, and October 11, 2022 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, approximately 40 participants are expected to attend 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 Police Department, the Hopewell Township Health Department, Hopewell Valley Fire Safety, the Municipal Construction Office, and the Hopewell Township Recreation Department who have raised no objections.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on this 27th day of June 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 Rick Ritter/The Pennington School for a Cross Country Meet scheduled for September 20, 2022, September 28, 2022, and October 11, 2022 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., subject to receipt of all final approvals and comments from the Hopewell Township Police, Hopewell Township Health Officer, Hopewell Valley Fire Safety, Municipal Construction Office, Hopewell Township Recreation Department and Zoning Officer, and subject to any relevant restrictions on use, noise, signs, etc., including:

1. The Applicant must provide Hopewell Valley Fire Safety an EMS plan for the event.

RESOLUTION #22-240. Read by title.

Motion by Chait, seconded by Purandare to adopt Resolution #22-240.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

R E S O L U T I O N #22-240

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RETIREMENT OF OFFICER JOHN A. FERNER IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, Officer John A. Ferner was appointed as a Patrolman within the Hopewell Township Police Department on June 16, 1997; and

WHEREAS, Officer John A. Ferner has served Hopewell Township honorably throughout his 25 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 Officer John A. Ferner from the Hopewell Township Police Department effective July 1, 2022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hopewell Township Committee, on behalf of itself and all municipal employees, wishes Officer John A. Ferner good health and happiness in his retirement.

RESOLUTION #22-241. Read by title.

Motion by Chait, seconded by Purandare to adopt Resolution #22-241.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

R E S O L U T I O N #22-241

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING DANIEL G. KEOUGH AS TAX ASSESSOR OF HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Hopewell had previously appointed Daniel G. Keough to a 4-year term of office as Tax Assessor, with such 4-year term having commenced on March 26, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Daniel G. Keough has admirably performed his job responsibilities as Hopewell Township Tax Assessor during this first term of office; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed in the best interests of the Township of Hopewell to reappoint Daniel G. Keough to the position of Hopewell Township Tax Assessor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 27th day of June 2022, that Daniel G. Keough be and hereby is reappointed to the position of Tax Assessor of Hopewell Township pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:9-146 et seq., with said reappointment commencing on July 1, 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said reappointment of Daniel G. Keough to the position of Hopewell Township Tax Assessor is subject to the rights and privileges provided by law under N.J.S.A. 54:1-35.31 et seq. providing for tenure in office.

RESOLUTION #22-242. Read by title.

Motion by Chait, seconded by Purandare to adopt Resolution #22-242.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

R E S O L U T I O N #22-242

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE

BE IT RESOLVED, on this 27th day of June 2022, that the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, does hereby appoint Frank Guenther as a member to the Senior Advisory Committee to a two-year unexpired term expiring December 31, 2022.

RESOLUTION #22-243. Read by title.

Motion by Chait, seconded by Purandare to adopt Resolution #22-243.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

R E S O L U T I O N #22-243

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING AND ENCOURAGING THE STATE LEGISLATURE
TO PROVIDE \$10 MILLION IN ANNUAL STATE FUNDING TO SUPPORT PUBLIC
HEALTH MEASURES**

WHEREAS, Public Health Priority Funding was an important funding source to support the funding and operations of local health department across the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Public Health Priority Funding supported programs and staff of local health departments until 2011; and

WHEREAS, local tax dollars that fund local health departments are insufficient to support the operations of most health department, with New Jersey ranking near the bottom for support for local health departments in this Nation; and

WHEREAS, communicable disease outbreaks in long-term care facilities and the deadly COVID-19 Pandemic have stressed and overwhelmed all local health departments in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, New Jersey ranked 31st in the nation in state funding for public health, and ranked 51st, among 50 states and the District of Columbia, in grant funding received from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. ¹

WHEREAS, available grants and CARES funding does not fully address the infrastructure and staffing needs of local health departments, nor did this funding address long-term sustainable funding; and

WHEREAS the State Health Department would distribute this funding to local health agencies with the express purpose of supporting public health initiatives, services, staff and programs to help re-build and maintain public health infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, \$10 million would be used to support such necessary initiatives, services, staff and programs to: track, prevent the spread of communicable disease, address environmental and public health issues, develop strategies to address emerging environmental and public issues and threats;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hopewell Township Committee requests and encourages the legislature to provide \$10 million to the State Health Department for the purpose of being distributed to local health departments to support their operations in efforts to prevent disease, promote healthy communities and protect New Jersey from environmental and public health issues and emerging threats for the public good and safety of the State.

RESOLUTION #22-244. Read by title.

Motion by Chait, seconded by Purandare to adopt Resolution #22-244.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

R E S O L U T I O N #22-244

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL, COUNTY OF MERCER,
STATE OF NEW JERSEY, REJECTING ALL BID SUBMITTALS FOR BID # 22-11
WASHINGTON CROSSING PARK ESTATES WATER TREATMENT PLANT
ELECTRICAL UPGRADES**

WHEREAS, there exists a need for electrical upgrade at the Washington Crossing Park Estates Treatment Plant; and

WHEREAS, the Township publicly advertised and received one (1) response to the invitation for bid # 22-11, publicly opened on June 1, 2022 at 10:00A.M.; and

WHEREAS, the bid submitted by the lowest apparent bidder DeMaio Electrical Co Inc., in the amount of \$104,600.00 substantially exceeded cost estimates for the project; and

WHEREAS, in accord with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-13.2(a) the governing body may reject all bids, when the lowest bid substantially exceeds the cost estimates for the goods or services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that the responses to Bid # 22-11 are hereby rejected in accord with N.J.S. 40A:11-13.2(a).

RESOLUTION #22-245. Read by title.

Motion by Chait, seconded by Purandare to adopt Resolution #22-245.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

R E S O L U T I O N #22-245

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL, COUNTY OF MERCER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF CHANGE ORDER #1 TO THE CONTRACT WITH EARLE ASPHALT CO. FOR REPAIR OF MOTOR VEHICLE CRASH DAMAGE TO NEWLY PAVED ROADWAY

WHEREAS, the Township of Hopewell awarded on October 18, 2021 through Resolution #21-365 to Earle Asphalt Co. for Harbourton-Rocktown Road Improvements, Bid # 21-10 in the amount of \$490,013.13; and

WHEREAS, on June 21, 2022, the design engineer, Van Cleef Engineering, has indicated that the contractor has encountered unforeseen circumstances requiring the change order as proposed (N.J.A.C. 5:34-11-8(c)(1); and

WHEREAS, Earle Asphalt Co. Inc. submitted a proposal to address repair newly paved roadway, sustaining damage as a result of a motor vehicle crash, in the amount of \$23,280.00, which the Engineer deemed reasonable; and

WHEREAS the amount of change order requested is a net increase of \$23,280.00, which represents in the aggregate, an increase of 4.75%, less than the aggregate maximum increase of 20% change order as required at N.J.A.C 5:34-11-3(a)(9); and

WHEREAS, based on the engineer's recommendation, the Director of the Department of Public Works has recommended that the Township execute Change Order#1 to the contract with Earle Asphalt Co. addressing the damage; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer certifies funding in the amount of \$23,280.00 is available from:

Line item: X-04-00-678-410

WHEREAS, the Township of Hopewell desires to amend the contract with Earle Asphalt Co. in accordance with the recommendation of the design engineer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that the Mayor is authorized to execute and the Clerk to attest to Change Order #1 to the contract with Earle Asphalt Co. in the amount of \$23,280.00 for a total contract amount \$513,293.13.

RESOLUTION #22-246. Read by title.

Motion by Chait, seconded by Purandare to adopt Resolution #22-246.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

R E S O L U T I O N #22-246

RESOLUTION APPROVING RENEWAL OF RETAIL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSES FOR 2022-2023

WHEREAS, the application and all required state and municipal fees have been received for renewal of the Retail Alcoholic Beverage Licenses listed; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Hopewell Health Department and Police Department have informed the Municipal Clerk that the listed licensed establishment has been inspected for compliance of requirements under their purview.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, that the application for renewal of the following retail alcoholic beverage licenses for the year 2022-2023 is hereby approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Municipal Clerk of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, is hereby authorized and instructed to issue and deliver said license on or before June 30, 2022:

**PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSES
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022**

<u>STATE ISSUE</u>	<u>LICENSEE</u>	<u>TRADE NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
1106-33-010-004	Queenie’s Gastronomy, LLC	Princeton Wine Company	25 Route 31 South, Suite 17 Pennington, NJ 08534
1106-33-006-009	TJ’s of Hopewell, Inc.	TJ’s Italian Restaurant & Bar	25 Route 31 South Suite O Pennington, NJ 08534

RESOLUTION #22-247. Read by title.
Motion by Chait, seconded by Purandare to adopt Resolution #22-247.
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

R E S O L U T I O N #22-247

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE AWARD OF A REQUIRED
DISCLOSURE CONTRACT WITH C.M. DICOCCO LLC,
FOR HUNT FARM GRASS SWALE EXCAVATION**

WHEREAS, the Township of Hopewell has a need for services for the project known as Hunt Farm Grass Swale excavation, by C.M. Dicocco LLC, P.O. Box 465 Pennington, N.J. 08534, as a required disclosure contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A- 20.5; and

WHEREAS, C.M. Dicocco LLC, has provided for a quote of service for \$21,600.00; and

WHEREAS, C.M. Dicocco LLC has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification and a Personal Contribution Disclosure form which certifies that C.M. Dicocco LLC has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Township of Hopewell in the previous one year, and that the contract will C.M. Dicocco LLC from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer hereby certifies that funds NOT TO EXCEED \$21,600.00 are available as follows:

Line item: X-04-00-679-420

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell authorizes the Business Administrator to enter into a contract with C.M. Dicocco LLC for the project known as Hunt Farm Grass Swale excavation not to exceed \$21,600.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Business Disclosure Entity Certification and Personal Contribution Disclosure form, Determination of Value be placed on file with this resolution.

RESOLUTION #22-248. Read by title.
Motion by Chait, seconded by Purandare to adopt Resolution #22-248.
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

R E S O L U T I O N #22-248

**AUTHORIZING SEWER CLEANER/VACUUM TRUCK
PROCUREMENT THROUGH H.A. DEHART & SON PURSUANT
TO NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACT –
DIVISION OF PURCHASE AND PROPERTY
CONTRACT NUMBER 21-FLEET-03202**

WHEREAS, a need exists for the acquisition of Department of Public Works specialty equipment for the daily operations of the Township of Hopewell Department of Public Works; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Hopewell may, without advertising for bids, purchase such materials through the New Jersey State Purchase and Property State Contracts 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 following vendors hold New Jersey State Purchase and Property State Contracts:

H.A. Dehart & Son
311 Crown Point Road
Thorofare, NJ 08086-9999:

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works has a need for a procurement of a Sewer Cleaner/Vacuum Truck 12 Yard Ejector Type without Waste Water Recycling Chassis to be Factory Supplied Freightliner Model LI114SD, 2022 Year Model, CML 12, X12, and accessories in the amount of \$478,165.32; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer certifies that funds are available in the amount not to exceed \$478,165.32 from:

Account number: X-02-00-920-593 \$ 35,758.00
X-04-00-677-805 \$143,770.01
X-04-00-678-605 \$ 26,938.69
X-04-00-679-605 \$271,698.62

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Township of Hopewell, pursuant to N.J.S.A.40A:11-12 & N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.29 that it authorizes the use of New Jersey State contract number 21-FLEET-03202, through H.A. Dehart & Son, 311 Crown Point Road, Thorofare, NJ 08086-9999, for the purchase of a Sewer Cleaner/Vacuum Truck 12 Yard Ejector Type without Waste Water Recycling Chassis to be Factory Supplied Freightliner Model LI114SD, 2022 Year Model, CML 12, X12, and accessories in the amount of \$478,165.32

RESOLUTION #22-249. Read by title.

Motion by Chait, seconded by Purandare to adopt Resolution #22-249.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

R E S O L U T I O N #22-249

RESOLUTION REJECTING BID SUBMITTAL FOR BID 22-15 FIVE (5) INCH DISTRESSED PAVEMENT PROGRAM TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL

WHEREAS the Township duly advertised and received responses for Bid 22-15 Five (5) Inch Distressed Pavement Program for the Township of Hopewell on June 24, 2022, at 1:00 P.M., in a fair and open manner, consistent with N.J.S.A 19:44A-20.5; and

WHEREAS, the proposal received by DeSantis Construction Inc. PO Box 6030, Somerset, New Jersey, 08875 failed to submit a properly executed ownership disclosure form in accord with N.J.S.A. 52:25-24.2; and

WHEREAS, this constitutes a fatal defect and makes the rejection of the proposal mandatory in accord with N.J.S.A 40A:11-23.2 (c)

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

1. The submittal of proposal by DeSantis Construction Inc. PO Box 6030, Somerset, New Jersey, 08875 in response to Bid # 22-15 Five (5) Inch Distressed Pavement Program for the Township of Hopewell is hereby rejected as a mandatory fatal defect in accord with N.J.S.A.40A:11-23.2 (c)

RESOLUTION #22-250. Read by title.

Motion by Chait, seconded by Purandare to adopt Resolution #22-250.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

R E S O L U T I O N #22-250

**RESOLUTION OF AWARD FOR
 BID #22-15 FIVE (5) INCH DISTRESSED PAVEMENT
 PROGRAM TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL**

WHEREAS, the Township has advertised and received formal bids on June 24, 2022, at 1:00 P.M., for Bid # 22-15 Five (5) Inch Distressed Pavement Program in a Fair and Open manner in accord with N.J.S.A 19:44A-20.5 et. Seq.; and

WHEREAS, after the Township received four (4) bids in response as follows:

NAME OF BIDDER	Desantis Construction Inc.	Richard T. Barrett Paving Contractors Inc.	Earle Asphalt	Top Line Construction Corp.
Lump Sum Bid	\$248,364.00	\$266,232.30	\$369,213.13	\$458,283.74

;and

WHEREAS, the lowest apparent bidder, DeSantis Construction was rejected due to a fatal defect in their bid response; and

WHEREAS, it is determined by the design engineer and the qualified purchasing agent that the lowest responsible bidder is Richard T. Barrett Paving Contractors Inc., 400 Prospect Street, Trenton, New Jersey, 08618 with a bid of \$266,232.30; and

WHEREAS, subject to approval of future budgets by the governing body, the Chief Financial Officer hereby certifies that funds are available, as follows:

Line Item: x-04-00-679-410 - \$266,232.30

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, Mercer County, New Jersey, that the recommendation to award is hereby accepted. The bid by Richard T. Barrett Paving Contractors, Inc., 400 Prospect Street, Trenton, New Jersey, 08618 with a bid of \$266,232.30 is hereby accepted and awarded in accord with the tenets as expressed in Bid # 22-15 Five (5) Inch Distressed Pavement Program

; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, Mercer County, New Jersey, that the Mayor is authorized to effectuate contracts with the approved vendors, reflecting the precepts as contained within this agreement.

RESOLUTION #22-251. Read by title.

Motion by Chait, seconded by Purandare to adopt Resolution #22-251.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Chait, Purandare, Mayor Peters-Manning

NOES: None

ABSENT: Kuchinski, Ruger

R E S O L U T I O N #22-251

BILLS & CLAIMS

BE IT RESOLVED, that the list of cash disbursements authorized for approval of bills for payment date June 27, 2022 in the following amounts:

Bills and Claims	\$	7,392,361.58
Payroll	\$	341,176.96
Total Disbursements	\$	7,733,538.54

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:

Melanie Philips, a resident of Washington Crossing-Pennington Road, questioned the procedure in which members of the public can inform the Mayor that they cannot hear the proceedings on Zoom.

Jon Edwards also questioned the procedure in which technical matters on Zoom may be reported during the meeting and requested that Mr. Goodell repeat the answer to his previous question as the sound went out as he was speaking.

Harvey Lester also commented on the sound problems with Zoom.

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 Chait, seconded by Purandare 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 #22-252

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 27th day of June, 2022 by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that the Township Committee shall forthwith conduct an executive session to discuss the above.

At 7:16 p.m. the Executive Session was held.

At 7:54 p.m. the Regular meeting reconvened.

At 7:54 p.m., motion by Chait, seconded by Purandare to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

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

LAURIE E. GOMPF
MUNICIPAL CLERK