

**BOROUGH OF HOPEWELL
BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
APPROVED: 2/2/2017**

**SPECIAL MEETING
JANUARY 25, 2017**

A Special Meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Hopewell was called to order by Mayor Paul Anzano at 3:04 pm on January 25, 2017. Mayor Anzano asked Council President C. Schuyler Morehouse to preside over the meeting at that point as he, Council members Mr. Chris Fossel and Mr. David Mackie were participating via conference call. Ms. Debra Lehman and Mr. Robert Lewis were absent. Borough Attorney Joseph Tauriello (via conference call), Borough Administrator/Clerk Michele Hovan and Deputy Borough Clerk Regina Toth were also present. There were two members of the public present.

Ms. Hovan read the "Sunshine Statement" indicating the meeting was being held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

Mr. Morehouse opened the meeting to the public. There being no questions or comments the meeting was closed to the public on motion by Mr. Fossel, seconded by Mr. Mackie and carried.

RESOLUTIONS NO. 2017-27

Ms. Hovan summarized the terms of the settlement agreement with F. P. Enterprises, LLC (Block 18, Lot 1 and Block 12, Lot 7), stating: 2014 = withdrawn, 2015 = \$2.5m, 2016 = \$2.4m, 2017 = \$2.2m with an agreement to not further reduce the assessments during tax year 2018. In response to a question raised by Mr. Mackie, Mr. Tauriello spoke to the stipulation language regarding 2017 and 2018 for added clarification as those future tax years may or may not be part of the judge's order so they are referenced separately in the stipulation settlement text. Mr. Morehouse stated that the refundable values would be part of the discussion of the 2017 budget.

There being no additional discussion, Resolution No, 2017-27, as listed below and filed in the Borough Clerk's office, was adopted on motion by Mr. Mackie, seconded by Mr. Fossel and carried.

2017-27 APPROVAL OF TAX APPEAL SETTLEMENT – BLOCK 18, LOT 1 & BLOCK 12, LOT 7

ROLL CALL:

AYES:	FOSSEL, MACKIE, MOREHOUSE (ANZANO, if needed)
NAYS:	NONE
ABSENT:	LEHMAN, LEWIS
ABSTAIN:	NONE

Mr. Morehouse opened the meeting to the public. There being no questions or comments, the meeting was closed to the public on motion by Mr. Mackie, seconded by Mr. Fossel and carried. There being no further comment, the meeting was adjourned at 3:13 pm on motion by Mr. Mackie, seconded by Mr. Fossel and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Hovan
Borough Administrator/Clerk