

**BOROUGH OF HOPEWELL
BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
APPROVED: 7/6/2017**

**REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 1, 2017**

The Regular Meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Hopewell was called to order by Mayor Paul Anzano at 5:30 pm on June 1, 2017. Borough Administrator/Clerk Michele Hovan read the “Sunshine Statement” indicating the meeting was being held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act and Mayor Paul Anzano led the flag salute.

Mayor Anzano called the roll and the following members of the Borough Council were present: Mr. Robert Lewis, Mr. David Mackie and Mr. C. Schuyler Morehouse. Ms. Debra Lehman, Mr. Chris Fossel, and Ms. Shelby Tewell were absent. Borough Attorney Joseph Tauriello was present. There were no members of the public present.

EXECUTIVE RESOLUTION NO. 2017-62- on motion by Mr. Mackie, seconded by Mr. Lewis and carried, the resolution to enter executive session to discuss tax appeal litigation matters was adopted.

Mayor Anzano reconvened the Regular portion of the meeting at 7:00 pm. Borough Engineer Dennis O’Neal was present. There were no members of the public present. Mayor Anzano opened the meeting to the public. There being no questions or comments, the meeting was closed to the public on motion of Mr. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Mackie and carried.

Presentation – 2016 Local Health Report

Ms. Devangi Patel, Montgomery Township Health Educator, presented Council with a summary of programs and initiatives completed or underway during 2016, and provided statistical data for health and animal control services and fielded topical questions from Council members. Mr. Morehouse inquired about the opioid epidemic and effect in Hopewell Valley. Mayor Anzano commented on the positive feedback he receives from the public regarding Montgomery Health and thanked the staff for their commitment to Hopewell Borough.

MINUTES – The meeting minutes from the May 4, 2017 regular meeting were accepted on motion by Mr. Morehouse, seconded by Mr. Lewis, and carried.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS – there were no comments or questions regarding the Director’s submitted report.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF WATER AND SEWERS- there were no comments or questions regarding the Director’s submitted report.

REPORT OF THE BOROUGH ENGINEER – Mr. O’Neal reported that the Streetscape III project was scheduled to begin, announced the award of \$240k in local aid grant dollars for East Prospect Phase II and announced that construction on East Prospect Phase I was due to commence on or about July 5th. In response to a concern raised by Mr. Lewis, Mr. O’Neal said that he would work with public works to diagnose the signal issue with the “your speed is” sign on CR654.

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ORDINANCE NO. 805 – SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING

CAPITAL ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE ROAD REPAIR WORK, INCLUDING LABOR AND MATERIALS, ON VARIOUS ROADWAYS WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF HOPEWELL, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF HOPEWELL, IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, AND THE EXPENDITURE OF \$40,000.00 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR THE FINANCING THEREOF

Ms. Hovan read Ordinance 805 by title and explained that the Ordinance funds material costs for paving work on Princeton Avenue and repairs to Somerset Street drainage as well as other areas if needed.

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

Resolution No. 2017-63, as filed in the Municipal Clerk's office to adopt Ordinance No. 805 was adopted on motion of Mr. Morehouse, seconded by Ms. Lewis and carried.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: LEWIS, MACKIE, MOREHOUSE

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FOSSEL, LEHMAN, TEWELL

ABSTAIN: NONE

ORDINANCE NO. 806 – FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE RETAIL SALE OF DOGS AND CATS IN PET SHOPS IN THE BOROUGH OF HOPEWELL BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 6-14, WITHIN CHAPTER VI OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF HOPEWELL, 1975, ENTITLED "ANIMALS"

Mayor Anzano pulled the proposed ordinance and asked that Council members review and consider for the July agenda. Mr. Lewis said that he objected in principle to the ordinance and that he'd offer suggested language edits prior to the next meeting.

Resolution No. 2017-64, as filed in the Municipal Clerk's office was not adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 807 – FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER XA OF THE "REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF HOPEWELL (1975)" KNOWN AS "THE LAND USE PROCEDURES ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF HOPEWELL"

Ms. Hovan read Ordinance 807 by title. Mr. Mackie and Ms. Hovan explained that the escrow fees remain problematic at the Planning Board level and that setting fees and deposits sets a false expectation of project costs for applicants. Mr. Mackie said that the fee schedule contained in the ordinance was based on the Board's recommendations.

Resolution No. 2017-65, as filed in the Municipal Clerk's office to introduce Ordinance No. 807, was adopted on motion of Mr. Mackie, seconded by Mr. Morehouse and carried.

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NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FOSSEL, LEHMAN, TEWELL

ABSTAIN: NONE

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution Nos. 2017-66 and 2017-67, as filed in the Municipal Clerk's Office, were adopted on motion of Mr. Morehouse, seconded by Mr. Lewis and carried.

2017-66	Liquor License Renewal – Hopewell House
2017-67	Liquor License Renewal – Hopewell Bistro

ROLL CALL:

AYES: LEWIS, MACKIE, MOREHOUSE

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FOSSEL, LEHMAN, TEWELL

ABSTAIN: NONE

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

The following Departmental Reports were accepted and approved on motion by Mr. Morehouse, seconded by Mr. Lewis and carried:

VITAL STATISTICS	APRIL	\$ 188.00
ZONING	APRIL	\$ 150.00
HEALTH	APRIL	\$ 110.00
ANIMAL LICENSING	APRIL	\$ 111.00
MUNICIPAL CLERK	APRIL	\$ 2,063.59
COURT	APRIL	\$ 3,064.50
TAX COLLECTOR	APRIL	\$ 600,613.96
FACILITY RENTALS	APRIL	\$ 760.00

CLAIMS FOR PAYMENT

The Claims for Payment, as attached, were approved on motion of Mr. Morehouse, seconded by Mr. Lewis and carried.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: LEWIS, MACKIE, MOREHOUSE

NAYS: NONE

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COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS

Mr. Morehouse said that he was working on a fundraising initiative for the library board to consider in an attempt to fund a new building.

There being no further reports or comments, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm on motion by Mr. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Morehouse and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Hovan
Borough Administrator/Clerk