

**HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING
HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING AUDITORIUM**

Monday, November 28, 2005 - 7:04 p.m.

PROPER STATEMENT OF NOTICE - Mayor Kemp 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 and The Times (the official newspapers) on January 5, 2005 in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975.

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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:lorio, Niederer, Sandom, Sandahl, Mayor Kemp

ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT:Administrator Hilling, Township Attorney Goodell, Deputy Municipal Clerk Moore, CFO Borges

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

ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR MEETING AGENDA

Committee Member Sandom asked that a resolution urging Governor Cody to maintain existing pay-to-play restrictions be added to the agenda for the Committee's consideration; and Committee Member Sandahl asked that a resolution concerning a review of land use, planning, zoning, open space, affordable housing functions at Hopewell Township be added to the agenda. The Committee concurred as to the addition of the aforementioned resolutions.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND STAFF REPORTS

Committee Member Niederer reported on Public Works Department activities.

Committee Member Sandahl announced that a public hearing on the Housing Element of the township's Master Plan is scheduled for November 29, 2005.

Mr. Hilling announced that the deadline for the Toys For Tots dropoff at the municipal building is December 15. He noted a Boy Scout project for improvements to the Hart's Corner and he expressed thanks to the Scouts for their efforts.

Mr. Goodell provided an update on the rezoning litigation against the township; and reported on scheduled mediation with respect to the Oak Ridge Park development.

PUBLIC SECTION

William Schoelwer, a resident of Westcott Boulevard, commented on the resolution proposed by Committee Member Sandahl concerning certain township departments.

Morton Rosenthal and Victor Rosynsky, residents of the Wellington Manor development, appeared before the Committee, to ask that the township assist homeowners in obtaining Energy Star certification through the developer, Beazer Homes. Mr. Pogorzelski indicated that the township does not have jurisdiction over the matter insofar as there is no law requiring such certification of a developer.

ORDINANCE - INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

Mayor Kemp read by title the ordinance for introduction:

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING PARKING PURSUANT TO TITLE 39
ALONG PENNINGTON-HARBOURTON ROAD, PENNINGTON-
TITUSVILLE ROAD AND SCOTCH ROAD

Mr. Goodell explained that the proposed ordinance was connected to Planning Board approvals for the Back Timberlane Athletic Fields project.

Motion by Sandahl, seconded by Niederer to introduce the ordinance on first reading.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Iorio, Niederer, Sandahl, Sandom, Mayor Kemp

NOES: None

ORDINANCE INTRODUCED

Second reading, public hearing date December 12, 2005, at 7:00 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

RESOLUTIONS #05-326 THROUGH #05-330, BINGO LICENSE APPLICATION BA:1-06 AND RAFFLES LICENSE APPLICATION RA:13-05. Read by title.

Motion by Sandahl, seconded by Niederer to adopt Resolutions #05-326 through #05-330 and approve Bingo License BA:1-06 and Raffles License RA:13-05.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

R E S O L U T I O N #05-326

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING
REFUNDS FROM HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP
ZONING TRUST ACCOUNTS**

BE IT RESOLVED, on this 28th day of November 2005, 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 account balance shown insofar as their respective Zoning Board of Adjustment applications have been finalized:

<u>A/C#</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
24585	William & Hester Farmer 14 Grange Road Pennington, NJ 08534 Hardship Variance B Block 78.31 Lot 7	\$207.85
24586	Michael & Dawn Wessler 167 Pennington Rocky Hill Road Hopewell, NJ 08525 Hardship Variance B Block 20 Lot 21.031	177.85
24589	James T. Andrews	191.40

	134 Hopewell Wertsville Road Hopewell, NJ 08525 Hardship Variance B Block 6 Lot 49	
24592	Susan & Leonardo Decandia 15 Bailey Drive Princeton, NJ 08540 Hardship Variance B Block 39.02 Lot 9.33	71.40
24595	Molly Vernon 27 Nelson Ridge Road Princeton, NJ 08540 Hardship Variance B Block 40 Lot 59 (Withdrawn)	238.91
24599	Robert Paul Discordia 1 Meadow Lane Pennington, NJ 08534 Hardship Variance B Block 43.16 Lot 2	193.91
24600	Aaron & Heather Tellier 3 Forrest Blend Drive Titusville, NJ 08560 Hardship Variance B Block 99.06 Lot 20	193.91
24601	George Marko 7 Apache Drive Pennington, NJ 08534 Hardship Variance B Block 75.03 Lot 8	218.65
24607	John T. Forker 54 Manley Road Pennington, NJ 08534 Hardship Variance B Block 78.42 Lot 10	250.99
24608	Todd W. Oldenburg 17 Minnietown Lane Hopewell, NJ 08525 Hardship Variance B Block 2 Lot 26	205.98
	TOTAL	\$1,950.85

RESOLUTION #05-327

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING
RELEASE OF BONDS AND/OR FEES**

WHEREAS, bonds and/or fees were posted for various permits; and
WHEREAS, appropriate Township Department Officials have certified that outstanding items have been met and recommend reimbursement of the bonds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on this 28th day of November 2005, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey:

1. That Engineering Bond money (\$6,515.00) posted on 11/5/02 for Block 62, Lot 12.11 by Toll Bros., Inc. be and is hereby released.
2. That Temporary CO Bond money (\$1,000.00) for Building, (\$1,000.00) for Driveway and (\$500.00) for Health, posted on 2/4/05 for Block 5, Lot 14.02 by Hopewell Homes, Inc. be and is hereby released.

RESOLUTION #05-328

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING
REFUNDS FROM HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP
PLOT PLAN REVIEW & CERTIFICATE OF
OCCUPANCY INSPECTION ACCOUNTS**

BE IT RESOLVED, on this 28th day of November 2005, 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 following account balances:

<u>BLOCK/LOT</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
62.01/ 80.10	Toll Bros., Inc.	\$ 87.50
62/12.15	250 Gibraltar Road	\$293.00
62/12.16	Horsham, PA 19044	\$352.10
62/12.17		\$225.50
62/12.21		\$ 24.10
62.02/14		\$105.25
62/12.20		<u>\$161.50</u>
		\$1,248.95
78.43/.001/C50	Beazer Homes Corp	\$44.11
275 Phillips Blvd		
Trenton, NJ 08618		

RESOLUTION #05-329

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING
REFUNDS FROM HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP
PLANNING TRUST ACCOUNTS**

BE IT RESOLVED, on this 28th day of November 2005, 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 account balance shown as their respective Planning Board or Zoning Board of Adjustment applications have been finalized:

<u>A/C#</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
DU020	Duffy, Mitchell and Jennifer 1310 River Road Titusville, NJ 08560 Minor Subdivision	\$701.59
YY054	Neuman Management Associates LLC P. O. Box 2609 Hamilton Square, NJ 08690 Engineering Inspections	\$344.75
	TOTAL	\$1,046.21

RESOLUTION #05-330

**RESOLUTION FOR REDEMPTION
OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATES**

WHEREAS, the Township of Hopewell has received payment for the redemption of tax sale certificates #04-07 and #05-02;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on this 28th day of November 2005, that the Township Committee, of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, hereby authorizes the Tax Collector to release the amounts specified to the lien holders listed below.

BLOCK	LOT	NAME	AMOUNT	LIEN HOLDER
78.43	1 C008	Applestein, Scott	\$25,895.63	Wachovia-Cust/Sass V DTR
21	1.03	Furlong Bernadette S.	\$10,396.15	American Tax Funding, LLC

APPLICATIONS

BINGO LICENSE - HOPEWELL VALLEY POST 339 AMERICAN LEGION (BA:1-06). 26 Bingo games on Wednesday evenings in 2006 to be held at the Post Home on Van Dyke Road.

RAFFLES LICENSE - BULLDOG BOOSTER CLUB - (RA:13-05) 50/50 on-premise raffles on 20 dates during December 2005, and January 2006, Hopewell Valley Central High School, 259 Pennington-Titusville Road.

RESOLUTION #05-331. Read by title.
Motion by Niederer, seconded by Sandahl to adopt Resolution #05-331.
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

R E S O L U T I O N #05-331

2005 BUDGET TRANSFER RESOLUTION #2

BE IT RESOLVED on this 28th day of November 2005, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer and State of New Jersey, that a transfer be made in the 2005 Budget appropriations as follows:

From:

Court O/E	81,600.00
Court S/W	11,400.00
Clerk S/W	15,000.00
Charter Study O/E	<u>1,700.00</u>
Total	\$109,700.00

To:

Health S/W	8,000.00
Executive S/W	1,000.00
Police S/W	99,000.00
Charter Study S/W	<u>1,700.00</u>
Total	\$109,700.00

RESOLUTION #05-332. Read into the record by Mayor Kemp.
Motion by Iorio, seconded by Niederer to adopt Resolution #05-332.
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

R E S O L U T I O N #05-332

**A RESOLUTION IDENTIFYING
CAPTAIN GEORGE MEYER AS HOPEWELL**

TOWNSHIP'S NEXT CHIEF OF POLICE

WHEREAS, Hopewell Township Police Chief Michael Chipowsky has submitted his retirement request with an effective date of March 1, 2006; 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 Captain George Meyer, and determined that Captain Meyer 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 28th day of November 2005, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that Captain George Meyer should be appointed Chief of Police upon the retirement of Chief Michael Chipowsky, effective March 1, 2006, and that a formal resolution to that effect be introduced upon the reorganization of the Township Committee on January 3, 2006.

RESOLUTION #05-333. Read by title.

Motion by Sandahl, seconded by Niederer to adopt Resolution #05-333.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

R E S O L U T I O N #05-333

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE USE OF THE NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM BY FIRST RESPONDERS IN HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS, the National Incident Management System is a proven effective method of organizing emergency responses to both large and small scale events; and

WHEREAS, the National Incident Management System has been adopted as the national standard by the Department of Homeland Security, the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the New Jersey Office of Homeland Security; and

WHEREAS, first responders in Hopewell Township have been or are being trained in the use of the National Incident Management System; and

WHEREAS, first responders in Hopewell Township, operating under the auspices of the Hopewell Valley Office of Emergency Management, need to utilize an incident response system.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 28th day of November 2005, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey that the National Incident Management System, also known as NIMS is hereby adopted and will be utilized by first responders when operating under the emergency management system in Hopewell Township.

RESOLUTION #05-334. Read by title.

Motion by Sandahl, seconded by Niederer to adopt Resolution #05-334.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

R E S O L U T I O N #05-334

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT (RONALD A. CURINI APPRAISAL CO., INC.)

WHEREAS, there exists a need for certain professional appraisal services to assist in farmland and open space appraisals; and

WHEREAS, the maximum amount of the contract is \$18,156.00 for such services and funds are available for this purpose certified by the local finance officer; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A.40A:11- 1 et seq.) requires that a resolution authorizing the award of contracts for "Professional Services" without competitive bids and the contract itself must be available for public inspection;

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

1. The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the attached agreement with:

Larry Melamed of the firm Ronald A. Curini Appraisal Co., Inc., 2135 Route 33, Lexington Square Commons, Hamilton, NJ 08690 for farmland and open space appraisal services

2. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A.40A:11-5 (1)(a) as a contract for services to be performed by persons authorized by law to practice recognized professions that are regulated by law and it is not possible to obtain competitive bids.

3. A notice of this action shall be published once in the official newspaper as required by law.

RESOLUTION #05-335. Read by title.

Motion by Niederer, seconded by Iorio to adopt Resolution #05-335.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

R E S O L U T I O N #05-335

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT (MARTIN APPRAISAL ASSOCIATES, INC.)

WHEREAS, there exists a need for certain professional appraisal services to assist in farmland and open space appraisals; and

WHEREAS, the maximum amount of the contract is \$17,750.00 for such services and funds are available for this purpose certified by the local finance officer; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A.40A:11- 1 et seq.) requires that a resolution authorizing the award of contracts for "Professional Services" without competitive bids and the contract itself must be available for public inspection;

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

1. The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the attached agreement with:

Richard Carabelli, Jr. of the firm Martin Appraisal Associates, Inc., 123 Franklin Corner Road, Lawrenceville, NJ 08648 for farmland and open space appraisal services.

2. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A.40A:11-5 (1)(a) as a contract for services to be performed by persons authorized by law to practice recognized professions that are regulated by law and it is not possible to obtain competitive bids.

3. A notice of this action shall be published once in the official newspaper as required by law.

RESOLUTION #05-336. Read by title.

Motion by Iorio, seconded by Niederer to adopt Resolution #05-336.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

RESOLUTION #05-336**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF
USED POLICE VEHICLES TO THE HOPEWELL
VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, the Hopewell Valley Regional School District has requested the donation of a vehicle to transport workers from one location to another within the District; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-36 permits the Township of Hopewell to transfer titles of Township's excess vehicles to any body politic to which it contributes tax raised funds; and

WHEREAS, the Hopewell Valley Regional School District is in need of transport vehicles and has requested a donation (memo dated October 19, 2005 attached),

WHEREAS, the 1997 and 2001 Ford Expeditions have a value below the \$4,350. threshold for public sale and can be utilized by the Hopewell Valley Regional School District for their purposes (memo dated May 17, 2005 attached).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 28th day of November 2005, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Township Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to transfer titles of a 1997 Ford Expedition, vehicle identification number 1FMEV18W1VLC05207 and a 2001 Ford Expedition, vehicle identification number 1FMPU16LG1L871762 to the Hopewell Valley Regional School District.
2. A certified true copy of this Resolution shall be furnished upon its adoption to the Hopewell Valley Regional School District.

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION - CHANGE ORDER/SCOTCH ROAD CLEANERS
CONTRACT**

The Committee determined to hold action on this item pending further review.

RESOLUTION #05-337. Read by title.

Motion by Sandom, seconded by Sandahl to adopt Resolution #05-337.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

RESOLUTION #05-337**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING
MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE RELEASE
FOR HOPEWELL HUNT/PHASE III
(BLOCK 39, FORMERLY LOTS 8 AND 9)**

WHEREAS, the Developer, Toll Brothers, Inc., has requested a release of the current posted maintenance guarantee held by the township for the Hopewell Hunt Phase III development; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineering Consultant has reviewed the request and recommends (per memorandum dated October 27, 2005, attached to and made a part hereof) acceptance of the improvements and release of the maintenance guarantee in the amount of \$106,409.25.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell that Maintenance Bond No. 929309381 issued by National Fire Insurance Company of Hartford be and is hereby released.

RESOLUTION #05-338. Read by title.

Motion by Sandahl, seconded by Sandom to adopt Resolution #05-338.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

R E S O L U T I O N #05-338

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING
PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE RELEASE
FOR MOUNT ROSE - SECTION I
PROVINCE LINE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS
(BLOCK 40, LOTS 6, 9, 28, 43, 58 & 62)**

WHEREAS, the Developer, Mount Rose Hopewell Holdings, LLC, has requested a release of the current posted performance guarantee held by the township for the Province Line Road site improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer has reviewed the request and recommends (per memorandum dated October 31, 2005, attached to and made a part hereof) acceptance of the improvements and release of the current performance guarantee in the amount of \$17,932.00 subject to the following:

1. Posting of a two-year maintenance guarantee in the amount of \$2,689.80;
2. Posting of an additional \$900.00 to cover the costs of reinspection during the maintenance guarantee period;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell that site improvement Performance Bond No. PA7579433 issued by The Insurance Company of the State of Pennsylvania in the original amount of \$17,932.00 is hereby released subject to effecting the aforementioned recommendations of the Township Engineer.

RESOLUTION #05-339. Read by title.

Motion by Niederer, seconded by Iorio to adopt Resolution #05-339.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

R E S O L U T I O N #05-339

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING
PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE REDUCTION
FOR MOUNT ROSE - SECTION II
MAJOR SUBDIVISION
(BLOCK 40.02, LOT 6.99)**

WHEREAS, the Developer, Mount Rose Hopewell Holdings, LLC, has requested a reduction of the current posted performance guarantee held by the township for site work for Mount Rose - Section II; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer has reviewed the request and recommends (per memorandum dated October 31, 2005, attached to and made a part hereof) a reduction of the current performance guarantee to a revised amount of \$40,483.98.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell that Performance Bond No. 017014019 issued by Liberty Mutual Insurance Company in the current amount of \$120,372.60 is hereby reduced to an amount of \$40,483.98.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION - ENDORSING OPEN SPACE PURCHASE

It was determined to hold action on this item to the scheduled December 5, 2005 agenda meeting in order that the interested parties, including the D&R Greenway, have an opportunity to review the proposed resolution.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING APPRAISALS

It was determined that no action be taken on this item at this time.

RESOLUTION #05-340. Offered by Committee Member Sandom.
Motion by Sandom, seconded by Sandahl to adopt Resolution #05-340.
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

R E S O L U T I O N #05-340

**A RESOLUTION URGING GOVERNOR CODEY,
GOVERNOR-ELECT CORZINE AND THE NEW JERSEY
STATE LEGISLATURE TO ACT TO MAINTAIN EXISTING
RESTRICTIONS ON "PAY-TO-PLAY" SUCH AS THOSE ENACTED
BY 58 LOCAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT BODIES IN NEW JERSEY**

WHEREAS, "pay-to-play" practices erode the confidence of citizens in their government at the local, county and state levels; and

WHEREAS, Hopewell Township is one of 58 New Jersey municipal and county government bodies that has restricted Apay-to-play@ in its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, inaction by the New Jersey State Legislature could invalidate existing Apay-to-play@ restrictions in 2006 and beyond.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hopewell Township Committee petitions Governor Codey, Governor-elect Corzine and the New Jersey State Legislature to act to maintain existing restrictions on Apay-to-play@ such as those enacted by Hopewell Township; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hopewell Township Committee petitions Governor Codey to post Enabling Legislation (S1987) which authorizes local governments to impose limits on political contributions by contractors for a vote by the New Jersey Senate on December 8; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hopewell Township Committee petitions Governor Codey, Governor-elect Corzine and the New Jersey State Legislature to enact tough ONGOING restrictions on Apay-to-play@ throughout the State of New Jersey before the end of calendar year 2006; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hopewell Township Committee urges the government bodies that have passed anti-Apay-to-play@ legislation in New Jersey to call on Governor Codey to post S1987 for a vote on December 8; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hopewell Township Committee applauds Senators Vitale, Inverso, Baer, Turner, Codey, Buono, Gill, Karcher and Weinberg, and Assemblyman Baroni and Assemblywoman Greenstein for their leadership roles in restricting APay-to-Play@ in New Jersey; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be sent to Senators Vitale, Inverso, Baer, Turner, Codey, Buono, Gill, Karcher and Weinberg, Assemblyman Baroni and Assemblywoman Greenstein.

RESOLUTION #05-341. Offered by Committee Member Sandahl.
 Motion by Sandahl, seconded by Sandom to adopt Resolution #05-341.
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

R E S O L U T I O N #05-341

**A RESOLUTION TO STRENGTHEN LAND USE PLANNING,
 ZONING, OPEN SPACE MANAGEMENT, AFFORDABLE HOUSING,
 HEALTH AND CONSTRUCTION IN HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP**

WHEREAS, Hopewell Township faces continuing pressure for residential and commercial development; and

WHEREAS, the fiscal impact of development increases demand for schools and other public services, while putting additional strains on existing infrastructure and increasing the costs of government; and

WHEREAS, Hopewell Township will be under continuing obligation to develop affordable housing in keeping with the State-mandated Agrowth share@ regulations; and

WHEREAS, Hopewell Township has accumulated significant open space assets that should be managed on behalf of the public interest; and

WHEREAS, Hopewell Township residents rely on their local government to appropriately regulate the activities of developers and builders and maintain the quality of life in our town; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hopewell Township Committee instructs the Township Administrator and Deputy Administrator to review all township government functions related to land use, zoning, open space, affordable housing, health and construction; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Administrator and Deputy Administrator are to develop for consideration by the Hopewell Township Committee best practices for organizing said functions for the purpose of making them more effective, more efficient, and more economical; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any approaches recommended to the Township Committee shall provide equal or improved service at the same or reduced cost to Hopewell Township taxpayers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any recommended alternatives be made known to the Hopewell Township Committee and the public no later than December 19, 2005.

RESOLUTION #05-342. Read by title.
 Motion by , seconded by to adopt Resolution #05-342.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Iorio, Niederer, Sandahl, Sandom, Mayor Kemp

NOES: None

R E S O L U T I O N #05-342

BILLS & CLAIMS

BE IT RESOLVED, that the list of cash disbursements authorized for approval of bills for payment dated November 28, 2005, in the following amounts:

Bills and Claims	-	\$ 4,193,963.40
Payroll	-	327,423.89
Total Disbursements	-	\$ 4,521,387.29

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

PUBLIC SECTION

Shiela Beyer, a resident of Route 31 South, questioned the proposed resolution endorsing an open space purchase, and public access to information on certain resolutions.

William Schoelwer questioned the options for transmitting adopted resolutions electronically. He asked whether the police could utilize certain parking regulations rather than adopt an ordinance concerning parking at the Back Timberlane athletic complex.

Severino DiCocco, a resident of Poor Farm Road, concurred with Ms. Beyer's remarks concerning access to information with respect to resolutions under consideration by the governing body.

Robert Beyer, a resident of Route 31 South, urged the Committee to preserve open space properties in the southern portion of the township. He commented on the proposed ordinance concerning parking regulations at Back Timberlane.

EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTION. Read into the record.

Mayor Kemp stated that the regular meeting would not reconvene following the Executive Session.

Motion by Iorio, seconded by Sandahl to go to Executive Session to discuss legal and personnel matters.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Township Committee to discuss legal, real estate, contract negotiations, 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 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 28th day of November 2005, 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 8:24 p.m. the Executive Session was held.

At 9:35 p.m., Motion by Iorio, seconded by Niederer to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

ANNE B. MOORE
DEPUTY MUNICIPAL CLERK