

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

Monday, December 5, 2005 - 5:05 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 25, 2005 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: Niederer, Sandahl, Sandom, Mayor Kemp
Iorio (arrived at 5:12 p.m.)

ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Administrator Hilling, Township Attorney Goodell, Municipal Clerk Bielawski, CFO Borges, Recreation Director Hritz

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Municipal Clerk and Administrator presented proposed items for the December regular meeting as submitted by Department heads.

Mr. Hritz presented a proposal for a new Employee Incentive Awards Program. The purpose of this program is to encourage employee commitment, productivity and morale by providing recognition events and awards. There will be quarterly meetings that all employees will be required to attend. The Committee thanked Mr. Hritz for his proposal.

Mr. Goodell reported that he would present a resolution for Township Committee consideration at the December 12 meeting authorizing a settlement agreement for litigation concerning the St. Michael's Orphan Asylum and Industrial School property.

OLD BUSINESS

RESOLUTION #05-343. Read by title.

R E S O L U T I O N #05-343

A RESOLUTION ENDORSING OPEN SPACE PURCHASE

WHEREAS, D&R Greenway Land Trust (hereinafter D&R Greenway) is a nonprofit land trust devoted to the conservation of open space and farmland; and

WHEREAS, representatives of D&R Greenway have met with the Township Committee to discuss a series of land transactions that D&R Greenway is organizing; and

WHEREAS, these transactions involve lands in Hopewell Township, and together would result in the preservation, through purchase of fee or development rights, of approximately 560 acres of undeveloped land; and

WHEREAS, D&R Greenway has asked for the Township's endorsement of and participation in these land transactions; and

WHEREAS, participation by the municipality would enable the conservation of open space and farmland, consistent with the goals and objectives of the Township's master

plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 5th day of December 2005, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey that it is the intent of the Township Committee that Hopewell Township participate with D&R Greenway and its other funders in preserving approximately 560 acres of undeveloped land in Hopewell Township, and that the Township's participation be at an amount to be agreed upon at a future date, but which shall not exceed \$808,000, representing 10% of the purchase price of the preserved property; and that the Township's participation be subject to meeting all relevant conditions of the Local Lands and Buildings Law, *N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1 et seq.*, the Local Fiscal Affairs Law, *N.J.S.A. 40A:5-1, et seq.*, and all other legal requirements.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Borges reported on the transfer of funds from the township's cable provider to the Cable TV Trust Fund.

PUBLIC SECTION

There were no comments from the public.

EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTION. Read into the record.

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

Motion by Iorio, seconded by Niederer to go to Executive Session to discuss legal, real estate and personnel matters. **MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**

EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Township Committee to discuss legal, real estate and 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 5th day of December 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 6:10 p.m. the Executive Session was held.

At 6:50 p.m., Motion by Iorio, seconded by Niederer to adjourn the agenda meeting.
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

ANNETTE C. BIELAWSKI
MUNICIPAL CLERK