HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE AGENDA MEETING
HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING AUDITORIUM

Monday, April 3, 2006 - 6:10 p.m.

PROPER STATEMENT OF NOTICE - Mayor Sandom 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 26, 2006 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: Iorio, Niederer, Mayor Sandom
Murphy (arrived at 6:34 p.m.)
Sandahl (arrived at 6:12 p.m.)

ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Administrator Hilling, Township Attorney Goodell, Deputy Municipal Clerk Moore, CFO Borges, Engineer Pogorzelski, Recreation Director Hritz

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FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Discussion was held as to the scheduling of presentations concerning the Fire District's proposal for new premises; Route 31 improvements; and the D&R Greenway's proposal for the Martin tract.

Ms. Borges requested that the 2006 Capital Budget be finalized in order to prepare the budget documents.

(At this time, Mr. Pogorzelski left the meeting.)

Ms. Borges reviewed recent changes to the proposed 2006 Municipal Budget, and she noted that the Budget currently reflects an increase of five cents per $100 of assessed valuation. The Committee determined to hold a special budget meeting on April 10, 2006 at 5:30 p.m. Ms. Borges anticipated that the budget would be introduced at the April 24 regular meeting.

Mr. Hritz distributed a draft agreement with the Hopewell Valley Baseball and Softball Association (HVBSA). He indicated that the HVBSA intends to install lights and light shields at a cost of approximately $150,000; assuming the costs of the lighting two years hence. Attorney Gary Backinoff, representing the HVBSA, confirmed the intent to install the lights, which will constitute a major capital expense for the Association. Mr. Hritz discussed details of the lighting including low impact driveway illumination, separate breakers for certain poles, and timed shut off switches. Committee Member Iorio suggested that the Recreation Director investigate the PSE&G Company Smart Saver Program, which may provide rebates for the improvements to the lighting system. Mr. Hilling requested a verbal agreement from the HVBSA as to the payment of the lighting fixtures prior to execution of the agreement.

(At this time, Messrs. Hritz and Backinoff, and CFO Borges left the meeting.)

The Administrator and Deputy Clerk presented items submitted by Department Heads for the April 10 and April 24 regular meetings.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

The Administrator reported on the following:

1) 2006 Professional Services Agreements
2) ASCAP License Agreement
3) Update on Electrical and Septic System work at the Municipal Athletic Complex
4) Senior Advisory Board
5) Deputy Municipal Clerk Search
6) Proposal for a Special Meeting to discuss Professional Services Agreements with Tax Consultants DeMartin and Haushalter

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PUBLIC SECTION

There were no comments from the public.

EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTION. Read into the record.
Motion by Sandahl, seconded by Iorio to go to Executive Session to discuss legal, real estate, contract negotiations and/or 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 3rd day of April 2006, 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 7:21 p.m. the Executive Session was held.

At 7:39 p.m., Motion by Iorio, seconded by Sandahl to adjourn the agenda meeting.

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ANNE B. MOORE
DEPUTY MUNICIPAL CLERK