

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

Tuesday, January 3, 2006 - 7:06 p.m.

PROPER STATEMENT OF NOTICE - Municipal Clerk Bielawski 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 December 15, 2005 in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG - Children of the Township Committee Members and children in the audience led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

OATH OF OFFICE OF ELECTED TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Michael Kahme, Esquire, administered the Oath of Office to elected Township Committee Member John Murphy.

Committee Member Murphy gave a brief statement expressing thanks to his supporters and his family. He noted his goal for the year is to work closely and cooperatively with all the people on the dias as a Committee as well as residents who serve on volunteer boards, committees and commissions, and elected officials in our neighboring municipalities, County and State.

Mr. Kahme then administered the Oath of Office to elected Township Committee Member Vanessa Sandom.

At this time, Committee Member Sandahl recognized dignitaries who were present in the audience that included Congressman Rush Holt, County Executive Brian Hughes, State Senator Shirley Turner, Mercer County Freeholders Liz Mouio, Tony Mack and Pat Colavito, former Hopewell Township Mayor John Hart, and Hopewell Valley Regional School Board President Kim Newport and Vice President Linda Mitchell.

ROLL CALL - The 2006 Township Committee answered the roll call of the Municipal Clerk:

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:Iorio, Murphy, Niederer, Sandahl, Sandom
ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT:Administrator Hilling, Municipal Clerk Bielawski

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF MAYOR FOR THE YEAR 2006

Municipal Clerk Bielawski called for nominations for the office of Mayor for the year 2006. Committee Member Sandahl nominated Vanessa Sandom for Mayor for the year 2006. The Municipal Clerk noted for the record that Committee Member Sandom was nominated and she called for further nominations for the office of Mayor. There were no further nominations from the Floor and the nominations were closed.

The Municipal Clerk called for a vote on the nomination of Committee Member Sandom for Mayor.

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

NOES: None

The Municipal Clerk noted for the record that Committee Member Sandom was duly elected Mayor for the year 2006.

OATH OF OFFICE OF MAYOR - Mr. Kahme administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Sandom.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR FOR THE YEAR 2006

Municipal Clerk Bielawski called for nominations for the office of Deputy Mayor for 2006. Mayor Sandom nominated David Sandahl for Deputy Mayor for the year 2006. The Municipal Clerk noted for the record that Committee Member David Sandahl was nominated and she called for further nominations for the office of Deputy Mayor. There were no further nominations from the Floor and the nominations were closed.

The Municipal Clerk called for a vote on the nomination of Committee Member Sandahl for Deputy Mayor.

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

NOES: None

The Municipal Clerk noted for the record that Committee Member Sandahl was duly elected Deputy Mayor for the year 2006.

OATH OF OFFICE OF DEPUTY MAYOR - Mr. Kahme administered the Oath of Office to Deputy Mayor Sandahl.

2006 MAYOR'S WELCOME AND COMMENTS

Mayor Sandom delivered the following 2006 Mayor's Message:

"I'd first just like to begin by saying that I am both, and I know everybody hears this and everybody says this all the time, but I really am very honored and also very humbled by this appointment as Mayor of Hopewell Township and I give you my word that I will do everything I can to live up to all of your expectations, and to those expectations of the rest of the committee here. I'm not going to run through a list of dignitaries, although there are many here, and I do personally appreciate it and I want to thank you for coming out tonight. I know you have a lot of other meetings that you have to go to, and thank you for coming to Hopewell Township. I know David ran through the list earlier tonight. I also want to take this opportunity to thank those of you in the audience, and there are many of you in the audience who come to these meetings on a routine basis, and all of our volunteers on the various committees, boards and commissions who give so much of their time, hours of your time, and last but not least our township staff and professionals who help us be the best that we can be. I am looking forward to serving with you all again this year. If there is one central theme I'd like to share with you tonight, it's the idea that we're all in this together. Our individual hopes and dreams for the future of our beautiful valley are positively intertwined, and sure each of us have many different priorities or ideas about how to get things done, but what is truly remarkable to me is that we share a similar vision for Hopewell Township. In his current best seller, and I'm hoping that some of you have read this, because it's actually a wonderful book, "The World is Flat" by Tom Friedman, he says that communities that are the most successful in favorably shaping their futures are those that excel at three things - education, motivation and collaboration. To me, Hopewell Township is already

blessed with an abundance of both education and motivation. What I view as our biggest opportunity is to unleash the potential benefits of those assets by insuring greater collaboration and cooperation. With regards to education, as I said, Hopewell Township is fortunate to have extremely well educated and informed citizens, some say too well educated, and too well informed. We understand how the availability of water, or lack thereof, effects development. Development impacts the cost of creating and sustaining a town's infrastructure such as roads and schools. We understand how we must invest in protecting our open space and farmland so that our children, and their children can fish and hunt and hike within our borders, and we understand that even a town has customers and that providing good quality service at a reasonable cost is essential if we want our children and our parents to afford to live with us here in the future. With regards to motivation, Hopewell Township is made up of highly motivated community organizations and we all know that we have many of those in our town. And although the passion that accompanies the will to get things done, there's certainly sometimes a source of some conflict. This high level of motivation is fundamentally a very good thing. We have many examples of well organized and well informed grass roots organizations making a significant difference in our township from PLANE to ERANA to the homeowner associations in Brandon Farms and Pennington Point, from the Senior's Advisory Committee to the Hopewell Business Alliance, to the Friends of Hopewell Valley Open Space, from HIKE to the Recreation Foundation to the Municipal Alliance, from the Hopewell Valley Education Foundation to the citizens of Hopewell Valley Schools, to project Democracy and countless other citizen lead organizations bringing substantial value to our lives in the Hopewell Valley.

So it's true, we do have smart citizens who are very highly motivated to serve our community. But my call to action to you on the township committee is to help leverage this knowledge and motivation for the benefit of the entire township. As I see it, one of our key jobs this year will be to encourage collaboration among various groups, organizations, municipalities, the county and the state, and what we need to do we must do together. Collaboration, however, must start within our own organization and we encourage every township employee, and I thank those employees who are here tonight, to suggest we encourage all of you to suggest better ways of doing things, because you know your jobs better than anyone else, and with your help we can provide the best municipal services in the state. We wish to encourage also communications across the township committees, boards and commissions, of which again there are many members here tonight and thank you for coming. To that end the Planning Board will have members pulling double duty on the Environmental Commission, the Zoning Board, the Affordable Housing Committee and the School Board. The Open Space and Agricultural Committees have joint members and the Historic Preservation Commission will work with the School Board to expand awareness of this township's rich history through the municipality's 2006 Photo Contest and I know JoAnn Meyer is here and she's promised she's going to help us work on that. Moving beyond township government and into our community we will continue working with Veterans in establishing a Memorial commemorating their service and sacrifice to this country. We will work with our Senior Advisory Committee on a number of different projects, including hiring a Senior Coordinator, and we will work with the Recreation Committee to expand recreation opportunities for the young, and not so young. Hopewell Township cannot succeed without recognizing it exists in a neighborhood which includes Pennington and Hopewell Boroughs and it's unfortunate that Pennington is having its own reorganization meeting tonight, or I would be there, but we also exist in a community with other county municipalities, the county and the state. Recently, Pennington Council Member, Jim Lytle, recommended that the three municipalities sit down together to talk about our goals and objectives for the year and to discuss ways to share services, something that's important to all of us, I know. We should take him up on this offer and go one further. We should include the School District as well and I'm glad that there are members of the board here, because we would like to include you on that. In this flat world as he describes it in his book, our township

must work proactively with the County and with the state to resolve many of our long standing issues, which is why I'm really very grateful to see so many of you from the field and from the state and the county here. Over the years you have all helped us with such issues as those stemming from the Mercer County Airport and our county roadways. You have helped us to obtain numerous grants to build sidewalks and remediate dangerous intersections. You have been vital to the success of this community. As freeholders, county executives, state representatives and national representatives you've provided invaluable assistance and while we sincerely thank you for that, we know we will be asking for your help again.

There's one final area of collaboration that Mr. Murphy touched on a little earlier that I need to touch on as well. Our Township Committee last year, under Mayor Kemp's guidance, started down the paths of constructively working through issues. The past year was one where the committee made great strides in ending fighting that had plagued committees before that and began working together more collaboratively and constructively. Last year was proof of the potential benefits of collaboration and I'd like to personally thank Mayor Kemp for helping to set that tone. It is my hope that we will continue to put the people's interests first and to always remember that we are public servants first and foremost. As Mayor, I pledge to you that I will not use this office to grant preferential treatment nor to seek personal gain, favor or advantage not available to you, the public.

And finally, not least, I want to thank my family for all their support over the last few years and for being patient and understanding in the upcoming year. And equally important to me, I want to thank my friends who have always supported me, even when they did not necessarily agree with my position; any many times they did not. So, here's to a happy, productive and collaborative year ahead. Thank you for coming."

Deputy Mayor Sandahl delivered the following 2006 Deputy Mayor's comments:

"First of all, thank you Mayor Sandom for all of your service to the town over many years. I think we will have a terrific year in 2006. Out of respect for you and the audience, and also the nasty cold I've been fighting this past week, I'm going to try to keep my remarks fairly short, which I'm not known for.

We are marking a change tonight that happens around here once in a while. In the November election the township and voters endorsed the two candidates Vanessa Sandom and John Murphy, who committed themselves among other things, to strengthen all aspects of land use planning and management in Hopewell Township, to increase township recreation facilities, and to provide our residents better service at a lower cost. The challenge involved for everyone in this government is to translate those big ideas into real solutions that will improve the lives of all our residents, and this will be my one attempt at humor tonight. It reminds me of something said by the late Senator Daniel Patrick Moynahan, whom I've had the honor of serving with in the United States Senate about, sorry to say 30 years ago. Senator Moynahan warned that for every complex social and political problem there's a simple easily grabbed solution - which is completely wrong. I think one of the most important things we've learned in Hopewell Township in recent years is that there are no simple easily implemented solutions with issues like land use, increased recreation facilities, or reducing the cost of government while maintaining essential services. And of course the big issues never present themselves in neat, tidy packages readily subject to yes-no votes. There are always many interests and many potential trade-offs involved. So as we enter a new year with those cautions in mind, we are committed to improving land use management and planning in Hopewell Township from the earliest plans to the final details of use. We owe it to every homeowner, business owner and resident to insure that Hopewell Township

government does the best possible job with one of our most important assets, our lands and our environment. We will add to township recreation facilities. While the debate here has been long and often very difficult, there is little doubt that we need new and improved recreation facilities for our young athletes and for residents of all ages. We understand the needs and will actively seek solutions to meet the needs in the coming years and months.

We will improve our approach to affordable housing. In approving a plan last year to meet new state requirements for growth share, we learned quite a lot about those requirements and about alternative approaches to affordable housing. This year we must recognize that we will be in the affordable housing business for a long time to come and we must work toward a solution that is consistent with sustainable smart growth in future years in Hopewell Township. And last, but not least, we will need to continue discipline on township costs, spending and taxes. We will look to innovative solutions such as the possible use of solar power for this building, and any ideas that township employees and residents have for reducing the costs of township services. At the same time we must be sure to provide essential services with no let up in quality. Those are all tough issues, and we will take them on. Experience has shown us that we can find successful, workable solutions to even complex issues like these if we keep our last commitment to hear all reasonable points of view. On the toughest issues we face, we are far better off getting the best ideas from as many people as we can. No solution will be perfect, but with the full involvement of our citizens, we will make Hopewell Township a better place to live. I'd like to again thank Vanessa and John and Judy and Mark for their commitment to serve Hopewell Township. I believe we'll have a very good year in 2006. Thank you."

Mayor Sandom announced the following departmental assignments for 2006:

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| Administration, Health, Environmental, Wastewater..... | Mayor Sandom |
| Finance, Legal, Planning and Zoning | Sandahl |
| Economic Development, Agriculture, Open Space Preservation | Iorio |
| Recreation, Building & Grounds, Parks, Public Works and Interlocal Relations | Murphy |
| Affordable Housing, Historic Preservation and Public Safety | Niederer |

RESOLUTION #06-1. Read by title.

Motion by Sandahl, seconded by Niederer to adopt Resolution #06-1.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

RESOLUTION #06-1

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, that Steven P. Goodell, Esq. is hereby appointed Township Attorney for the year 2006.

RESOLUTION #06-02. Read by title.

Motion by Sandahl, seconded by Niederer to adopt Resolution #06-02.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

RESOLUTION #06-2

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING

ONE-YEAR APPOINTMENTS FOR 2006

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, that the persons listed as follows are hereby appointed for a one-year term expiring December 31, 2006:

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| COURT ADMINISTRATOR | Margaret Umbro |
| DEPUTY COURT ADMINISTRATOR: | Christine Irizarry |
| DEPUTY MUNICIPAL CLERK: | Anne B. Moore |
| DEPUTY MUNICIPAL CLERK: | Monica Pascarella |
| TREASURER: | Elaine Cruickshank-Borges |
| PENSION CERTIFYING OFFICER: | Deborah L. Smith |
| SEARCHER FOR PROSPECTIVE ASSESSMENTS: | Annette C. Bielawski |

RESOLUTION #06-3. Read by title.

Motion by Niederer, seconded by Iorio to adopt Resolution #06-3.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

R E S O L U T I O N #06-3

**HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS
TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES**

BE IT RESOLVED, on this 3rd day of January 2006, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, that the following are hereby appointed for the terms designated:

| | NOMINEE | TERM | TERM EXPIRING |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|-------------|----------------------|
| BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT, ZONING: | | | |
| | Frank Klapinski | 4 year | 12/31/09 |
| Alternate No. 1 | Peter Nichols | unexpired | 12/31/06 |
| PLANNING BOARD CLASS III: | | | |
| (Township Committee Member) | David Sandahl | 1 year | 12/31/06 |
| AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE: | | | |
| | Dori Anderson | 2 year | 12/31/07 |
| | Edward Truscelli | 2 year | 12/31/07 |
| | Alice Zeldis | 2 year | 12/31/07 |
| (Township Committee Member) | Judy Niederer | 1 year | 12/31/06 |

RESOLUTION #06-4. Mayor's Appointment.

Motion by Sandahl, seconded by Niederer to adopt Resolution #06-4.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

R E S O L U T I O N #06-4

**MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS,
COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES**

BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Vanessa Sandom, Mayor of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, on this 3rd day of January 2006, do hereby appoint the following for the terms designated:

| NOMINEE | TERM | TERM EXPIRING |
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PLANNING BOARD:

| | | | |
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| Class I | Mayor | 1 year | 12/31/06 |
| Class II | John R. Hart, Jr. | 1 year | 12/31/06 |
| Class IV | Billie Moore | unexp. | 12/31/06 |
| Class IV | Russell Swanson | 4 year | 12/31/09 |
| Alternate No. 1 | William Connolly, III | unexp. | 12/31/06 |
| Alternate No. 2 | Edward Gainsborg, Jr. | 2 year | 12/31/07 |

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION:

| | | |
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| George Kerr | 3 year | 12/31/08 |
| Peggy Snyder | 3 year | 12/31/08 |

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

| | | | |
|---------|----------------|--------|----------|
| Class C | Philip Robbins | 4 year | 12/31/09 |
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OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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| Michael Dawson | 3 year | 12/31/08 |
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AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

| | | |
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| Laura Sciarrotta | 3 year | 12/31/08 |
| Pamela J. Flory | 3 year | 12/31/08 |

RESOLUTION #06-5. Read by title.

Motion by Sandahl, seconded by Iorio to adopt Resolution #06-5.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

RESOLUTION #06-5

**A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING SHIRLEY A. KUNTZ
AS REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, that Shirley A. Kuntz is hereby reappointed Registrar of Vital Statistics of the Township of Hopewell to a three (3) year term that will expire on December 31, 2008.

RESOLUTION #06-6. Read by title.

Motion by Sandahl, seconded by Murphy to adopt Resolution #06-6.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

RESOLUTION #06-6

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING EDMUND STILES
CHAIRMAN OF THE HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

BE IT RESOLVED, on this 3rd day of January 2006, that I, Vanessa Sandom, Mayor of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, do hereby appoint Edmund Stiles Chairman of the Hopewell Township Environmental Commission.

OATH OF OFFICE OF APPOINTEES

At this time, Mr. Kahme administered the Oath of Office to the aforementioned appointees

who were present in the audience.

RESOLUTION #06-7 Read into the Record.

Committee Member Niederer announced that the formal swearing-in ceremony for the new Chief of Police was scheduled for the first meeting in March. Mayor Sandom recognized Police Chief Chipowsky and thanked him for his years of service. She added that there will be a formal recognition of the Chief at the aforementioned meeting and expressed thanks for the smooth transition in the Police Department.

Motion by Niederer, seconded by Iorio to adopt Resolution #06-7.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

R E S O L U T I O N #06-7

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING
CAPTAIN GEORGE MEYER AS
HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP 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 3rd day of January 2006, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that Captain George Meyer is hereby appointed Hopewell Township Chief of Police, effective March 1, 2006, with an annual salary to be determined prior to March 1, 2006.

RESOLUTION #06-8 Read by title

Motion by Sandahl, seconded by Iorio to adopt Resolution #06-8.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

R E S O L U T I O N #06-8

**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
MEETING DATES FOR THE YEAR 2006**

WHEREAS, Section 13 of the Open Public Meetings Act requires the posting of annual meetings together with notification of said meetings to the official newspapers of the Township, and submission of the same to those persons requesting copies of said notice; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell desires to set forth a schedule of public meetings for the year 2006;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer and the State of New Jersey that the Township Committee shall hold its regular meetings at 7:00 p.m. at the municipal building auditorium located at 201 Washington Crossing-Pennington Road, Titusville, New Jersey, on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month, except when that Monday is a national holiday and then the meeting will be held the following Tuesday evening;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be posted and maintained posted throughout the year in accordance with the statutes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution and schedule be forwarded to the official newspapers of the Township.

RESOLUTION #06-9. Read by title.

Motion by Iorio, seconded by Sandahl to adopt Resolution #06-9.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

R E S O L U T I O N #06-9

A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hopewell Valley News and The Times of Trenton are hereby designated as the official newspapers of the Township of Hopewell for the year 2006.

RESOLUTION #06-10. Read by title.

Motion by Niederer, seconded by Iorio to adopt Resolution #06-10.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

R E S O L U T I O N #06-10

**A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING STATE
APPROVED PUBLIC DEPOSITORIES AS OFFICIAL
DEPOSITORIES OF HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP**

BE IT RESOLVED, on this 3rd day of January 2006 by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer and State of New Jersey, that any public depository as listed on the attached Cash Management Plan be designated as an Official Depository of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, for the year 2006.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Administrator and the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer are hereby authorized to purchase and sell participations in the cash fund of these depositories for investment purposes for the account of the Township of Hopewell.

RESOLUTION #06-11. Read by title.

Motion by Iorio, seconded by Murphy to adopt Resolution #06-11.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NOES: None

R E S O L U T I O N #06-11

ADOPTING A TEMPORARY 2006 BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Local Budget Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19) provides that where any contracts and/or commitment of payments are to be made prior to the final adoption of the 2006 budget, temporary appropriations shall be made for the purpose in the manner and the time provided; and

WHEREAS, this resolution is within the first thirty days of the year 2006, and

WHEREAS, 26.25% of total appropriations of the 2005 budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for debt service, capital improvement fund and deferred charges in said budget is the sum of \$3,475,340.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on this 3rd day of January 2006, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, that the following temporary appropriations be made and that a certified copy of the Resolution be transmitted to the Township Treasurer's Office.

IN CAP APPROPRIATIONS:

| | 2005 Budget | 2006 Temporary Budget |
|---------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Legislative | | |
| S&W | 16,000 | 4,000 |
| OE | 12,500 | 3,125 |
| Executive | | |
| S&W | 285,985 | 77,000 |
| OE | 89,183 | 22,300 |
| Financial Administration | | |
| S&W | 194,189 | 52,500 |
| OE | 22,600 | 5,300 |
| Tax Collection | | |
| S&W | 89,561 | 24,200 |
| OE | 16,980 | 4,800 |
| Legal Services/Prosecutor | | |
| S&W | 54,743 | 15,000 |
| OE | 400,000 | 110,000 |
| Municipal Clerk | | |
| S&W | 154,746 | 42,000 |
| OE | 26,606 | 6,700 |
| Municipal Assessor | | |
| S&W | 147,192 | 40,000 |
| OE | 62,441 | 12,600 |
| Engineering | | |
| OE | 100,000 | 22,500 |
| Municipal Building | | |
| S&W | 47,223 | 18,000 |
| OE | 75,510 | 16,900 |
| Police Services | | |
| S&W | 2,739,839 | 750,000 |
| OE | 195,023 | 80,000 |
| Planning Services | | |
| S&W | 104,889 | 28,300 |
| OE | 86,000 | 24,300 |
| Zoning | | |
| S&W | 73,240 | 20,000 |
| OE | 19,983 | 5,250 |
| Auditing Services | | |
| OE | 31,000 | 31,000 |
| Health | | |
| S&W | 243,119 | 65,500 |
| OE | 36,355 | 12,500 |
| Solid Waste & Recycling | | |
| OE | 153,250 | 40,000 |
| Public Works | | |
| S&W | 1,227,608 | 345,000 |
| OE | 347,208 | 82,758 |
| Fleet Maintenance | | |
| S&W | 162,224 | 44,000 |
| OE | 108,755 | 26,250 |
| Recreation/Parks | | |
| S&W | 34,165 | 9,300 |
| OE | 30,000 | 8,300 |
| Motor Fuels | | |
| OE | 180,000 | 40,000 |

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|-----------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Street Lighting | | |
| OE | 93,600 | 24,000 |
| Utilities | | |
| OE | 115,000 | 25,000 |
| Telephone | | |
| OE | 100,000 | 24,000 |
| Recreation Committee | | |
| OE | 250 | -0- |
| Municipal Court | | |
| S/W | 275,208 | 74,500 |
| O/E | 107,978 | 40,100 |
| Public Defender | | |
| S/W | 24,000 | 6,000 |
| Charter Study Commission | | |
| S/W | 4,000 | -0- |
| O/E | 16,300 | -0- |
| Historic Preservation Commission | | |
| S&W | 5,593 | 2,000 |
| OE | 3,565 | 1,000 |
| Environmental Commission | | |
| OE | 4,300 | 500 |
| Insurance Premiums | | |
| OE | 60,698 | 59,691 |
| Disability Insurance | | |
| OE | 6,000 | 1,000 |
| Social Security | | |
| OE | 470,250 | 140,000 |
| OUT OF CAP APPROPRIATIONS: | | |
| Interlocal Police Services | | |
| S&W | 287,836 | 77,500 |
| OE | 30,642 | 7,700 |
| Municipal Court | | |
| S&W | -0- | - 0 - |
| OE | -0- | - 0 - |
| Affordable Housing | | |
| S&W | 40,367 | - 0 - |
| OE | 5,000 | - 0 - |
| Interlocal Health Services | | |
| S&W | 39,884 | 10,800 |
| OE | 7,663 | 1,900 |
| Drug Alliance Program | | |
| OE | 24,074 | 6,000 |
| Fire Services | | |
| OE | 5,895 | - 0 - |
| Interlocal Recycling | | |
| OE | 173,711 | 44,000 |
| Interlocal Drug Alliance Program | | |
| OE | 2,200 | 540 |
| Interlocal Public Works | | |
| OE | 7,500 | 1,875 |
| Interlocal Animal Control | | |
| S&W | 10,000 | 14,500 |
| Interlocal Dispatch | 39,392 | 10,600 |
| Interlocal Recreation | | |
| S&W | 179,382 | 48,300 |
| OE | 48,173 | 13,900 |
| COPS NJSA 40A4-45.3NN | | |
| S&W | - 0 - | - 0 - |

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|------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Public Defender | | |
| S&W | - 0 - | - 0 - |
| Insurance Premiums | 340,726 | 370,705 |
| Pension | 101,310 | - 0 - |
| Employee Benefits | 1,385,291 | 379,846 |
| Miscellaneous Expenses | | |
| OE | 1,620,518 | - 0 - |
| Stormwater Regulation | 35,000 | - 0 - |
| TOTAL | \$13,239,393 | \$3,475,340 |

RESOLUTION #06-12. Read by title.

Motion by Murphy, seconded by Iorio to adopt Resolution #06-12.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NOES: None

R E S O L U T I O N #06-12

**ADOPTING TEMPORARY 2006 WATER &
SEWER UTILITY BUDGETS**

WHEREAS, the Local Budget Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19) provides that where any contracts and/or commitment of payments are to be made prior to the final adoption of the 2006 budget, temporary appropriations shall be made for the purpose in the manner and the time provided; and

WHEREAS, this resolution is within the first thirty (30) days of the year 2006; and

WHEREAS, 26.25% of the total appropriations of the 2005 Water Utility budget, exclusive of debt service is the sum of \$15,658.00; and

WHEREAS, 26.25% of the total appropriations of the 2005 Sewer Utility budget, exclusive of debt service is the sum of \$220,716.00;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on this 3rd day of January 2006, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that the following temporary appropriations be made and that a certified copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Township Treasurer's office.

2005 2006

| | <u>Budget</u> | <u>Budget</u> |
|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| WATER UTILITY | | |
| S & W | 14,800.00 | 5,500.00 |
| OE | 43,600.00 | 9,158.00 |
| Employee Benefits | | |
| OE | 1,250.00 | 1,000.00 |
| TOTAL | 59,650.00 | 15,658.00 |
| SEWER UTILITY | | |
| S & W | 25,005.00 | 11,500.00 |
| OE | 812,820.00 | 207,916.00 |
| Insurance Premiums | | |
| OE | 1,000.00 | 300.00 |
| Employee Benefits | | |
| OE | 2,000.00 | 1,000.00 |
| TOTAL | 840,825.00 | 220,716.00 |

RESOLUTION #06-13. Read by title.

Motion by Niederer, seconded by Murphy to adopt Resolution #06-13.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

R E S O L U T I O N #06-13

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PUBLIC WORKS AND
RECREATION TO RE-OPEN THEIR PETTY CASH FUNDS
FOR 2006 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$200.00 EACH AND
THE ADMINISTRATION OFFICE TO REOPEN ITS
PETTY CASH FUND FOR 2006 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$400**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-21 authorizes the establishment of Petty Cash funds for the Administration, Public Works and Recreation departments of Hopewell Township; and

WHEREAS, said petty cash funds were established by resolutions dated October 7, 1991 (Administration), January 4, 2001 (Recreation) and February 1, 2001 (Public Works) by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Township Committee that said funds be continued under the direction of Administration, Public Works and Recreation respectively;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 3rd day of January 2006, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that effective January 1, 2006, Public Works and Recreation Offices be and are hereby authorized and permitted to re-open their Petty Cash Funds in the amount of \$200.00 and the Administration Office is hereby permitted to re-open its petty cash fund in the amount of \$400.00 pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:5-21. Said Petty Cash Funds will be used by such office or department to pay claims for small miscellaneous expenses.

RESOLUTION #06-14. Read by title.

Motion by Sandahl, seconded by Iorio to adopt Resolution #06-14.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NOES: None

R E S O L U T I O N #06-14

BILLS & CLAIMS

BE IT RESOLVED, that the list of cash disbursements authorized for approval of bills for payment dated January 3, 2006, in the following amount:

| | | |
|---------------------|---|---------------|
| Bills and Claims | - | \$ 128,279.80 |
| Total Disbursements | - | \$ 128,279.80 |

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

There were no comments from the public.

At 7:55 p.m. Motion by Sandahl, seconded by Niederer to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

ANNETTE C. BIELAWSKI
MUNICIPAL CLERK