

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

Monday, March 7, 2022 – 6:30 p.m.

PROPER STATEMENT OF NOTICE – Mayor Peters-Manning 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, The Times, the Trentonian and the Hopewell Express (the official newspapers) on January 5, 2022, 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: David Chait, Kevin Kuchinski, Uma Purandare,
Michael Ruger, Mayor Courtney Peters-Manning

ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Administrator/Public Works Director George Snyder, Municipal Clerk Laurie Gompf, CFO Julie Troutman, Director of Community Development/Engineer James Hutzemann, Police Director Robert Karmazin, Township Attorney Steve Goodell

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

MINUTES SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL

Motion by Ruger, seconded by Kuchinski to approve September 20, 2021 Regular and Executive Session, October 4, 2021 Regular and Executive Session, and October 18, 2021 Regular and Executive Session Meeting Minutes.

MOTION CARRIED

ABSTAIN: Chait, Purandare

PRESENTATION – A RESOLUTION HONORING WOMEN’S CONTRIBUTIONS AND CELEBRATING MARCH AS WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH

RESOLUTION #22-91. Read in full by each member of the Township Committee in turn.

Motion by Chait, seconded by Purandare to adopt Resolution #22-91.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

RESOLUTION #22-91

**A RESOLUTION HONORING WOMEN’S CONTRIBUTIONS
AND CELEBRATING MARCH AS WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH**

WHEREAS, women of every race, class, and ethnic background have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of our Township in countless recorded and unrecorded ways; and

WHEREAS, women have played and continue to play critical economic, cultural, and social role in every sphere of the life of our community by constituting a significant portion of the labor force working inside and outside of the home; and

WHEREAS, women have played a unique role throughout the history of our community by providing the majority of the volunteer labor force; and

WHEREAS, women were particularly important in the establishment of early charitable, philanthropic, and cultural institutions our community; and

WHEREAS, women of every race, class, and ethnic background served as early leaders in the forefront of every major progressive social change movement; and

WHEREAS, women from Hopewell Township have served our country courageously in the military; and

WHEREAS, women have been leaders, not only in securing their own rights of suffrage and equal opportunity, but also in the abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, the industrial labor movement, the civil rights movement, and other movements, especially the peace movement, which create a fairer and just society for all; and

WHEREAS despite these contributions, the role of women in history has been consistently overlooked and undervalued, in the literature, teaching and study of American history.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township of Hopewell that March is designated as “Women’s History Month.” The Mayor is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation each March, calling upon the people of Hopewell Township to observe **March as “Women’s History Month”** with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

Mayor Peters-Manning shared an excerpt of a speech by Carrie Chapman-Catt at the Women’s Suffrage Association on February 13, 1920. “There is no earthly power that can do more than delay by a trifle the final enfranchisement of women. The enemies of progress and liberty never surrender and never die. Ever since the days of cave men, they have stood ready with their sledge hammers to strike any liberal idea on the head whenever it appeared. Suffragists were never dismayed when they were a tiny group and all the world against them. What care they now when all the world is with them? March on, suffragists—the victory is yours.

The trail has been long and winding; the struggle has been tedious and wearying, you made sacrifices and received many hard knocks. Be joyful today. Someday the history of these past few months will be written and if the writer catches the real spirit of it all it will be a thrilling story. Ours has been a movement with a soul, a dauntless, unconquerable soul ever leading on. Women be glad today. Let your voices ring out the gladness in your hearts. There will never come another day like this. Let the joy be unconfined and let it speak so clearly that its echo will be heard around the world and find its way into the soul of every woman of any and every race and nationality who is yearning for opportunity and liberty still denied her sex.”

Committee Member Ruger noted that from 2001 to 2022 Hopewell Township has had 14 years of women as Mayor; 8 years with men as Mayor; 7 women served as Mayor during those 14 years; and 5 men served as Mayor over 8 years.

PRESENTATION – POLICE DIRECTOR ROBERT KARMAZIN – UPDATE ON COMMUNITY POLICING DATA

Director Karmazin represented that the Police Department is maintaining as an ethical, progressive and professional organization; that the department has an excellent reputation in Mercer County and will continue to be so. He mentioned that the department’s accreditation is a major accomplishment; that the maintenance of the accreditation is rigorous and robust; that the department strives to maintain the national standards of policing at the highest levels; provided a breakdown of the department’s 2021 end of year traffic statistics; provided a sample of a traffic study as an example of how the department uses the study to determine speeding on a particular street; provided the End of Year 2021 Use of Force Totals for 2021.

Director Karmazin provided the following Police Department data for years 2017 to 2021:

- Homicides, Rape and Robbery are at zero.
- Aggravated assault has spiked slightly.
- Simple assault has maintained at an even rate over the years.
- Burglary was down from last year.
- Theft has maintained at the same rate.
- Motor vehicle thefts were up by 4 in 2021
- Domestic Violence calls were down significantly in 2021.

- Fraud has spiked with a majority due to internet crimes.
- Controlled dangerous substances were at zero.
- Stolen property was at zero.
- Other sexual offenses were up 1 instance in 2021.
- Weapons offences were up 1 in 2021.
- Criminal mischief spiked in 2021.
- Harassment and trespassing remained the same.
- Accidents were up by 40 in 2021.
- Summonses Issued went down by 227.
- There were 32 DWI arrests in 2021.
- There was 1 fatal accident in 2021.
- There were 4,735 traffic stops in 2021.
- Traffic related accidents involving deer have gone down.
- Ambulance and Fire calls remained the close to the same in 2021 as they were in 2020.

Director Karmazin noted that there were significant changes to warrant arrests due to changes in the law, therefore arrests numbers are lower. He then reviewed the End of Year 2021 Data for Use of Force – Miscellaneous:

- Alarm calls – 708 for 2021
- Fish & Games – 1 call each year from 2017 to 2021
- Lost Property – 13 for 2021
- Found Property – within 1 event for the year.
- Sudden Deaths was up 2 instances from 2020.
- Suicide and/or Attempts – 3 in 2021
- Suspicious Car/Person – Down to 126 in 2021 from 216 in 2020.
- Ordinance Violations – 64 in 2021
- Individuals with Special Needs – 46 in 2021
- Fire Arms Applications are maintaining.
- Stolen Recovered Property amounts were high due to high-end vehicles being stolen.
- Calls for Service were broken out into Hopewell Township, Hopewell Borough and Pennington Borough from 2017 to 2021.

Director Karmazin presented a plan of action and milestones for recruitment, new hires and onboarding of officers; reviewed the departments accomplishments and programs; and announced that there have been five newly hired officers.

PRESENTATION – HEALTH OFFICER DAWN MARLING – COVID UPDATES

Ms. Marling announced that Governor Murphy has lifted the public health emergency; that it has been two years since the first case of COVID in New Jersey; that new cases of COVID infections have plummeted over the past month in the Hopewell Valley; that we are currently at low community transmission rates for the first time since last summer; cautioned that the virus will adapt; that we must stay flexible in our response; that we don't know what the impact of the BA-2 Omicron sub variant will have in New Jersey; warned to expect cases of COVID as mandates are lifted and as families travel for spring break; advised to take precautions in line with each person's tolerance for risk depending on age, underlying health conditions, and if you will be interacting with someone who is vulnerable to severe illness.

She proclaimed that the virus is here to stay; that we must look at the best tools available to mitigate risk; that vaccination is the absolute best tool to reduce the risk of a severe personal health outcome; that ideally, someday COVID will be managed like other seasonal respiratory viruses, where remaining up to date with your COVID vaccine will be like remaining up to date with your flu vaccine. Ms. Marling stated that a fourth dose of the vaccine is recommended for those who are moderately to severely immunocompromised and the FDA and CDC will continue evaluating whether a fourth dose will be recommended later in the year for other populations. She noted that the Health Department will be ready to scale up additional booster clinics as the need arises; that they held two clinics in February; that the next clinic will be held in early April; and that the website is being updated with new information.

Committee Members questioned when meetings will return to normal to which Ms. Marling responded that discussions are being held with the Township Administration to return to normal through a layered approach.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND STAFF REPORTS

Mr. Snyder reported that Suburban is progressing with the clean Water State Revolving Fund application for the Princeton Farms and Hopewell Hunt sewer main and manhole rehabilitation project; that they anticipate authorization; will advertise in late spring of this year; and construction will begin in early fall of 2022.

Mr. Hutzelmann reported that he and Ms. Troutman met with a Green Acres representative from the State over the Township's open space funding, future open space funding and acquisition funding; that it was a productive meeting; that there will be a preconstruction meeting regarding the Harbourton Rocktown Road paving project tomorrow; and that the paving project will commence in the very near future.

Ms. Troutman reported that the Finance Department filed its Annual Financial Statement last week as required by the State of New Jersey.

Committee Member Ruger reported on the upcoming Citizen's Equity Advisory Committee and Woolsey Park Advisory Committee meetings.

Committee Member Kuchinski reported that the 2022 Capital Budget was introduced last week and the second reading and public hearing will be held at the March 21, 2022 Committee Meeting; announced that the Senate passed the energy tax program; announced the next Planning Board meeting date; that the Planning Board concluded their hearing on the BeiGene application and will memorialize their approval at their upcoming meeting; that Parks and Recreation made recommendations for the Master Plan; and that Spiegle will be meeting with the stakeholder groups regarding the Senior/Community Center and after that meeting a meeting will be held with the public for their input.

Committee Member Chait reported on Freon and waste collection and provided information regarding the next Affordable Housing Committee meeting.

Mayor Peters-Manning reported that she was honored to attend the Union Fire Company banquet last weekend to recognize the Township's first responders; stated that she was especially heartened to see all the junior firefighters there because they are the future; that the 2021-2022 deer harvest was down by half compared to the year before; and that FOHVOS will be doing their annual deer head count in late March.

ORDINANCE – FINAL READING, PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION

Mr. Goodell explained that when there is an Ordinance that pertains to land use it must first go to the Planning Board for review to determine if it is consistent with the Master Plan; the board will then write a report and send their findings back to the Township Committee.

Mayor Peters-Manning announced that the Planning Board has not sent their findings back to the Township Committee and therefore the public hearing will be carried to April 18, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL PERMITTING THE
OPERATION OF CLASS 5 CANNABIS RETAIL BUSINESSES IN
CERTAIN COMMERCIAL ZONES, WITH CONDITIONS, AND
AMENDING CHAPTERS 10, 17, AND 24 OF THE CODE OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL

Motion by Purandare, seconded by Chait to carry the public hearing to April 18, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

PUBLIC SECTION

The following members of the public spoke during public comment:

James Burd, a resident of Nursery Road, questioned when will the Township Committee meeting return to 7:00 and asked if meeting could be held in person and on Zoom at the same time.

The detailed public comment may be viewed at www.hopewelltp.org in the video library.

RESOLUTION #22-92. Read by title.
Motion by Chait, seconded by Purandare to adopt Resolution #22-92.
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

R E S O L U T I O N #22-92

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING AN ALTERNATE MEMBER TO THE HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE

BE IT RESOLVED on this 7th day of March 2022, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that Dan Tomaschko is hereby appointed as an alternate member to the Hopewell Township Affordable Housing Committee for a two-year unexpired term expiring December 31, 2023.

ORDINANCE – INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

Mayor Peters-Manning read by title the ordinance for introduction.

CALENDAR YEAR 2022 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)

Motion by Purandare, seconded by Ruger to introduce the ordinance on first reading.

ROLL CALL VOTE:
AYES: Chait, Kuchinski, Purandare, Ruger, Mayor Peters-Manning
NOES: None
ORDINANCE INTRODUCED

Second reading, public hearing date March 21, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

ORDINANCE – INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

Mayor Peters-Manning read by title the ordinance for introduction.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE SALARY AND WAGE PLAN FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL, MERCER COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

Motion by Kuchinski, seconded by Ruger to introduce the ordinance on first reading.

ROLL CALL VOTE:
AYES: Chait, Kuchinski, Purandare, Ruger, Mayor Peters-Manning
NOES: None
ORDINANCE INTRODUCED

Second reading, public hearing date March 21, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

RESOLUTIONS #22-93 THROUGH #22-97, Read by title.

Motion by Chait, seconded by Purandare to adopt Resolution #22-93 through #22-97.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

RESOLUTION #22-93

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PART-TIME WORKERS FOR THE
HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, there is a need for part-time workers to manage, supervise, and lead a variety of programs sponsored by the Hopewell Township Recreation Department; and

WHEREAS, after reviewing their experience and qualifications, the following individuals were selected and are recommended by the Hopewell Township Recreation Director for appointment,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on this 7th day of March 2022, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that part-time workers be hereby appointed effective March 8, 2022 for the 2022 calendar year as follows:

NAME	TITLE	PROGRAM	SALARY
Shirin Stave-Matias	Recreation Supervisor	Senior Yoga	\$45.00/hr.
Sarah Damiani	Recreation Supervisor	Martial Arts	\$40.00/hr.
Gina Burrows	Recreation Supervisor	Art Program	\$40.00/hr.
Sarah Bailin	Recreation Supervisor	Pre-K Program	\$40.00/hr.
Robert Bangel	Recreation Leader	Special Events	\$25.00/hr.
Traci Hammond	Recreation Leader	Special Events	\$25.00/hr.

Pay scale as set by township Ordinance:

Recreation Aide:	\$ 7.25 per hour to \$15.00 per hour
Recreation Leader:	\$15.00 per hour to \$35.00 per hour
Recreation Supervisor	\$35.00 per hour to \$50.00 per hour

The programs have a range of hours that is dependent on weather, drop-off and pick-up times of participants, enrollment, and set-up/planning time.

Senior Yoga - Range is from 1 to 4 hours per week

Martial Arts – Range is from 1 to 4 hours per week

Art Program – Range is from 1 to 4 hours per week

Pre-K Program – Range is from 1 to 4 hours per week

RESOLUTION #22-94

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PART-TIME
SEASONAL WORKERS FOR THE
HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, there is a need for part-time workers to manage, supervise, and lead a variety of programs sponsored by the Hopewell Township Recreation Department; and

WHEREAS, after reviewing their experience and qualifications, the following individuals were selected and are recommended by the Hopewell Township Recreation Director for appointment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on this 7th day of March 2022, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that part-time workers be hereby appointed effective June 20, 2022 through September 6, 2022 as follows:

NAME	TITLE	PROGRAM	SALARY
Ashlee Bartol	Rec. Leader-Guest Artist	Art in the Park	\$ 136.00 per day
Elizabeth Finnegan	Rec. Leaders-Guest Artist	Art in the Park	\$ 136.00 per day
Gina Burrous	Rec. Leader-Guest Artist	Art in the Park	\$ 133.00 per day

Stephanie Sinkiewicz	Rec. Leader-Guest Artist	Art in the Park	\$ 133.00 per day
Jenna Bailin	Rec. Leader-Guest Artist	Art in the Park	\$ 133.00 per day
Sarah Bailin	Rec. Leader-Guest Artist	Art in the Park	\$ 133.00 per day
Michael Rowley	Recreation Leader	Recreation Camp	\$ 130.00 per day
Robert Bangel	Recreation Leader	Recreation Camp	\$ 130.00 per day
Gina Burroso (Ortolano)	Recreation Leader	Recreation Camp	\$ 130.00 per day
Traci Hammond	Recreation Leader	Recreation Camp	\$ 130.00 per day
Sarah Damiani	Recreation Leader	Recreation Camp	\$ 130.00 per day
Jenna Bailin	Recreation Leader	Rec/Nature/Jr. Travel	\$ 130.00 per day
Sarah Bailin	Recreation Leader	Rec/Jr. Travel	\$ 130.00 per day
Jennifer Dowling	Recreation Leader	Nature/Rec/Jr. Travel	\$ 130.00 per day
Emily Piereth	Recreation Leader	Pre-K Rec Camp	\$ 130.00 per day
Olivia Jupillat	Recreation Leader	Nature Art Camp	\$ 130.00 per day
Jill Mudge	Recreation Leader	Photography Camp	\$ 130.00 per day
Robert Bangel	Recreation Leader	Lunch Bunch	\$ 25.00 per hour
Gina Burroso (Ortolano)	Recreation Leader	Lunch Bunch	\$ 25.00 per hour
Traci Hammond	Recreation Leader	Lunch Bunch	\$ 25.00 per hour
Sarah Damiani	Recreation Leader	Lunch Bunch	\$ 25.00 per hour
Jenna Bailin	Recreation Leader	Lunch Bunch	\$ 25.00 per hour
Sarah Bailin	Recreation Leader	Lunch Bunch	\$ 25.00 per hour
Pam Edwards	Recreation Supervisor	Field Hockey	\$ 50.00 per hour
Suzanne Stout	Recreation Supervisor	Field Hockey	\$ 40.00 per hour
Daniel Balog	Recreation Supervisor	Baseball Camp	\$ 50.00 per hour
Kenneth Harrison	Recreation Supervisor	Baseball Camp	\$ 50.00 per hour
John Capuano	Recreation Supervisor	Baseball Camp	\$ 50.00 per hour
Jessica Cuba	Recreation Supervisor	Bulldog Soccer	\$ 50.00 per hour
John McGinley	Recreation Supervisor	Bulldog Soccer	\$ 50.00 per hour
Jeff Neumann	Recreation Supervisor	Bulldog Soccer	\$ 50.00 per hour
Gary Nucera	Recreation Supervisor	Bulldog Soccer	\$ 50.00 per hour
Rick Smith	Recreation Supervisor	Bulldog Soccer	\$ 40.00 per hour
Lisa Rich	Recreation Supervisor	Softball Camp	\$ 40.00 per hour
Christine Levering	Recreation Supervisor	Softball Clinic	\$ 40.00 per hour
Mark Chiu	Recreation Supervisor	Volleyball	\$ 40.00 per hour
Lisa Strigel	Recreation Supervisor	Volleyball	\$ 40.00 per hour
Annabel Stocks	Natalias Recreation Aide	Various Camps	\$ 13.00 per hour
Emily Neal	Recreation Aide	Various Camps	\$ 13.00 per hour
Cassidy Halligan	Recreation Aide	Various Camps	\$ 13.00 per hour
Sarah Gross	Recreation Aide	Various Camps	\$ 13.00 per hour
Liam Sciple	Recreation Aide	Various Camps	\$ 13.00 per hour
Sylvia Hemenetz	Recreation Aide	Various Camps	\$ 13.00 per hour
Thomas Hooks	Recreation Aide	Various Camps	\$ 13.00 per hour
Abhijay Singireddy	Recreation Aide	Various Camps	\$ 13.00 per hour
Leah McManimon	Recreation Aide	Various Camps	\$ 13.00 per hour
Jake Tackacs	Recreation Aide	Various Camps	\$ 13.00 per hour

Pay scale as set by Township Ordinance:

Recreation Aide:	\$ 13.00 per hour to \$15.00 per hour
Recreation Leader:	\$15.00 per hour to \$35.00 per hour
Recreation Supervisor	\$35.00 per hour to \$50.00 per hour

Each of the summer camps has a range of hours that is dependent on weather, drop-off and pick-up times of campers, daily trip times, and set-up/planning time.

Art in the Park

- Range is from 4-5 hours per day

Recreation Camp	- Range is from 4-5 hours per day
Pre-K Camp	- Range is from 4-5 hours per day
Jr. Travel Camp	- Range is from 4-5 hours per day
Nature Art Camp	- Range is from 4-5 hours per day
Photography Camp	- Range is from 3.5-4.5 hours per day
Baseball Camp	- Range is from 20 hours to 25 hours per
Softball Camp	- Range is from 20 hours to 25 hours per week
Soccer Camp/League	- Range is from 5 hours to 8 hours per week
Field Hockey League	- Range is from 5 hours to 8 hours per week
Volleyball Camp	- Range is from 25 hours to 30 hours per week
Lunch Bunch	- Range is from 1-1.5 hours per day

R E S O L U T I O N #22-95

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL, BOROUGH OF HOPEWELL AND BOROUGH OF PENNINGTON FOR SENIOR CENTER SERVICES

WHEREAS, there exists a community need to provide a location in which senior activities serving Hopewell Borough, Hopewell Township, and Pennington Borough may occur; and

WHEREAS, the Hopewell Valley Senior Advisory Board and other community organizations are currently evaluating needs and alternatives for developing new facilities to meet future needs; and

WHEREAS, in the interim senior activities are provided in a building and site amenities ("SITE") owned by Pennington Borough located on Reading Street in Pennington Borough; and

WHEREAS, Hopewell Borough, Hopewell Township and Pennington Borough's use of the SITE is provided through a shared services agreement which sets forth responsibilities as being representative of each community's pro-rata use of the SITE; and

WHEREAS, the Interlocal Services Act, N.J.S.A. 40:8A-1 et seq permits local units of the State to enter into a contract with any other local unit for the provision of any service which any party to the agreement is empowered to render within its own jurisdiction.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on this 7th day of March, 2022, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey that the Mayor and Clerk be and hereby are authorized to enter into a Shared Services Agreement with the Borough of Hopewell and the Borough of Pennington for Senior Center Services. Said services shall be furnished and rendered pursuant to an agreement, in a form similar to that which is attached hereto.

R E S O L U T I O N #22-96

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPLICATION OF HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP RECREATION DEPARTMENT TO CONDUCT MOVIE IN THE PARK EVENTS

WHEREAS, application has been made by the Hopewell Township Recreation Department to conduct Movie in the Park events in the Township of Hopewell at Woolsey Park, 221 Washington Crossing-Pennington Road, Titusville, New Jersey, on July 13, 2022 and August 10, 2022, (rain dates July 18, 2022 and August 10, 2022) between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, the Hopewell Township Health Officer, the Hopewell Township Police Department, the Hopewell Township Bureau of Fire Safety and the Director of Community Development have reviewed the application and granted their approval to conduct the events and recommend the granting of a permit pursuant to the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Hopewell, Chapter IV, Section 4-3 Festivals and Large Assemblies;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. This Resolution shall constitute a permit to conduct a Movie in the Park event in accordance with the application submitted by Hopewell Township Recreation Department, which events are to be held on July 13, 2022 and August 10, 2022, at Woolsey Park, 221 Washington Crossing-Pennington Road, Titusville, New Jersey.

2. Hopewell Township Recreation Department shall be exempted from the several provisions of 4-3, et seq. (4-3.8 Exemptions. e. Governmental units) except those provided by 4-3.4, Insurance Requirement.

3. The Municipal Clerk is directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Hopewell Township Recreation Department, 201 Washington Crossing-Pennington Road, Titusville, NJ 08560.

R E S O L U T I O N #22-97

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPLICATION OF HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP RECREATION DEPARTMENT TO CONDUCT CONCERT IN THE PARK EVENTS

WHEREAS, application has been made by the Hopewell Township Recreation Department to conduct Concert in the Park events in the Township of Hopewell at Woolsey Park, 221 Washington Crossing-Pennington Road, Titusville, New Jersey, on July 27, 2022 and August 24, 2022, between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, the Hopewell Township Health Officer, the Hopewell Township Police Department, the Hopewell Township Bureau of Fire Safety and the Director of Community Development have reviewed the application and granted their approval to conduct the events and recommend the granting of a permit pursuant to the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Hopewell, Chapter IV, Section 4-3 Festivals and Large Assemblies;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. This Resolution shall constitute a permit to conduct a Movie in the Park event in accordance with the application submitted by Hopewell Township Recreation Department, which events are to be held on July 27, 2022 and August 24, 2022, at Woolsey Park, 221 Washington Crossing-Pennington Road, Titusville, New Jersey.

2. Hopewell Township Recreation Department shall be exempted from the several provisions of 4-3, et seq. (4-3.8 Exemptions. e. Governmental units) except those provided by 4-3.4, Insurance Requirement.

3. The Municipal Clerk is directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Hopewell Township Recreation Department, 201 Washington Crossing-Pennington Road, Titusville, NJ 08560.

RESOLUTION #22-98. Read by title.
MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT

R E S O L U T I O N #22-98

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Courtney Peters-Manning, Mayor of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, on this 7th day of March 2022, do hereby appoint Mitchel Skolnick as a Member of the Agricultural Advisory Committee for an unexpired term expiring December 31, 2023.

RESOLUTION #22-99. Read by title.
Motion by Kuchinski, seconded by Chait to adopt Resolution #22-99.
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

R E S O L U T I O N #22-99

A RESOLUTION PERMITTING A FIREWORKS DISPLAY BY THE HOPEWELL VALLEY VETERAN'S ASSOCIATION – JUNE 26, 2022

WHEREAS, The Hopewell Valley Veteran's Association (HVVA) has made application for permission to hold a fireworks display on Sunday, June 26, 2022 in conjunction with the 63rd Army Band Concert to be conducted at Woolsey Park, Washington Crossing-Pennington Road, Titusville, NJ at 9:00 p.m. with a rain date of Sunday, July 10, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Uniform Fire Code (NJAC 5:70 et seq.) and the New Jersey Fireworks Act (NJSA 21:2-1 et. seq.) provides that the Governing Body of the Municipality may,

upon application in writing, grant permission for a public display of fireworks by organizations or groups of individuals;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer and State of New Jersey does hereby grant permission to the HVVA to hold a fireworks display Sunday, June 26, 2022 in conjunction with the 63rd Army Band Concert to be conducted at Woolsey Park, Washington Crossing-Pennington Road, Titusville, NJ at 9:00 p.m. with a rain date of Sunday, July 10, 2022; subject to the following conditions:

- (1) Submission to the Township Fire Official, Andrew J. Fosina, Jr., an application pursuant to and meeting the specifications of the Uniform Fire Code and the New Jersey Fireworks Act;
- (2) Approval of the location of the storage place for said fireworks by the Township Fire Official, Andrew J. Fosina, Jr.;
- (3) Submission of Certificate of Insurance by the Vendor covering the fireworks; and
- (4) Submission of Surety as per N.J.S.A. 21:3-5.

RESOLUTION #22-100. Read by title.

Motion by Purandare, seconded by Chait to adopt Resolution #22-100.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

R E S O L U T I O N #22-100

A RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH INTERNATIONAL FIREWORKS MFG, INC. AND THE HOPEWELL VALLEY VETERAN'S ASSOCIATION FOR A FIREWORKS DISPLAY ON JUNE 26, 2022

WHEREAS, The Township of Hopewell and the Hopewell Valley Veteran's Association (HVVA) has been granted permission to hold a fireworks display on Sunday, June 26, 2022 in conjunction with the 63rd Army Band Concert to be conducted at Woolsey Park, Washington Crossing-Pennington Road, Titusville, NJ at 9:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, The Township of Hopewell and the Hopewell Valley Veteran's Association must enter into an agreement with International Fireworks Mfg. Inc. to permit the display of fireworks at Woolsey Park; and

WHEREAS, The Township of Hopewell has agreed to furnish the necessary police protection at all times during the preparation of the exhibition and firing of same and also agreed to procure any and all necessary permits and licenses that may be required; and

WHEREAS, The Hopewell Valley Veteran's Association shall be responsible for paying the contract price with International Fireworks Mfg. Inc.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer and State of New Jersey does hereby grant permission for the Mayor to sign and enter into agreement with International Fireworks Mfg. Inc. for a fireworks display on Sunday, June 26, 2022 in conjunction with the 63rd Army Band Concert to be conducted at Woolsey Park, Washington Crossing-Pennington Road, Titusville, NJ at 9:00 p.m.

RESOLUTION #22-101. Read by title.

Motion by Kuchinski, seconded by Ruger to adopt Resolution #22-101.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Chait, Kuchinski, Purandare, Ruger, Mayor Peters-Manning

NOES: None

R E S O L U T I O N #22-101

A RESOLUTION FOR AN EMERGENCY TEMPORARY APPROPRIATION

WHEREAS, an emergent condition has arisen with respect to the below listed items and no adequate provision has been made in the 2022 temporary appropriations for the aforesaid purpose, and N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20 provides for the creation of an emergency temporary appropriation for the purpose above mentioned; and

WHEREAS, the total emergency temporary resolutions adopted in the year 2022 pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 96, P.L. 1951 (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20) including this resolution total \$5,419,855.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on this 7th day of March 2022, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey (not less than two-thirds of all the members thereof affirmatively concurring) that in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20:

1. An emergency temporary appropriation be and the same is hereby made for:

Executive S&W	40,000.00
Executive O/E	50,000.00
Legislative S&W	4,000.00
Legal O/E	2,500.00
Clerk S&W	38,000.00
Clerk O/E	1,000.00
Finance S&W	25,000.00
Finance O/E	1,000.00
Tax Collector S&W	25,000.00
Tax Collector O/E	1,500.00
Assessor S&W	20,000.00
Assessor O/E	2,700.00
Comm. Dev. S&W	60,000.00
Comm. Dev. O/E	6,500.00
Police S&W	900,000.00
Int. Police S/W	10,000.00
Legal S&W	10,000.00
Public Works S&W	200,000.00
Muni Bldg S&W	20,000.00
Fleet Maint S&W	30,000.00
Health S&W	50,000.00
Recreation S&W	25,000.00
Sr. Service S&W	5,000.00
Sr. Service O/E	1,500.00
Court S&W	40,000.00
Social Security O/E	200,000.00
Liability Insurance O/E	70,100.00
Benefits O/E	875,000.00
Pension O/E	1,672,735.00
Health Waiver O/E	12,000.00
Utilities	40,000.00
Street lighting	25,000.00
Motor fuels	25,000.00
Telephone	10,000.00
Interlocal Recycling	66,000.00
Capital Improvement Fund	260,000.00
Woolsey Park Grant	375,000.00
Total	\$5,199,535.00

2. That said emergency temporary appropriation has been provided for in the 2022 budget under the title of:

As listed in 1 above

3. That one certified copy of this resolution be filed with the Director of Local Government Services.

RESOLUTION #22-102. Read by title.
Motion by Ruger, seconded by Kuchinski to adopt Resolution #22-102.
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

RESOLUTION #22-102

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE AWARD OF A FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT WITH SUBURBAN CONSULTING ENGINEERS INC. FOR ARCHITECTURAL & LANDSCAPE AND ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN SERVICES OUTDOOR BAND SHELL AT WOOLSEY PARK

WHEREAS, the Township of Hopewell has a need for Architectural & Landscape & Architectural Design Services Outdoor Band shell at Woolsey Park and publicly advertised and received in a fair and open manner consistent with N.J.S.A 19:44A-20.5, on February 15, 2022, at 10:00 A.M.; and

WHEREAS the Township received a total of five (5) proposals for the professional services; and

WHEREAS the proposal review committee determined based upon price and other factors the most advantageous proposal to the Township of Hopewell was Suburban Consulting Engineers Inc. 96 US Highway 206, Suite 10, Flanders, N.J. with a proposal of \$87,300.00 which in the aggregate is expected to be in excess of the play threshold of \$17,500.00: and

WHEREAS the Chief Financial Officer hereby certifies that funds NOT TO EXCEED \$87,300.00 are available as follows.

Line Item: X-02-00-920-001

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell authorizes the Mayor to enter into a contract with Suburban Consulting Engineers Inc. 96 US Highway 206, Suite 10, Flanders, N.J. with a proposal of \$87,300.00 for the services as outlined within RFP 22-04 Architectural & Landscape & Architectural Design Services Outdoor Band shell at Woolsey Park.

RESOLUTION #22-103. Read by title.
Motion by Purandare, seconded by Chait to adopt Resolution #22-103.
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

RESOLUTION #22-103

AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE A LICENSE TO TRAP ROCK INDUSTRIES, LLC. FOR QUARRYING AT MOORE'S STATION QUARRY (2022/2023)

WHEREAS, Trap Rock Industries, LLC, Laurel Avenue, Kingston, New Jersey, 08528, has applied for a license for quarrying at the Moore's Station Quarry on Route #29, Block 59, Lot 2; and Block 60, Lot 1 for one (1) year, commencing March 19, 2022; and

WHEREAS, items have been received or completed as follows:

- 1. The required license fee of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000), and completed application.
- 2. Site inspection of the quarry operation and its compliance with the requirements of the land reclamation program on March 1, 2022 completed by Hopewell Township Community Development Director/Engineer James Hutzelmann.
- 3. Certificate of Insurance for Moore's Station Quarry - all operations effective September 1, 2021 with an expiration date of September 1, 2022; subject to the submission of a new insurance certificate covering the 2022/2023 licensing period.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Municipal Clerk issue the 2022/2023 license upon receipt of a new performance guarantee bond in the amount of \$34,500.00 in accordance with the following recommendations set forth in a letter submitted by the Township Engineer dated March 2, 2022; a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof:

Maintenance of water flows at stockpile locations; dust and tracking control along access driveway and Route 29; fencing repairs and replacements; site grading to maintain diversion to the approved on-site sediment basin and treatment device; placement of seed and plantings on slopes and berms; soil erosion and sediment control measures; cover plantings on spoil areas; general maintenance in accordance with the Ordinance; and providing updated surveys
..... \$28,000.00

Maintenance of stabilization of overburden stockpile embankments; maintenance of cut-off trenches to intercept runoff; additional embankment plantings; and annual over-seeding of embankment
.....\$6,500.00

Total Recommended Performance Guarantee

For Annual License Renewal..... \$34,500.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the issuance of the license is contingent upon the filing of Discharge Monitoring Reports with the Municipal Clerk.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, that the application in its entirety is approved, and the Municipal Clerk is instructed to inform the Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland that the performance guarantee bond dated March 19, 2021, in the total amount of \$34,500.00 has been released.

RESOLUTION #22-104. Read by title.
Motion by Chait, seconded by Purandare to adopt Resolution #22-104.
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

R E S O L U T I O N #22-104

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE REVISED NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION CHANGE ORDER FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS TO SCOTCH ROAD, HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP (BID 20-09)

WHEREAS, on July 20, 2020, the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell awarded a contract under Public Bid #20-09 to Earle Asphalt (Contractor) for Roadway Improvements to Scotch Road within the township in the amount of \$527,313.13; and

WHEREAS, this project is funded by the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT), in whole or in part, and is subject to NJDOT approval; and

WHEREAS, on August 20, 2021, the Contractor had submitted Change Order Number 1, reflecting the as-built quantities for the contract and a Final Contract Price Adjustment for a **decrease** in the total contract amount of \$37,382.12, representing a Final Contract Amount of \$489,931.01 that was determined to be incorrect; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell adopted Resolution #21-324 on September 13, 2021 that included the incorrect decrease amount in the total contract and Final Contract amount; and

WHEREAS, on February 24, 2022, the Contractor submitted revised Change Order Number 1, reflecting the as-built quantities for the contract and a Final Contract Price Adjustment for a **decrease** in the revised total contract amount of \$37,872.12, representing a Final Revised Contract Amount of \$489,441.01; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 7th day of March 2022 by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer and State of New Jersey:

1. That the Township accept revised Change Order No. 1 for the Final Price Adjustment and reduction in Contract Amount.
2. The Township authorizes and directs the Township Engineer to execute the final Change Order (#1) for the project.
3. That the Township considers the terms of the contract for Bid #20-09 satisfied.

RESOLUTION #22-105. Read by title.
Motion by Kuchinski, seconded by Ruger to adopt Resolution #22-105.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Chait, Kuchinski, Purandare, Ruger, Mayor Peters-Manning

NOES: None

R E S O L U T I O N #22-105

BILLS & CLAIMS

BE IT RESOLVED, that the list of cash disbursements authorized for approval of bills for payment date March 7, 2022 in the following amounts:

Bills and Claims	\$	487,660.86
Payroll	\$	339,074.63
Total Disbursements	\$	826,735.49

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

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – AS LISTED ON THE TOWNSHIP WEBSITE ON THE CLERK’S PAGE.

PUBLIC SECTION

No comments from the public.

EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTION. Read into the record.

Mayor Peters-Manning stated that the regular meeting may reconvene following the Executive Session.

Motion by Ruger, seconded by Chait to go to Executive Session to discuss contract negotiations, real estate, legal and personnel matters.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

R E S O L U T I O N #22-106

EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Township Committee to discuss contract negotiations, real estate, legal, 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 Township Committee wishes to discuss the following:

- Real Estate
 - Leased Properties
 - Zaitz
- Legal
 - Meeting Procedures
 - Conflict Attorney

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 7th day of March, 2022 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 7:46 p.m. the Executive Session was held.

At 8:50 p.m. the Regular meeting reconvened.

At 8:50 p.m., motion by Kuchinski, seconded by Chait to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

The detailed public meeting may be viewed at www.hopewelltp.org in the video library.

LAURIE E. GOMPF
MUNICIPAL CLERK