

**HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP  
YORK COUNTY PA  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 7, 2017  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
7:00 PM**

Chairman Aaron Manifold called the September 7, 2017 Board of Supervisors meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Also in attendance were Supervisor David Wisnom, Supervisor Shannon Wolf, Solicitor Andrew Miller and Secretary/Manager Kristy Smallwood.

Chairman Manifold announced that the Board had an executive session August 30, 2017 and September 7, 2017 to discuss pending litigation and personnel.

Chairman Manifold asked if anyone in the crowd was recording the meeting. No one was recording the meeting.

**Approval of Minutes**

Supervisor Wisnom motioned to approve the August 2017 Board of Supervisors minutes. Supervisor Wolf seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report/Invoices**

Supervisor Wolf motioned to approve the August 31, 2017 Treasurer's Report and invoices. Supervisor Wisnom seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Roads Report**

**Mowing**

The Road Crew completed the mowing.

**Rinely Rd**

The Road Crew has been working on the Rinely Road project. The project will hopefully be completed before the next meeting. Manager Smallwood will be contacting the State Police because of the speed limit.

**SALDO**

NONE.

**Solicitor's Report:**

**SALDO**

The amendments to SALDO have been submitted to YCPC and Hopewell Township Planning Commission.

**Dwelling Rights**

Solicitor Miller's office completed another six dwelling rights determinations. Solicitor Miller asked how the Board wishes to address calculations of dwelling rights for parcels that straddle the Township lines. Their recommendation is to only calculate the acreage in the Township. Supervisor Wolf agrees that the Township should not be giving lot rights out to land that is not in the Township. Chairman Manifold agrees. Supervisor Wolf motioned to only determine the acreage in the Township for dwelling rights. Supervisor Wisnom seconded the motion. Motion carried.

#### Resolution 5-2017

Resolution 5-2017 is prepared to adopt bid specifications for the waste contract. Chairman Manifold motioned to adopt Resolution 5-2017. Supervisor Wolf seconded the motion. Motion carried.

#### **Other Business:**

##### Act 537

The current compliance rate in District 4 is 66% compliance and 34% non-compliant. Supervisor Wisnom motioned for the Township to send out the first courtesy letter, and the later letter from the Solicitor's Office. Supervisor Wolf seconded the motion. Motion carried. Manager Smallwood asked the Board how they want to handle properties that were pumped but do not have a manhole. Solicitor Miller advised she defer that to Sewage Enforcement Officer Hunnings.

##### Stewartstown Railroad

John Nolan is present to discuss the bridge on Ridge Meadow Road. He recently began volunteering for the railroad. The biggest concern is that trucks continue to hit the bridge damaging the bridge and railroad. He asked the Board to permanently close the road. He stated the intent of the project is to repair the wing wall so trains can still use it. He would like to close the road to prevent future impact to the bridge after the wing wall is fixed. Chairman Manifold would entertain maybe changing the traffic pattern to avoid some of the issues with trucks. Chairman Manifold is not a fan to completely closing the road. Chairman Manifold thinks it needs to be safely repaired and is willing to keep the road closed for the repairs. Supervisor Wisnom agrees that he would like it fixed first and then they will discuss the traffic possibilities. The bridge will need to be reevaluated by an engineer that can determine how much weight the bridge can hold. Supervisor Wolf also agrees that they would like a plan first and get the bridge fixed before they determine the traffic pattern.

##### Wilson

Richard Wilson is present to discuss property. He received a letter saying that the Township was suing him when he returned to Florida. He wants to get ahead of this matter prior to the October hearing. He believes his property will comply by the middle of next week. Chairman Manifold is ok with sending out the Codes Enforcement Officer on September 14 or 15 to check it out.

York County Association

Supervisor Wolf motioned for employees to attend the York County Association Convention on November 9, 2017. Supervisor Wisnom seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Health & Vision Insurance

Supervisor Wolf motioned to renew the health & vision insurance for 2018. Chairman Manifold seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Minimum Municipal Obligation

Supervisor Wolf motioned to certify the payment of \$34,136 for the Pension Obligation. Supervisor Wisnom seconded the motion. Motion carried.

HARP

Kristi Ayres is present with a proposed budget increase. They are requesting an increase from all the municipalities and Hopewell's portion of the increase is \$9,514. It has been many years since they have asked for an increase. Chairman Manifold was a little concerned as it is a 20% increase. The increase is because they have to offer more hours to their paid help. The Board thinks there are things on their list that can be paid with cell tower money. The Board will work with them to see what can be used with cell tower money and what increase the Township is willing to give them. Chairman Manifold thanked Kristi for the time she has spent on HARP.

Generator

Chairman Manifold motioned to approve the yearly preventative maintained agreement for \$451. Supervisor Wolf seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Comment

None.

Chairman Manifold adjourned the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

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Kristy Smallwood, Secretary



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Courtney Hargrave, Recording Secretary