

**HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP  
YORK COUNTY PA  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 3, 2020  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
7:00 PM**

Chairman Aaron Manifold called the September 3, 2020 Board of Supervisors meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Also, in attendance were Supervisors David Wisnom, John O'Neill, Attorney, Andrew Miller from the Solicitor's Office and Secretary/Treasurer, Katie Berry.

Chairman Manifold asked if anyone in the room was recording the meeting to state their name and address. No one was recording the meeting. Chairman Manifold stated the Board held executive session prior to the meeting to discuss pending litigation.

**Pennsylvania State Police** – CPL. Justin Marquis, Patrol Unit Supervisor, was present to report the 2020 Hopewell Township calls. As of August 27, 2020 CPL., Marquis stated 568 incidents calls are reported for Hopewell Township. Marquis asked if there are any questions or concerning areas in the Township. Chairman Manifold reported continued speed issues on High Street and Shaw Road as well loitering at the HARC after hours (Althouse School Rd.).

**Approval of Minutes** – Chairman Manifold motioned to approve the August 6, 2020 Board of Supervisors Meeting minutes. Supervisor O'Neill seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report/Invoices** – Supervisor Wisnom motioned to approve the August 31, 2020 Treasurer's Report and invoices. Supervisor O'Neill seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Roads Report** –

**Johnson Road**- Paving completed, including the painted double line

**Mowing** – Second summer round of mowing in process (Along Township Roads- No State Roads)

**Davis Valley Rd.** – Road repair/widening (portion) Stewartstown Road towards Gemmill Road to be started.

**Culvert Box Repairs** – Road crew has begun inventory and planning the process of repairing some of the culvert boxes in Stewartstown Station after summer paving is completed.

**SALDO** –

20-05 Green Valley Farms- John Marsteller Jr. was present with the final Green Valley Farms plan for approval. The following opening items must be addressed so the plan can come back next month for approval.

1. All open comments from the engineer
2. DEP Planning Module
3. HOP Permit
4. Ag Review Committee checklist/approval from Keith Hunnings
5. Add Note regarding Homestead Lot:

**Proposed Lot 6 as shown on this plan is a homestead lot. No additional homestead lots shall be created from the residual lands shown on this plan.**

6. Section 27-318.4.H requires an agreement with the Township be recorded restricting the removal of trees from the homestead lot. Language may alternatively be added to the confirmatory deed to the homestead lot in lieu of a separate agreement. Also add a note regarding wooded portion of Homestead Lot:

**The wooded areas shown within the boundaries of the homestead lot (Proposed Lot 6) are subject to an agreement with Hopewell Township restricting and conditioning the removal of trees.**

7. The dwelling rights table must be updated to reflect that the current parcel only has one dwelling right and two additional dwelling rights are being transferred from the Hyson Farm. The transfer of dwelling rights must be done by recorded agreement between the owner and Township, which applicant should prepare and submit for approval. The transfer of dwelling rights agreement should be recorded with the plan and referenced in the dwelling rights table.
8. Owner should submit the proposed confirmatory deeds for the subdivision for approval. These will need to be recorded following the plan to confirm the new lot lines of the lots being created on the plan.

Supervisor O'Neill motioned to table the approval until open items are addressed. Supervisor Wisnom seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Solicitor's Report** –

A Recreation Fee Calculation sheet was created to help calculate accurate recreation fees. Chairman Manifold asked Solicitor Miller to research the possibility of increasing the amount for Recreation Fees in Hopewell Township. Supervisors Wisnom and O'Neill agree to have an increase researched. Solicitor Miller agreed to research deeds and listings and see what homes are selling for.

Supervisor O’Niell stated the area will need more recreational area sooner than later in Hopewell Township.

**Other Business** –

Teresa (Terri) Gervasi- of 656 Juli Drive was present to express to the Board some concerns on Juli Drive. The first issue stated was the concern of dirt bikes, motorcycles and cars racing on the properties behind Juli Dr. on Joretta Court. Gervasi stated the State Police will not do anything to enforce Township Ordinances. Chairman Manifold explained the Township Zoning and Codes Office is who needs concerns reported to regarding Ordinances. Gervasi also expressed concern over the neighbor across the street and his basketball hoop. She expressed concern over the children in the street and where the hoop was placed (in her line of sight when leaving her driveway). The neighbor with the basketball hoop, Gino Sisto of 13965 Mt. Airy Road, was also present and explained he is trying to find a solution to moving the basketball hoop by expanding his driveway. Sisto explained he wants to satisfy the concerns of the Gervasi’s. Chairman Manifold explained the Township will not endorse the permission of children playing on roads in any way.

SYC Rotary Email – SYC Rotary is requesting to meet with the Board of Supervisors to discuss the joint commitment to beautify and maintain the Exit 4 Interchange in Shrewsbury. The Board asked that Katie reply to the email requesting a few dates to meet.

District 3 Act 537 Update – As of September 1, 2020, 76% were compliant and 24% were non-complaint. Supervisor O’Neill made a motion to send final letters to the non-compliant residents. Chairman Manifold seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Health and Vision Insurance renewal – Supervisor motioned to renew the current policies since there are no cost increases. Supervisor O’Niell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Minimum Municipal Obligation – Chairman Manifold motioned to certify the 2021 MMO for the Employee Pension Plan in the amount of \$32,132. Supervisor Wisnom seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2021 Budget Workshop – The annual budget workshop will be held September 22, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Building and will be legally advertised.

Barrens Travel Soccer 5K Request at HARC – Barrens Travel Soccer Club Fundraiser is requesting to use the trails to run a 5k in October, using safe following all COVID 19 distance requirements. Supervisor motioned to approve the 5k run as long as parking does not block roads. Chairman Manifold seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Public Comment** –

Gino Sisti – was also present to ask advice of the Board of Supervisors regarding his Driveway Permit. He worked with South Penn Code before the permit was issued and did not realize additional fees would be applied. Chairman Manifold explained it is not the responsibility of South Penn Codes to design or lay out any projects.

John Marsteller Jr. –Mr. Marsteller expressed concern to the Board regarding trees along Macks Road. Chairman Manifold stated the Township does need property owner permission if the trees are outside of the road right of way. Supervisor Manifold stated the Board will talk to the Road Master and figure out the best way to handle.

Chairman Manifold adjourned the meeting at 8:21 p.m.

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Katie Berry, Recording Secretary