

HOPEWELL TOWN BOARD MEETING JUNE 17, 2026 7:00PM

The regular scheduled Town Board Meeting for the Town of Hopewell was held on Wednesday June 17, 2026 at 7:00PM with Supervisor William Namestnik presiding.

Present:	Supervisor	William Namestnik
	Council Member	Mark Curran
	Council Member	Adam Sanford
Necessarily Absent	Council Member	Jeff Trickey
Necessarily Absent	Council Member	Andrew Faust

Others Present: Hopewell Fire Chief Skip Critcher, Greg Bouchard, Linda Biehl, Code Enforcement Officer Justin Bruen, Code Enforcement Officer Austin Wagar and Town Clerk Denise Hood

A motion was made by Council Member Curran, seconded by Council Member Sanford to approve the minutes of the Town Board Meeting of May 20, 2026.

Adopted: Vote: Ayes 3 Nays 0

A motion was made by Council Member Curran, seconded by Council Member Sanford to approve the minutes of the Special Town Board Meeting of June 9, 2026.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 3 Nays 0

Privilege of the Floor- Hopewell Fire Chief Skip Critcher reported the Hopewell Fire Department has 30 active fire fighters and 14 support and rehab. There are 3 members who have passed the pump operator class, one member completed Fire Fighter class and one member has completed wildland search and rescue. The Hopewell Fire Department did their boot drive the week after Memorial Day. On Father’s Day, June 21st the Hopewell Fire Department will be having a pancake breakfast, beginning at 8AM at Station #2 on Route 5 & 20.

Retirement Resignation – Linda Biehl- (Exhibit A) - A motion was made by Council Member Curran, seconded by Council Member Sanford to approve the Retirement Resignation from Linda Biehl. Supervisor Namestnik thanked her for her hard work, while working at the Town of Hopewell.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 3 Nays 0

Old Business-Town Officials
Code Enforcement Officer- Justin Bruen- Resolution #15-2026- Authorizing Adoption by the Town Board of the Town of Hopewell of a Local Law to Change the Zoning District Classification of a Parcel and to Amend a Portion of the Zoning District Map of the Town of Hopewell- (Exhibit B)- A motion was made by Council Member Curran, seconded by Council Member Sanford to approve Resolution #15-2026- Authorizing Adoption by the Town Board of the Town of Hopewell of a Local Law to Change the Zoning District Classification of a Parcel and to Amend a Portion of the Zoning District Map of the Town of Hopewell.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 3 Nays 0

Water Superintendent-Joe Eckam- Camera System Update- The installation was completed today.

Water System Automation Control Emergency Replacement Update- The replacement has been completed.

Supervisor- William Namestnik-Accounting Software Update- Closer to the payroll crossover. July will begin the new payroll program with Simco. The Town of Hopewell will be saving approximately \$600/month with this change in vendors .

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Code Enforcement Agreement with Town of Bristol-Mutual Agreement to Terminate the Agreement- A motion was made by Council Member Curran, seconded by Council Member Sanford to approve the Code Enforcement Agreement with the Town of Bristol for a Mutual Agreement to Terminate the Agreement.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 3 Nays 0

Historical Society Lease/ Insurance- The Treasurer of the Hopewell Historical Society will be giving Supervisor Namestnik a copy of their insurance for the July Town Board meeting. A new lease with the Hopewell Historical Society will also come before the Board at the July Town Board Meeting.

250th Independence Day Celebration- Unfortunately, there will not be a 250th Celebration in the Town of Hopewell. Supervisor Namestnik stated there may be something in the future, just not on the July 4th weekend. Council Member Sanford suggested to have the Town Hall Decorated on the outside for the 4th of July.

New Business- Town Officials Monthly Reports

Town Clerk-Denise Hood-Cemeteries Mowing Bids for 2026 and 2027-(Exhibit C) - Received one bid from Bay Landscape. A motion was made by Council Member Sanford, seconded by Council Member Curran to approve the mowing bid from Bay Landscape.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 3 Nays 0

Positive Pay/CNB- Due to an incident to the Clerk Account, I have made the decision to have positive pay on the Clerk Account.

Code Enforcement Officer- Justin Bruen- Monthly Report- (Exhibit D)

iWorQ addition to the software- Code Enforcement Officer Austin Wager presented the Town Board with a proposal of an addition to the software program. The proposal would enhance the transparency of the Code Enforcement Department by allowing residents to see what permits have been submitted in the Town of Hopewell and their status. The cost would be \$2000, but Code Enforcement Officer Austin Wager is negotiating to lower the cost.

Supervisor-William Namestnik-Resolution #17-2026-Abstract #6-(Exhibit E)- A motion was made by Council Member Curran, seconded by Council Member Sanford to approve Resolution #17-2026-Abstract #6.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 3 Nays 0

Approval of Cyber Security Policies and Procedures- A motion was made by Council Member Curran, seconded by Council Member Sanford to approve the Cyber Security Policies and Procedures.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 3 Nays 0

Hopewell Volunteer Fire Department Application of Peggy Dorn- A motion was made by Council Member Curran, seconded by Council Member Sanford to approve the application of Peggy Dorn to the Hopewell Volunteer Fire Department.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 3 Nays 0

Hopewell Volunteer Fire Department Application of Bernard McGory- A motion was made by Council Member Curran, seconded by Council Member Sanford to approve the application of Bernard McGory to the Hopewell Volunteer Fire Department.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 3 Nays 0

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Town Officials' Monthly Report-A motion was made by Council Member Curran, seconded by Council Member Sanford to approve the monthly reports from Town Clerk, Code Enforcement, Water Superintendent, and Supervisor.

Adopted: Vote: Ayes 3 Nays 0

Other- Resolution #18-2026-Approving Issuance of Tax-Exempt Note for the Hopewell Volunteer Fire Department, INC. - (Exhibit F)- A motion was made by Council Member Sanford, seconded by Council Member Curran to approve Resolution #18-2026- Approving Issuance of Tax-Exempt Note for the Hopewell Volunteer Fire Department, INC.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 3 Nays 0

Privilege of the Floor- No one spoke for Privilege of the Floor.

A motion was made by Council Member Curran, seconded by Council Member Sanford to adjourn the meeting at 7:38PM.

Respectfully submitted, *Denise L Hood - Town Clerk, June 22, 2026*
Next Meeting is on Wednesday, July 29, 2026 at 7PM.

