

PUBLIC HEARING MAY 20, 2026 AT 7:02PM

A Public Hearing was held at the Hopewell Town Hall on Wednesday, May 20, 2025 at 7:02PM, with Supervisor Namestnik presiding. This Public Hearing was in regard to **Authorizing Adoption by the Town Board of the Town of Hopewell of a Local Law #4-2026 Requiring Written Notification of any Highway, Bridge, Street Crosswalk or Culvert Defective of Dangerous Conditions- (Exhibit A)**

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

Others Present: Adam Stahl, Elaine Parsons, Hopewell Fire Chief Skip Critcher, Code Enforcement Officer Justin Bruen, Highway Superintendent Matt Curran, Water Superintendent Joe Eckam and Town Clerk Denise Hood.

Supervisor Namestnik opened the Public Hearing for the Town of Hopewell for Local Law #4-2026. He asked if there was anyone who would like to comment on Local Law #3-2026. No one spoke.

Supervisor Namestnik closed the Public Hearing at 7:03PM.

Respectfully Submitted, *Denise L. Hood, Hopewell Town Clerk*

HOPEWELL TOWN BOARD MEETING MAY 20, 2026 7:03PM

The regularly scheduled Town Board Meeting for the Town of Hopewell was held on Wednesday evening, May 20, 2026 at 7:03PM, with Supervisor William Namestnik presiding.

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

Others Present: Adam Stahl, Elaine Parsons, Hopewell Fire Chief Skip Critcher, Code Enforcement Officer Justin Bruen, Highway Superintendent Matt Curran, Water Superintendent Joe Eckam, and Town Clerk Denise Hood.

Approval of Minutes- A motion was made by Council Member Curran, seconded by Council Member Trickey to approve the April 15, 2026 Town Board meeting minutes.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 5 Nays 0

Privilege of the Floor- Hopewell Fire Chief Skip Critcher reported the Hopewell Fire Department currently has 30 active members and 14 support and rehab. The Fire Department has responded to 155 calls, to date.

Old Business-Town Officials

Highway Superintendent-Matt Curran-Lincoln Hill Update- Everything has been done. The road paint has been ordered. Once the paint arrives, it will be put on the schedule.

Resolution #13-2026- Authorizing Adoption by the Town Board of the Town of Hopewell of Local Law #4-2026 Entitled “A Local Law Requiring Written Notification of Defective of Dangerous Conditions”- (Exhibit B) - A motion was made by Council Member Curran, seconded by Council Member Trickey to approve Resolution #13-2026-Authorizing Adoption by the Town Board of the Town of Hopewell of Local Law #4-2026 Entitled “A Local Law Requiring Written Notification of Defective of Dangerous Conditions”.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 5 Nays 0

HOPEWELL TOWN BOARD MEETING MAY 22, 2026 II

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 C) – The Town Board would like to table this resolution until the Town Board meeting on June 17, 2026, because the Town Board would like to re-familiarize themselves with all the information, since the PUD began in June of 2022. Code Enforcement Officer Justin Bruen explained to the Board all the steps that have been taken for this process. He will be emailing the information to the Town Board Members. This is the first PUD for the Town of Hopewell.

Water Superintendent-Joe Eckam-Camera System- Water Superintendent Joe Eckam reported he had received a few additional quotes as requested by the Board and now would like to have the work done in-house. The cost would be approximately \$2000 to have it done in-house as opposed to SG Security for \$10,000.

Route 247 Water Meter Pit- All the work has been completed!

Water System Automation Control Emergency Replacement Update- The work has been completed, but requires programming.

Supervisor-William Namestnik- Accounting Software Update- Continuing to learn. The reports are understandable and efficient and will be migrating over to Payroll in July.

Senior Clerk Position- Supervisor Namestnik has worked with the County to get a 3 day work Senior Clerk position. One day would be for bookkeeping and 2 days for Human Resources. Supervisor Namestnik noted he is reassessing the need for this position and would like to try not having the new position.

Historical Society Lease/Insurance- The agreement that is currently in place, does not clearly state when the end date and what the lease term is. The agreement needs to get cleaned up. The lease has been \$1/year. There will be a revised agreement at the June Town Board meeting. The Hopewell Historical Society covers the insurance which is under review.

Ontario County Firing Range- There has been positive feedback regarding the Firing Range. Silencers for the rifles may be purchased.

Cannabis- Adam Stahl came before the Town Board last month to propose the idea of having cannabis sold in the Town of Hopewell. After the April Town Board Meeting Adam Stahl had a conversation with Supervisor Namestnik. Adam Stahl then, emailed government issued articles to Supervisor Namestnik who then, forwarded the articles to the Town Board Members. The Town Attorney, Jeff Graff, spoke with Supervisor Namestnik and indicated since the Town of Hopewell has already opted out of cannabis sales the Town does not need to entertain the thought of opting in. But, if the Town chooses to opt in there would need to be a Public Hearing and Local Law. Mr. Stahl took the floor and quoted an article. He provided comments and quotes from President Trumps signing of the Executive Order on Increasing Medical Marijuana and Cannabidiol Research of December 18, 2025. Mr. Stahl also stated 3% of sales would go to the Town and he would support local not for profits. Discussion ensued as to what the options are for the Town and pros and cons. Supervisor Namestnik will be contacting Town Attorney, Jeff Graff asking what rules/laws has changed since the Town of Hopewell has opted out in 2021.

Memorial Day Service Ceremony-(Exhibit D) - Sunday, May 24th at 2PM in the pavilion.

250th Independence Day Celebration (July 4th) - Supervisor Namestnik stated we haven't planned for it quite yet, but would like to have it held at one of the cemeteries in Hopewell where there are Revolutionary Soldiers that served.

HOPEWELL TOWN BOARD MEETING MAY 20, 2026 III

New Business- Town Officials Monthly Reports

Town Clerk-Denise Hood- The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolutionary has given the Town of Hopewell a list of Revolutionary Solders who are buried in the Town of Hopewell cemeteries. This was done in recognition of the 250th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. **(Exhibit E)**

Highway Superintendent-Matt Curran- Highway Superintendent Matt Curran apologized for the stone piles in the back. The highway crew will be moving them next week. He also stated the new Pay Loader arrived and the old one will be listed on Auctions International.

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

Town Supervisor-William Namestnik- Resolution #14-2026- Abstract #5-Audited Vouchers-(Exhibit G) - A motion was made by Council Member Trickey, seconded by Council Member Faust to approve Resolution #14-2026 on Abstract # 5.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 5 Nays 0

Preliminary 2027 Budget Timeline- (Exhibit H)

NYMIR-Eastern Shore Insurance Agency-Insurance Proposal- (Exhibit I)- A motion was made by Council Member Curran, seconded by Council Member Trickey to approve the insurance proposal.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 5 Nays 0

Hopewell Fire Department Volunteer Application-Nathan J. Myhill- A motion was made by Council Member Curran, seconded by Council Member Trickey to approve the Hopewell Fire Department Volunteer Application for Nathan J. Myhill.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 5 Nays 0

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

Adopted: Vote Ayes 5 Nays 0

Other-Cyber Security- Supervisor Namestnik provided a Cyber Security Packet to the Town Board that he received from the insurance company. He stated there needs to be time and attention to this information. This is mandatory information that needs to be put in place by June 30th. Training is required by all who use a computer with their job in the Town of Hopewell.

Executive Session- A motion was made by Council Member Trickey, seconded by Council Member Curran to approve going into Executive Session Public Officers Law & 105 (1) (d) - for the purposes of discussing proposed, pending or current litigation at 8:11PM.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 5 Nays 0

General Session- A motion was made by Council Member Curran, seconded by Council Member Trickey to return to General Session at 9:07PM.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 5 Nays 0

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

A motion was made by Council Member Sanford, seconded by Council Member Faust to adjourn the meeting at 9:08PM.

Respectfully submitted, *Denise L Hood - Town Clerk May 27, 2026*
Next, Town Board Meeting will be on June 17, 2026 at 7P.M.

