**HOPEWELL SPECIAL TOWN BOARD NOVEMBER 9, 2026 7:00PM**

The Town of Hopewell Special Town Board Meeting was held at the Hopewell Town Hall on Tuesday, November 9, 2026 at 7:00PM, with Supervisor William Namestnik presiding.

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

Others Present: Town Clerk Denise Hood.

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

**Resolution #28-2026-Indroducing Local Law to override the tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law §3-c and Calling a Public Hearing- (Exhibit A) -**A motion was made by Council Member Trickey, seconded by Council Member Curran to approve Resolution #28-2026-Introducing Local Law #6-2026 to Override the Tax Levy Limit established in General Municipal Law §3-c and set a date for the Public Hearing for November 18, 2026 at 7PM.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 4 Nays 0

**Stripe Fee Changes added to Government and Utility Payments per Regulation-** It has been brought to the Town Board's attention that Visa is changing its rules on January 23, 2027. Fees added to government and utility payments made consumer debit and prepaid cards must be a flat amount of no more than $10. The website currently adds 2.9% plus 30 cents to every card payment and doesn't know the card type when setting that fee, so the setup we currently use on the website won't work under this new rule. Conversation ensued with concerns and ideas. The Board would like to have different companies looked at before making their final decision.

**Court Books Audit-** A motion was made by Council Member Curran, seconded by Council Member Trickey to approve June 2026 through September 2026 books for Judge Smithling.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 4 Nays 0

A motion was made by Council Member Curran, seconded by Council Member Trickey to approve June 2026 through October 2026 books for Judge Wiepert.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 4 Nays 0

**Other: Employee Handbook-** The Town Board discussed concerns with the hours involved for Holiday for hourly employees.

**Executive Session-** A motion was made by Council Member Trickey, seconded by Council Member Curran to go into Executive Session for Personnel and Possible Liability matters at 7:37PM.

**General Session-** a motion was made by Council Member Trickey, seconded by Council Member Curran to return to General Session at 7:59PM.

A motion was made by Council Member Trickey, seconded by Council Member Curran to adjourn at 8PM.

Respectfully submitted, *Denise L Hood, Hopewell Town Clerk ~November 10, 2026. Next meeting is on November 18, 2026 at 7:00PM, beginning with a Public Hearing.*

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