PUBLIC HEARING OCTOBER 21, 2026 AT 7:00PM

A Public Hearing was held at the Hopewell Town Hall on Wednesday, October 21, 2026 at 7:00PM, with Supervisor Namestnik presiding. This Public Hearing was in regard to **the 2027 Preliminary Budget**

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

Others Present: Hopewell Fire Chief Skip Critcher, Bob DeLeo, David Mott, Keven Shipman, Adam Stahl, Code Enforcement Officer Justin Bruen, Water Superintendent Joe Eckam, and Town Clerk Denise Hood.

Supervisor Namestnik opened the Public Hearing for the Town of Hopewell for the 2027 Preliminary Budget. He asked if there was anyone who would like to comment on the 2027 Preliminary Budget. No comments were made.

Supervisor Namestnik closed the Public Hearing at 7:01PM.
Respectfully Submitted, *Denise L Hood, Hopewell Town Clerk*

HOPEWELL TOWN BOARD MEETING OCTOBER 21, 2026 7:01PM

The regular scheduled Town Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, October 21, 2026 at 7:01PM, with Supervisor Namestnik presiding.

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	Council Member	Mark Curran
	Council Member	Andrew Faust
Necessarily Absent	Council Member	Adam Sanford
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Others Present: Hopewell Fire Chief Skip Critcher, Bob DeLeo, David Mott, Keven Shipman, Adam Stahl, Code Enforcement Officer Justin Bruen, Water Superintendent Joe Eckam, and Town Clerk Denise Hood.

A motion was made by Council Member Curran, seconded by Council Member Faust to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2026 Town Board Workshop Meeting.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 3 Nays 0

A motion was made by Council Member Curran, seconded by Council Member Faust to approve the minutes from the September 16, 2026 Special Town Board Meeting.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 3 Nays 0

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

Communications and Reports
The following communications and reports were received since the last meeting.
A) Talk of the Towns- September/October

Old Business

Town Officials Reports

Town Clerk-Denise Hood- Smith Road Speed Limit Change- Awaiting Petition- No update at this time.

Local Law #5 of 2026- Department of State Indexing Letter- (Exhibit A) - Filed with the State.

HOPEWELL TOWN BOARD MEETING OCTOBER 21, 2026 II

Code Enforcement Officer-Justin Bruen- Rezoning of 3890 State Route 5 & 20 Next Steps- Update- (Exhibit B) - He explained to the Town Board the steps they could choose from to move forward. The Town Board chose to table the rezoning to the November Town Board Meeting.

Code Enforcement Officer Justin Bruen stated with Local Law #5-2026- of which a new map needs to be printed.

Rezoning of HDR to AG and R1 to HDR Rezone Draft Map and Next Steps- (Exhibit C)- A motion was made by Council Member Curran, seconded by Council Member Faust to approve to have Town Attorney, Jeff Graff, draft the Local Law for rezoning.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 3 Nays 0

Manufactured Home Park License-Update- The letter has been sent to Heron Landing. They have issued a check and it is in the mail.

Water Superintendent-Joe Eckam- Ed Snyder attended the class last week for the Class C Water Treatment Course.

Supervisor-William Namestnik- Accounting Software Update- Currently going well and working well.

2027 Tentative Budget to Preliminary Budget- (Exhibit D) - A motion was made by Council Member Curran, seconded by Council Member Faust to approve the 2027 Tentative Budget to Preliminary Budget of 2027.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 3 Nays 0

Historical Society Lease/Insurance- Update- Discovered the Historical Society does not have museum status. Supervisor Namestnik explained to President of the Historical Society Dave Mott and Vice President of the Historical Society Bob De Leo that they need to go through the State to receive museum status if they would like to have museum status.

Bob De Leo made the Town Board aware that the Historical Society is working on preserving paperwork by laminating.

Town Hall North Parking Lot Lighting Update- The Justices of the Town of Hopewell have submitted a grant to have better lighting on the north parking lot. The grant has been received. The quote for the project came to $75,000 and the grant is for $30,000. The grant has not been approved at this time.

New York Association of Towns-Bill of Rights Resolution- Tabling for next month's meeting, per Town Board.

New York Association of Towns-Delegate Resolution- Tabling for next month's meeting, per Town Board.

Cannabis- In response to an inquiry regarding other town's sales tax revenue, Supervisor Namestnik reported the Town of Geneva in 2025 received $156,832.68 and in 2026 received $84,982.84 from Cannabis sales. Victor in 2025 received approximately $80,000. Discussion regarding the possibility of reliquishing the Town of Hopewell's autonomy, if the Town opts in occurred.

Adam Stahl is going to provide some information (research) on autonomy.

HR Works-Employee Handbook Development Update- The draft of the Handbook has been sent out to the employees for their feedback, as well as the Town Board members. Projecting to have the Handbook finalized by the end of the year.

New Business

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

Supervisor-William Namestnik- Resolution #24-2026-Abstract #10-(Exhibit F)-A motion was made by Council Member Curran, seconded by Council Member Faust to approve Resolution #24-2026-Abstract #10.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 3 Nays 0

Resolution #25-2026-Budget Modifications- (Exhibit G)- A motion was made by Council Member Curran, seconded by Council Member Faust to approve resolution #25-2026 for the Budget Modifications.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 3 Nays 0

Town of Hopewell Comprehensive Plan Quote- A quote from Genesee Finger Lakes Regional Planning Commission came in at $35,000.

Route 488 and Freshour Road Intersection Safety Improvements- Supervisor Namestnik thanked the residents who had contacted the Department of Transportation (DOT) with their concerns. Resident, Keven Shipman, mentioned the State informed him that this was the first step. He further noted DOT did the improvements that were considered last fall.

Ontario County Dog Control Agreement for 2027- (Exhibit H)-A motion was made by Council Member Curran, seconded by Council Member Faust to approve the Ontario County Dog Control Agreement for 2027.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 3 Nays 0

Ontario County Salt Storage Agreement 11/16/26-11/15/28-(Exhibit I)- A motion was made by Council Member Curran, seconded by Council Member Faust to approve the Ontario County Salt Storage Agreement 11/16/26-11/15/28.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 3 Nays 0

Ontario County Court Security Agreement for 2027 (Exhibit J) - A motion was made by Council Member Curran, seconded by Council Member Faust to approve the Ontario County Court Security Agreement for 2027.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 3 Nays 0

Resolution #23-2026-Operation Green Light Supporting Veterans November 4-11, 2026- (Exhibit K)- A motion was made by Council Member Faust, seconded by Council Member Curran to approve Resolution #23-2026-Operation Green Light Supporting Veterans November 4-11, 2026.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 3 Nays 0

Resolution #26-2026-Carifying and Supplementing Resolution No. 2104 Regarding Deputy Clerks- (Exhibit L) - A motion was made by Council Member Curran, seconded by Council Member Faust to approve Resolution #26-2026-Clarifying and Supplementing Resolution No. 2104 Regarding Deputy Clerks.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 3 Nays 0

Resolution #27- 2026-Assistant Water Superintendent Title- (Exhibit M) - A motion was made by Council Member Curran, seconded by Council Member Faust to approve Resolution #26-2026-Assistant Water Superintendent Title.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 3 Nays 0

Approval of the Town Officials Reports- A motion was made by Council Member Curran, seconded by Council Member Faust to approve the Town Officials Monthly Reports.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 3 Nays 0

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HOPEWELL TOWN BOARD MEETING OCTOBER 21, 2026 IV

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

Executive Session- A motion was made by Council Member Faust, seconded by Council Member Curran to go into Executive Session for Personnel and Possible Liability at 7:44PM.

General Session- A motion was made by Council Member Faust, seconded by Council Member Curran to return to General Session at 8:17PM.

A motion was made by Council Member Curran, seconded by Council Member Faust to adjourn the meeting at 8:18PM

Adopted: Vote Ayes 3 Nays 0

Respectfully submitted, Denise L Hood ~ Town Clerk October 28, 2026

Next Meeting November 18, 2026 at 7:00 PM

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