

MINUTES OF THE HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MAY 1, 2001.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Lasinski at 7:00 P.M. with the opening statement that the meeting had been duly advertised and met all the requirements of the Sunshine Law. Also present were: Councilman Kievit, Councilman Ross, Councilman Armstrong, Councilwoman Hamilton, Manager John Eskilson and Deputy Clerk Jane Bakalarzyk.

SALUTE THE FLAG:

CONSENT AGENDA: ALL MATTERS LISTED BELOW ARE CONSIDERED TO BE ROUTINE IN NATURE AND WILL BE ENACTED BY ONE MOTION. THERE WILL BE NO SEPARATE DISCUSSION OF THE ITEMS. IF ANY DISCUSSION IS DESIRED, THAT PARTICULAR ITEM WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA AND WILL BE CONSIDERED SEPARATELY.

Monthly Reports:

1. Municipal Court - March 2001
2. Smoke Detector Inspections - 1st Quarter 2001
3. Sparta Animal Control - 1st Quarter 2001

Minutes:

1. Regular Minutes - 4/3/01
2. Workshop Minutes - 4/10/01
3. Executive Session Minutes - 4/10/01

Licenses:

1. St. Jude's - Off Premise 50/50

A motion was made by Ross to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Kievit. All in favor. Motion carried.

ORDINANCES

1st READING:

ORDINANCE 2001-06

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 62, BUILDING CONSTRUCTION, SECTION 62-3, COSTS AND FEES, AND CHAPTER 88, FEES, SECTION 88-3, LAND USE FEES, SUBSECTION K, WAIVER OF FEES OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDYSTON

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Council that Chapter 62, Building Construction, Section 62-3, Costs and Fees, of the Code of the Township of Hardyston shall be amended to include the following:

c. Waiver of Fees. Notwithstanding any other provision of the ordinance to the contrary, the Township Council may, upon request, grant waiver of up to 50% of local permit fees for nonprofit organizations, where it is deemed to be in the best interest of the Township of Hardyston; provided, however, that said waiver shall not include State fees or any review fee escrow deposits. The Township Council may, upon request, grant waiver of up to 100% of local permit fees and escrow deposits for the Hardyston Township Fire Department and the Hardyston Township First Aid Squad. Waivers shall be expressed in a formal resolution of the Township Council adopted by 2/3 of the full membership thereof, and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that Chapter 88, Fees, Section 88-3, Land Use Fees, Subsection K, Waiver of Fees shall be repealed in its entirety and replaced as follows:

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A motion was made by Kievit to approve Ordinance 2001-06 on first reading, seconded by Hamilton. All in favor with Ross abstaining. Motion carried.

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ORDINANCES:

2ND READING: None

NEW BUSINESS:

A. - Tax Collectors Resolution - WHEREAS, the Tax Collector of Hardyston Township, Sussex County, has determined that a change fund in the amount of \$ 100.00 is needed for the Tax Office,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of Hardyston Township that a change fund in the amount of \$ 100.00 be set up for the Tax Office.

A motion was made by Ross to approve the resolution as presented, seconded by Kievit. All in favor. Motion carried.

B. Resolution supporting Vernon Township's Planning Development Efforts: WHEREAS, the Vernon Township Council in conjunction with their Planning Board and professional planning officials, as a means to revitalize its core, is planning for a Town Center which will include the Intrawest Mountain Creek Resort; and

WHEREAS, Intrawest acquired the former Great Gorge-Vernon and Action Park facilities in February, 1998, with the purpose of redeveloping the property under the name of Mountain Creek Resort; and

WHEREAS, Intrawest is a corporation, which is widely regarded as being uniquely capable of redeveloping and revitalizing unsuccessful mountain resorts, such as Tremblant in Quebec, which after only five years of redevelopment following its failure and poor condition under prior ownership was ranked eastern North America's #1 mountain resort; and

WHEREAS, Vernon Township officials have approved the General Development Plan for the proposed Mountain Creek Resort, after extensive meetings with widespread public participation, forgoing a public-private partnership that will help fulfill and assure appropriate consideration to the quality of life for residents of Vernon Township, surrounding communities, and the region, and

WHEREAS, a Town Center which includes a world-class destination resort in Sussex County would be considered beneficial economic development for Vernon Township and Sussex County and would provide not only many new jobs and recreational opportunities for the region, but would also anchor the long overdue fulfillment of the region's promise of becoming an outdoor recreation and resort destination for Township and County residents and for residents of the entire region; and

WHEREAS, the general development plan provides for a Center uniquely authentic and original with respect to the manner in which it will reflect local and regional history, culture, architecture and character, including a destination main street and pedestrian village; and

WHEREAS, the General Development Plan and Township Town Center Plan is consistent with the 1994 Sussex county Economic Development Strategic Plan and since economists, including Vernon Township's own economic expert, have projected extraordinary economic benefits for the Sussex County region as a result of the anticipated success of the planned Mountain Creek Resort and the Town Center; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Vernon through the municipal land use process will continually monitor, revise and update the development plan; and

WHEREAS, the public will have the opportunity to continually provide input during the hearings process as each phase of the plan proceeds through the approval process.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hardyston Township Council of the Township of Hardyston does hereby concur with Vernon Township leaders that the Town Center and Intrawest Mountain Creek Resort are both welcome and appropriate, and represent an unprecedented and unique opportunity for the citizens of Sussex county, the Region and the State of New Jersey to host and enjoy a quality mountain resort, together with all the direct and indirect economic and job development, and recreational opportunities for the citizens, businesses and taxpayers of Sussex County and the Region; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council urges the County of Sussex and the State of New Jersey to work cooperatively with area municipalities in developing an integrated transportation strategy including roadway improvements that will allow the County of Sussex to become a world class tourism destination; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Governor, State of New Jersey, all local Legislators, all New Jersey County Freeholder Boards, and all Sussex County municipalities.

A motion was made by Kievit to approve the resolution as presented, seconded by Hamilton. All in favor. Motion carried.

C. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASING OF THE MASON DUMP TRUCK THROUGH STATE CONTRACT #45137.

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A.40A:11-12) enables units of local government to purchase without competitive bid, materials, supplies or equipment under any contract entered into on behalf of the State Division of Purchase and Property in the Department of Treasury; and

WHEREAS, Warnock Fleet and Leasing has been awarded State Contract #45137 by the Division of Purchase and Property in the Department of Treasury for the purchase of, and

WHEREAS, The Township of Hardyston is in need of a mason dump truck for use in the Department of Public Works.

WHEREAS, Funds are available through the 2001 Municipal Township Budget and;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a mason dump truck be purchased without competitive bid through State Contract #45137 in the amount of \$41, 233.00.

A motion was made by Armstrong to approve the resolutions as presented, seconded by Lasinski. All in favor. Motion carried.

D. Resolution authorizing the Township Manager to execute the following contracts/ leases/ interlocal agreements/agreements:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Hardyston that the Township Manager is hereby authorized to execute the following contracts/leases/agreements:

1. FEMA Grant
2. Domestic Violence Response Team

A motion was made by Kievit to approve the resolution as presented, seconded by Ross. All in favor. Motion carried.

E. Correspondence List :

1. NJ State League of Municipalities

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3. State of NJ - DOT
4. State of NJ - DEP
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6. North Jersey District Water Supply Commission
7. SCARC
8. New Jersey Water Resource Research Institute
9. Construction Code Communicator
10. NJBIA
11. Passaic River Coalition
12. Resolution - Township of Fredon
13. Township of Jefferson
14. NJ Women's Political Caucus
15. Trans Options
16. Watershed News
17. Rutgers
18. Wallkill Valley High School
19. USDA
20. Sussex County Arts Council
21. Resolution - Town of Newton
22. Washington Update
23. James Oopfer, Esq.

A motion was made by Kievit to approve the correspondence list as presented, seconded by Hamilton. All in favor. Motion carried.

MANAGERS REPORT: Manager John Eskilson gave a verbal and written report on the following items:

Police Department - Sgt. Interview

Summer Day Camp - Thank you note to be sent to Gary Dutko

Park Update

Route 23 Passing Lane

Destination Imagination - A motion was made by Ross to send letters of congratulation and a \$100 donation to the senior team at Wallkill High School, seconded by Kievit. All in favor. Motion carried.

BILLS TO BE PAID: A motion was made by Kievit to pay the bills as presented, seconded by Ross. All in favor. Motion carried. The bill list may be found at the end of these minutes.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: A motion was made and seconded to open the meeting to the public. All in favor. Motion carried. The public commented on Route 23 problems.

A motion was made and seconded to close the meeting to the public. All in favor. Motion carried.

ADJOURN: A motion was made by Hamilton to adjourn, seconded by Lasinski. All in favor. Motion carried.

ATTEST _____
Louanne Cular RMC/CMC
Municipal Clerk