

MINUTES OF THE HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 21, 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, Councilwoman Hamilton, Councilman Armstrong, Manager John Eskilson and Deputy Clerk Jane Bakalarczyk.

**SALUTE THE FLAG:**

**PRESENTATION: Hardyston Fire Department - Fire Chief Ed Stuckey was present to hand out awards per the following Proclamation:**

**RECOGNIZING WILLIAM HICKERSON, JAMES RAPERTO, DOUG TALMEDGE & JAMES NIDELKO FOR BRAVERY IN THE LINE OF DUTY AS VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS**

**WHEREAS, volunteer firefighters are an integral part of the public safety network in the State of New Jersey; and**

**WHEREAS, volunteer firefighters are called upon to risk their own personal well being to save lives and protect property; and**

**WHEREAS, at 2:00 a.m. on May 6, 2001, volunteer firefighters from the Hardyston Township Fire Department, Franklin Borough Fire Department, Community Fire Department and Milton Fire Department responded to a structure fire at 8 Silver Lake Road; and**

**WHEREAS, during the course of fire fighting, Captain William Hickerson of the Hardyston Fire Department and Firefighters James Raperto, Doug Talmedge and James Nidelko of the Franklin Fire Department were called upon for search and rescue assistance; and**

**WHEREAS, Captain Hickerson and Firefighters Raperto, Talmedge and Nidelko bravely and successfully responded to the search and rescue placing themselves in harms way.**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Hardyston that it hereby recognizes and thanks Captain William Hickerson of the Hardyston Fire Department and Firefighters James Raperto, Doug Talmedge and James Nidelko of the Franklin Fire Department for their bravery in the line of duty and for helping to keep the residents of our community safe.**

**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 Clerks Report - June 2001
2. Statewide Insurance Fund - Minutes 6/21/01
3. Police Department Report - June 2001
4. Statewide Insurance Fund - Minutes 5/17/01
5. Statewide Insurance Fund - Minutes 6/21/01
6. Smoke Detector Inspections - 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2001
7. Municipal Benefit Employee Benefit Fund - Minutes 5/25/01
8. Emergency Management Report
9. Void
10. Tax Collectors Report - July 2001
11. HTMUA Minutes - 6/13/01
12. Construction Officials Report - July 2001
13. Police Department Report - July 2001
14. Municipal Court Report - July 2001
15. Municipal Clerks Report - July 2001

16. Duplicate

**Minutes:**

1. Regular Minutes of 7/17/01
2. Workshop Minutes of 7/10/01
3. Workshop Minutes of 7/24/01
4. Junkyard Hearing Minutes of 7/10/01
5. Executive Session Minutes of 7/10/01

**Licenses:**

1. St. John Vianney - Tricky Tray
2. St. John Vianney - Off Premise 50/50
3. Immaculate Conception - Basket Bingo
4. Immaculate Conception - 2 Raffles
5. Wallkill Valley Booster Club - 7 Raffles
6. Wallkill Valley Booster Club - 1 Tricky Tray

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

**ORDINANCES**

**1<sup>st</sup> READING:**

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**2<sup>ND</sup> READING:**                      ORDINANCE 2001-09

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARDS PROGRAM FOR MEMBERS OF THE HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT AND THE HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP FIRST AID SQUAD.

A motion was made to open the meeting for public comment. No public comment. A motion was made to close the meeting to the public. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Kievit to adopt Ordinance 2001-09 on second reading, seconded by Hamilton. All in favor with Armstrong abstaining. Motion carried.

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

**B. RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE SUSSEX COUNTY CLERK TO INCLUDE A BINDING REFERENDUM FOR THE VOTERS OF HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP AT THE GENERAL ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 6, 2001 FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING WHETHER OR NOT THE TOWNSHIP SHOULD ESTABLISH A LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARDS PROGRAM FOR VOLUNTEERFIREFIGHTERS AND MEMBERS OF THE TOWNSHIP FIRST AID SQUAD**

**WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:14-184, et seq.** permits a local government unit to adopt a Length of Service Award Program (“LOSAP”) which would provide volunteer firefighters and first aid squad members with a retirement plan which will provide retirement pensions for volunteers who meet minimum service requirements; and

**WHEREAS,** the Township is desirous of providing the volunteer firefighters and first aid squad members who serve its community with such a program, which program will serve as an effective tool in recruiting and retaining qualified personnel; and

**WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:14-185** requires that before a LOSAP within the Township can be established, the majority of legal voters in the municipality in an election must vote as to whether or not to permit the establishment of such a retirement plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township is desirous of petitioning the Sussex County Clerk to have the vote placed on the ballot for the General Election to be held on November 6, 2001.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Hardyston, Sussex County, New Jersey, as follows:

1. The following question shall be submitted to the Sussex County Clerk for inclusion on the General Election Ballot for November 6, 2001:

Shall the Township of Hardyston be authorized to establish a Length of Service Awards Program for the volunteer firefighters and ambulance squad members that serve the municipality pursuant to the following terms and conditions:

1. The program shall provide for annual contributions to a deferred income account for each active volunteer member that meets the eligibility criteria and in accordance with the schedule adopted by the Township of Hardyston.
2. The proposed maximum annual contribution for an active volunteer member is \$500.
3. The estimated cost of the program has been calculated as follows:
  - a. For regular annual services: \$25,000 per year.

#### **EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

The Township of Hardyston has decided to create a Length of Service Awards Program (LOSAP) for members of the Volunteer Fire Department and the ambulance squads that serve the citizens of the Township of Hardyston. The general requirements for the LOSAP are set forth in State law (Chapter 388 of the Laws of 1997). Important details of this law are listed in the ballot questions.

Additional information on the program may be found in Ordinance No. 2001-09 adopted by the Hardyston Township Council, which is available for public inspection, along with a copy of the State enabling law at the Municipal Building, 29 Stockholm-Vernon Road, Stockholm, NJ 07460.

2. The Sussex County Clerk is hereby requested to print the question and interpretive statement on the official ballot for the General Election to be held November 6, 2001.

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

**C.**

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

**D. Resolution adopting affordable housing program policy and procedures manual.** The Council requested that this resolution be carried to the next meeting.

**E. Resolution adopting SCP Citizen participation plan.** The Council requested that this resolution be carried to the next meeting.

**F. Resolution adopting the township fair housing program.** The Council requested that this resolution be carried to the next meeting.

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

1. North Jersey Municipal Employee Benefits Fund Membership Renewal.

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

**H. Resolution approving the renewal license of NBSC Holdings (formerly Jimbo Inc.)** - A motion was made by Kievit to approve the resolution as presented, seconded by Armstrong. All in favor. Motion carried.

**I. Correspondence List :**

1. Void
2. Void
3. Resolution - Borough of Hopatcong
4. Resolution - Township of Green
5. Ordinance - Township of Jefferson
6. Ordinance - Township of Jefferson
7. Ordinance - Township of Jefferson
8. Borough of Paramus
9. Vernon Township
10. Resolution - Frankford Township
11. State of NJ - DEP
12. State of NJ - DEP
13. State of NJ - DCA
14. State of NJ - DOT
15. State of NJ - DEP
16. NJ State League of Municipalities
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20. NJ State League of Municipalities
21. NJ State League of Municipalities
22. New Jersey General Assembly
23. New Jersey General Assembly
24. Professional Environmental Assoc.
25. Watershed Advisory Committee
26. The Decoder
27. Wallkill Valley Junior Rangers
28. Water Assessment News
29. Municipal Clerks Association
30. Excellence in Government Council
31. Incentive Taxation
32. COAH
33. NJ Cable
34. NJ Building Labor Management Council
35. HFH Development Corp.
36. Watershed Advisory Committee
37. NJN
38. GPU
39. Professional Environmental Assoc.
40. Harold Pellow & Assoc.
41. Passaic River Coalition
42. Upper Delaware Watershed Management
43. Passaic River Coalition
44. State of NJ - DEP
45. SBA

