

**MINUTES OF THE HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
OCTOBER 16, 2007**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Kievit 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: Deputy Mayor Hamilton, Councilman Ross, Councilman Armstrong, Councilman Lasinski, Manager Marianne Smith and Clerk Jane Bakalarczyk.

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 Clerk Report – September 2007
2. Tax Collector Report – September 2007
3. Police Department Report – Alarm Report - August 2007
4. Police Department Report – September 2007
5. HTMUA – Minutes of 9/12/07
6. Municipal Court Report – April – September 2007
7. Planning Board – Minutes of 8/23/07
8. Zoning Officer Report – August 2007
9. Smoke Detector Inspection Report – 3rd Q 2007
10. Sales Listing Report – 1/1/07 – 9/30/07
11. Sussex County Health Dept. Report – August 2007
12. Sussex County Health Dept. Report – September 2007
13. Sparta Animal Control Report – August 2007
14. Finance Officer Report – September 2007
15. Zoning Officer Report – September 2007

Minutes:

1. Regular Minutes of 9/18/07

Agreements/Applications/Licenses:

1. Raffle License – Wallkill Valley Booster Club
2. Raffle License – Knights of Columbus #5563
3. Raffle License – Order of Eastern Star

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

OLD BUSINESS:

ORDINANCES:

1st READING: 2007-17

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 88,
SECTION 2, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDYSTON,
CONSTRUCTION CODE FEES**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Hardyston that Chapter 88, Section 2, of the Code of the Township of Hardyston is hereby amended as follows:

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A. Construction permit fees (88.2)

The fee for a construction permit shall be the sum of all subcode applications, plus all administrative and miscellaneous fees listed in 1 through 11 below. All fees will be rounded to the nearest dollar and shall be paid before the permits are issued, unless otherwise stated. The minimum construction permit fee shall be \$50.00.

Building Subcode fees are as follows:

1. For new construction for buildings of Use Groups F and S the fee shall be ***\$0.022*** per cubic foot and ***\$0.032*** per cubic foot for all other Use Groups provided that the minimum fee shall be \$50.00. The fee for new commercial farm structures as per N.J.A.C. 5:23-3.2(d) shall be 0.0005 per cubic foot. For pre-manufactured construction, in addition to applicable cubic footage, fees shall be computed at a rate of \$35.00 per \$1,000.00 of the estimated cost of onsite construction associated with completion of the structure.
2. ***Renovations***, alterations, and repairs are based on the estimated cost of the work. The fee shall be ***\$25.00 per \$1000 provided that the minimum fee shall be \$50.00.***
3. The fee for open decks, porches and raised platforms shall be \$.25 per square foot provided that the minimum fee shall be \$50.00.
4. Fees for combination renovations and additions shall be the sum of the fees computed separately in accordance with (1), (2) and (3) above.
5. The fee for a permit to re-roof ***or re-side*** an existing structure ***of use group R-3, R-4 or R-5*** shall be ***\$50.00***
6. ***Reserved.***
7. Fees for retaining walls shall be as follows:
 - a. The fee for a retaining wall with a surface area greater than 550 square feet that is associated with a Class 3 residential structure shall be \$150.00.
 - b. The fee for a retaining wall with a surface area of 550 square feet or less that is associated with a Class 3 residential structure shall be \$75.00.
 - c. The fee for a newly constructed retaining wall of any size at other than a Class 3 residential structure shall be based on the cost of the construction as per #2 above.
8. The fee for temporary structures and structures for which volume cannot be computed, such as aboveground swimming pools and open structural towers, shall be \$125.00. The fee for an in-ground swimming pool shall be \$175.00. These fees shall include all required pool enclosures.

The fee for inspection of pre-existing pools requiring inspection for compliance with the barrier requirements as defined in the building subcode shall be \$50.00
9. The fee for fencing exceeding six feet in height shall be \$50.00.
10. The fee for a permit to construct a sign shall be \$1.00 per square foot computed on one side only for single or double-faced signs provided that the minimum fee shall be \$50.00.
11. Reserved.
12. The fee for installation or replacement of storage systems of flammable and combustible liquids shall be ***\$50.00.***
13. The fee for a demolition permit issued for the removal of underground storage tanks for flammable and combustible liquids shall be \$50.00.

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14. The fee for a permit to demolish a building or structure shall be as follows: Use Groups R-3 and R-5 shall be \$50.00; buildings and structures incidental to Use Groups R-3 and R-5 shall be \$25.00 and all other Use Groups shall be \$100.00.
15. The fee for mechanical inspection in a Use Group R-3 or R-5 structure by a mechanical inspector shall be \$50.00 for the first device and \$10.00 for each additional device. No separate fee shall be charged for gas, fuel oil, or water piping connections associated with the mechanical equipment inspected.

Plumbing Subcode fees are as follows:

1. The fee for each fixture, stack or appliance connected to the plumbing system shall be ***\$16.00***.
2. The fee for each special device including grease traps, oil separators, air conditioning or refrigeration units, water and sewer connections, flammable and combustible liquid storage tanks, backflow preventers, steam or hot water boilers, gas piping, active solar systems, sewer pumps, interceptors and fuel oil piping shall be ***\$50.00***
3. The minimum permit fee for work including the plumbing subcode shall be \$50.00.

Fire Protection Subcode fees are as follows:

1. Wet or dry sprinkler suppression systems as per the following numbers of heads:

1 - 50	\$ 50.00
51 - 100.....	100.00
101 - 400.....	150.00
401 - 1000.....	400.00
Over 1000	650.00
2. Fee for each standpipe..... \$150.00
3. Fee for each gas or oil fired appliance not connected to the plumbing system... .. ***\$50.00***
4. Commercial kitchen exhaust system, each \$ 50.00
5. ***Independent***Pre-engineered suppression systems, each..... ***\$100.00***
6. Fuel storage tanks (underground or above ground, installation only) each:

1 to 1000 gallons	\$ 25.00
1001 to 4000 gallons	50.00
Over 4000 gallons	100.00
7. Smoke or heat detectors:

1 - 20	\$35.00
21 - 100.....	50.00
101 - 200.....	100.00
201 - 400.....	150.00
401 - 1000.....	250.00
Over 1000	350.00
8. Manual or automatic alarm systems..... \$ 50.00
9. Central control system..... \$ 50.00

The fire protection subcode fee shall be a minimum of ***\$50.00*** for single-family dwellings; and \$75.00 for all other structures.

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Electrical Subcode fees are as follows:

1. The fees for electrical receptacles, fixtures and devices are as follows:
 - a. For the first block consisting of one to 50 receptacles, fixtures, or devices \$50.00
 - b. For each additional block consisting of up to 25 receptacles, fixtures, or devices..... ***\$10.00***

2. The fees for electrical devices/generators/transformers, motors, or air conditioner feeders and disconnects are as follows:
 - a. For each electrical device/generator/transformer or motor rated up to 10 kw or 10 hp;..... ***\$20.00***
 - b. For each electrical device/generator/transformer rated over 10 kw to 45 kw; ***\$45.00***
For each motor rated over 10 hp to 50 hp; or
 - c. For each electrical device/generator/transformer rated over 45 kw to...\$ 85.00
112.5 kw;
For each motor rated over 50 hp to 100 hp; or
For each air conditioner feeder and disconnect, Commercial: 51 hp or over, plus unit
 - d. For each electrical device/generator/transformer rated over 112.5 kw \$420.00
 - e. For each motor over 100 hp \$420.00

3. The fees for service panels/service entrances/sub panels are as follows:
 - a. For each service panel/service entrance/sub panel from 0 to 200 amps... ***\$50.00***
 - b. For each service entrance/sub panel over 200 to 1,000 amps..... ***\$100***
 - c. For each service panel/service entrance/sub panel over 1,000 amps .. ***\$450.00***

The fee charged for electrical work for each permanently installed private swimming pool, spa, hot tub or fountain as defined in the building subcode shall be a flat fee of ***\$65.00*** which shall include any required bonding, and associated equipment such as filter pumps, motors, disconnecting means, switches, required receptacles, and heaters, etc., excepting panel boards and under-water lighting fixtures. For public swimming pools, the fee shall be charged on the basis of number of electrical fixtures and rating of electrical devices involved in accordance with 1 through 3 above. ***The fee for annual inspections for public swimming pools shall be \$50.00***

5. The fees for pool permit, with UW lights..... \$ 5.00
6. The fees for storable pool/spa/hot tub.....\$ 5.00
7. The fees for signs..... \$ 5.00
8. The fees for light standards..... \$ 5.00

The minimum permit fee for work including the Electrical subcode shall be \$50.00.

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Administrative and Miscellaneous Fees:

1. The fee for plan review shall be twenty percent (20%) of the amount to be charged for the construction permit and shall be paid before the plans are reviewed. This fee shall be credited toward the amount of the construction permit fee.
2. The fee to process an application for a variance pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:23-2.10 shall be as follows:
 - a. Class I Structure.....\$100.00
Resubmission.....\$ 50.00
 - b. Class II Structure.....\$ 50.00
Resubmission..... \$ 25.00
 - c. Class III Structure.....\$ 30.00
Resubmission..... \$ 15.00
3. An administrative surcharge fee of fifteen percent (15%) shall be charged on each subcode application issued by any third party agency contracted by the Township of Hardyston.
4. The fee for the reinstatement of a lapsed permit shall be twenty percent (20%) of the original fee calculated per subcode application; provided that the minimum fee shall be as per subcode.
5. The fee for each construction permit and certificate of occupancy issued for an asbestos hazard abatement project shall be as set forth in N.J.A.C. 5:23-8.10, 1 and 2.
6. The fee for a permit for lead hazard abatement work shall be \$125.00. The fee for a lead hazard abatement clearance certificate shall be \$25.00.
7. The fees for certificates of occupancy are as follows:
 - a. Certificate of occupancy for one and two family dwellings..... \$ 50.00
 - b. Certificate of occupancy for accessory buildings to one and two family dwellings..... \$ 20.00
 - c. Certificate of occupancy for buildings or structures of all other Use Groups.....\$ 75.00
 - d. Certificate of occupancy for accessory buildings of all other Use Groups.....\$ 35.00
 - e. Multiple certificates of occupancy for all Use Groups, per unit..... \$ 50.00
 - f. Certificates of occupancy for Change of Use Group only..... \$100.00
 - g. Certificates of Continued Use or occupancy..... \$150.00
 - h. The fee for first issuance or renewal of a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy shall be..... \$ 30.00
8. Certificates of Compliance as required by N.J.A.C. 5:23-2.23***(1)*** are as follows:
 - a. High pressure boilers (12 months)..... \$ 50.00
 - b. Refrigeration systems (12 months)..... \$ 25.00

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- c. Pressure vessels (12 months)..... \$ 50.00
- d. Cross connections and backflow preventers (12 months)..... \$ 50.00
- 9. State of New Jersey permit fee shall be in the amount of \$0.00265 per cubic foot of volume of all new construction and \$1.35 per \$1,000.00 of estimated cost for alterations and repairs or as currently posted in the regulations. These fees are set by and shall be accounted for and forwarded to the Bureau of Regulatory Affairs as per N.J.A.C. 5:23-4.19(C)1.
- 10. The fee for a change of contractor shall be.....\$ 15.00
- 11. The fee for a letter stating that no certificate of continued occupancy is required shall be..... \$ 20.00
- 12. * **There shall be an hourly fee of \$45.00 for review of any amendment or change to a plan that has already been released. For all other purposes, the hourly cost of operations shall be certified by the Chief Financial Officer using a formula of total expenditures plus 12% for indirect costs divided by employees weekly hours.**

The above ordinance shall take effect on January 1, 2008.

A motion was made by Hamilton to approve Ordinance 2007-17 on first reading, seconded by Lasinski. All in favor. Motion carried.

ORDINANCES:

2nd READING: 2007-13

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ESTABLISHED MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM SALARIES FOR OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDYSTON TO PROVIDE THE METHOD FOR THE PAYMENT OF ANNUAL SALARY INCREMENTS IN THE DISCRETION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Hardyston as follows:

Section 1. The minimum and maximum salary range for officers or employees of the Township of Hardyston who are employed on an annual salary basis shall be and is hereby fixed as follows:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Minimum</u>	<u>Maximum</u>
Marriage/Civil Union Ceremony Stipend		
Mayor/Deputy Mayor (per ceremony)	\$50.00	\$200.00

A motion was made and seconded to open the meeting to the public. All in favor. Motion carried. No public comment. A motion was made and seconded to close the meeting to the public. All in favor. Motion carried. A motion was made by Hamilton to approve Ordinance 2007-13 on second reading, seconded by Lasinski. All in favor with Armstrong voting "No". Motion carried.

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2007-14

**AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE TOTAL SUM OF \$7,500.00 FROM
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR FUNDING THE PURCHASE OF
COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM BY THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDYSTON, IN
THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, NEW JERSEY**

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Hardyston, County of Sussex, New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1: The sum of seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500.00) to be utilized out of the Capital Improvement Fund is hereby appropriated for the following purpose:

For the Purchase of Community Notification System for the Township of Hardyston.

Section 2: In connection with the amount authorized in Section 1 hereof, the Township makes the following determination:

(a) The purpose described in Section 1 hereof is not a Current Expense and is an improvement, which the Township of Hardyston may lawfully make as general improvement.

(b) The period of usefulness of the purpose described in section 1 hereof is not in the limitations of the said Local Bond Law and according to the aggregate reasonable life thereof is five (5) years.

Section 3: All ordinances or parts of ordinances, which are inconsistent with the terms of this ordinance, be and the same is hereby repealed on to the extent of their inconsistency:

Section 4: This ordinance becomes effective immediately upon final passage, approval, and publication as provided by law.

A motion was made and seconded to open the meeting to the public. All in favor. Motion carried. No public comment. A motion was made and seconded to close the meeting to the public. All in favor. Motion carried. A motion was made by Armstrong to approve Ordinance 2007-14 on second reading, seconded by Ross. All in favor. Motion carried.

2007-15

**AN ORDINANCE MAKING THE PROVISIONS OF SUBTITLE 1 OF TITLE 39 WITH
VARIOUS TRAFFIC REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO THE INDIAN FIELDS AT
HARDYSTON, PHASE III, AND REGULATING THE USE OF SAID ROADWAYS,
STREETS, DRIVEWAYS AND PARKING LOTS BY MOTOR VEHICLES**

WHEREAS, Indian Fields at Hardyston Homeowner's Association filed a written request with the Township of Hardyston that the provisions of Subtitle 1 of Title 39 of the revised statutes of New Jersey be made applicable to the semi-public roads, streets, driveways and parking lots at Indian Fields at Hardyston, Phase III, located in the Township of Hardyston, County of Sussex; and

WHEREAS, the Hardyston Township Council passed a resolution to that effect on May 15, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer prepared a traffic control plan in cooperation with the Hardyston Township Police Department and made certain recommendations as set forth herein.

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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Hardyston Township Council that Chapter 172 of the Hardyston Township Code “Vehicles and Traffic” is hereby amended and the following regulations shall be enforceable at Indian Fields at Hardyston, Phase III:

§172-35. Indian Fields at Hardyston (Phase III).

The provisions of Subtitle 1 of Title 39 of the revised statutes of New Jersey shall be made applicable to the semi-public roads, streets, driveways and parking lots at The Indian Fields at Hardyston, Phase III, located in the Township of Hardyston, County of Sussex, and the following regulations shall be enforceable;

REGULATIONS:

A. General Parking:

All vehicles must park in designated areas and between the lines provided.

No person shall stop or stand a vehicle upon any of the streets or parts of streets described below, except in areas covered by other parking restrictions.

<u>Name of Street</u>	<u>Sides</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Location</u>
All Roads	Both	All	Entire Length
Handicapped Parking	[Reserved]		

B. Through Streets, Stop Intersections:

- The following streets or parts of streets are hereby designated as Through Streets, Stop signs shall be installed on the near right side of each street intersecting the Through street except where Yield signs are provided for in the designation.

<u>Name of Street</u>	<u>Limits</u>
Forest Hill Way	Entire Length

- Stop Intersections:

The following described intersections are hereby designated as Stop Intersections. Stop signs shall be installed as provided therein.

<u>Intersection</u>	<u>Stop Sign(s) on</u>
Black Bear Court/Indian Field Drive	Black Bear Court
Lodgepole Lane/Indian Field Drive (east end of Lodgepole Lane)	Lodgepole Lane
Indian Field Drive/Lodgepole Lane (approximate center of Lodgepole Lane)	Indian Field Drive

- Speed Limits:

A. The speed limit for both directions of travel on the following roadways are:

<u>Name of Roadway</u>	<u>M.P.H.</u>	<u>Limits</u>
Forest Hill Way	25	Entire Length
All other roads	15	Entire Length

Regulatory and warning signs shall be erected and maintained to affect the above designated speed limits when authorized by the Department of Transportation.

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4. Tow-Away Zones:

Any vehicle parked or standing as to obstruct or impede a normal flow of traffic, block entrances or exit ways, loading zones, oil fills, any grassy area, pedestrian walkway, or present in any way a safety or traffic hazard may be removed by towing the vehicle at the owners or operators expense.

5. No Passing Zones:

The following described streets or part of streets shall be designated as No Passing Zones.

<u>Name of Street</u>	<u>Limits</u>
	[Reserved]

C. General:

1. Indian Fields at Hardyston Homeowner's Association shall cause statutory crosswalks to be painted and delineated to MUTCD Standards at the following intersections: {Reserved]

2. Indian Fields at Hardyston Homeowner's Association shall install and pay for all signs, posts, or other necessary materials required to effectuate the provisions of this ordinance. All signage shall conform to the current Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:4-198 and N.J.S.A. 39:4-183.27.

3. Unless another penalty is expressly provided for by the New Jersey Statute, every person convicted of a violation of this ordinance or any supplement thereto shall be liable to a penalty of not more than \$50.00 dollars or imprisonment for a term not exceeding (15) days or both.

Effect of Ordinance:

1. This ordinance shall take effect in the time and manner prescribed by law, including Department of Transportation approval if needed.
2. If any part of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of the Ordinance.

A motion was made and seconded to open the meeting to the public. All in favor. Motion carried. No public comment. A motion was made by Ross to approve Ordinance 2007-15 on second reading, seconded by Lasinski. All in favor. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Resolution To Renew and Indemnity and Trust Agreement – North Jersey Municipal Employee Benefits Fund

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

- B. Appointment Resolution

1. John Wyckoff – Plumbing Inspector
2. Robert Schultz – Electrical Inspector

WHEREAS, Robert Schultz was appointed to the position of Electrical Sub-Code

Official for the Township of Hardyston effective January 1, 2001; and

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WHEREAS, John B. Wyckoff was appointed to the position of Plumbing Sub-Code Official for the Township of Hardyston effective July 3, 2001; and

WHEREAS, each continues to be licensed and eligible for appointment as a sub-code official and has performed his duties to the satisfaction of the Hardyston Township Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Hardyston that Robert Schultz be re-appointed to the position of Electrical Sub-Code Official for the period January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2008 and John B. Wyckoff be re-appointed to the position of Plumbing Sub-Code Official for the term July 3, 2005 through July 2, 2009.

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

- C. Resolution of the Township of Hardyston calling for additional guarantees and benefits to be afforded municipalities who participate in the State Plan Endorsement process and calling on the State of New Jersey to increase their fiscal investment in the process in view of the financial investment required to be made by local governments

WHEREAS, the Township of Hardyston recognizes and appreciates the hard work and effort that the Office of Smart Growth and State Planning Commission has dedicated to revamping the plan endorsement process; and

WHEREAS, the proposed guidelines are definitely a step in the right direction to making the process more efficient and manageable for municipalities; and

WHEREAS, despite the best efforts by the Office of Smart Growth and the State Planning Commission, there still continues to be no guaranteed benefits to the process regarding funding or gaining state agency approvals; and

WHEREAS, the plan endorsement process is a costly and time consuming process that requires a great deal of dedication from municipal staff and local government officials as well as significant financial investment; and

WHEREAS, the guidelines do outline potential benefits municipalities may be eligible for upon receiving plan endorsement. It is the Township's position that this list of "potential" benefits is in no way a guarantee, especially in view of the fact that many of the benefits offered are state grants, which are often unreliable due to the State's ever increasing fiscal constraints; and

WHEREAS, many of the potential benefits listed in the guidelines are designed for more developed areas such as those in Planning Areas 1 and 2, they would provide little benefit for more rural municipalities such as Hardyston Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Hardyston believes that the plan endorsement process should provide a greater degree of assurance and certainty that once a municipality has received plan endorsement, they will be able to receive the necessary cooperation, permits and approvals for development required by other state agencies such as the Department of Environmental Protection and Department of Transportation, as they relate to approved growth areas; and

WHEREAS, in order for the process to have sound value to municipalities, assurances should be granted through the process that would essentially "grandfather" or protect a municipality who has received plan endorsement from future changes in regulations that would

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adversely affect areas approved for growth and development under their approved plan endorsement; and

WHEREAS, the cost to complete the plan endorsement process is estimated at \$100,000 plus per municipality; and

WHEREAS, in light of the fact that the State of New Jersey consists of over 560 municipalities, this process will cost property taxpayers over \$56 million dollars, there needs to be clear evidence that the benefits outweigh the cost; and

WHEREAS, the plan endorsement process is tied to compliance with affordable housing plan approval through the Council on Affordable Housing, and municipalities have little choice as to whether or not they proceed with the investment and process; and

WHEREAS, there currently exists a backlog of plan endorsement applications awaiting Office of Smart Growth review and consideration. Prospective new applicants have been advised that based on the current volume of applications in queue, an application submitted today will require a minimum of 2 years to process and complete. Considering the large number of communities that will be starting from ground zero in the process, together with others who currently have expiring center designations in need of transition to plan endorsement, logically, 2 years will quickly grow to 3, 4 and 5 years at current staffing levels; and

WHEREAS, if the State of New Jersey is essentially mandating that municipalities participate in the plan endorsement process and commit over \$56 million dollars of local taxpayer dollars to said process (560 municipalities multiplied by \$100,000 each), the State of New Jersey should similarly invest resources to provide for the appropriate levels of staffing needed to accommodate the timely review of the literal hundreds of applications that will need to be prepared and submitted by the State's municipal governments over the next several year period in order to protect themselves from litigation relating to affordable housing.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township of Hardyston, that the guidelines and regulations governing the plan endorsement process provide more reliable and tangible benefits, including guarantees and protections from State rule and regulation changes during the period of plan endorsement approval and expedited review and approval of permit applications as they relate to projects located in areas cited in approved plan endorsements as growth areas.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township of Hardyston further requests that the State of New Jersey commit the same level of financial investment in the State plan endorsement process as that being asked of municipalities by adequately funding the costs associated with staffing the Office of Smart Growth to accommodate the anticipated volume of applicants seeking plan endorsement so that the process will not have the probability of taking between 2-5 years or more to complete.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to Governor Jon S. Corzine, Congressman Scott E. Garrett, Senator Robert E. Littell, Assemblywoman Alison McHose, Assemblyman Guy Gregg, the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Sussex, all Sussex County Municipalities and the Office of Smart Growth and Planning Commission.

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

- D. Resolution requesting the State League of Municipalities to consider adoption and/or endorsement of resolution at the 2007 League of Municipalities Convention

WHEREAS, the Hardyston Township Council adopted a resolution entitled: "Resolution of the Township of Hardyston Calling for Additional Guarantees and Benefits to be Afforded Municipalities who Participated in the State Plan Endorsement Process and Calling on

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the State of New Jersey to Increase Their Fiscal Investment in the Process in View of the Financial Investment Required to be Made by Local Governments”; and

WHEREAS, traditionally the NJ League of Municipalities at their annual convention endorses and/or adopts various resolutions taking positions on a variety of subjects and issues.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Township of Hardyston that Hardyston Township formally request that the NJ League of Municipalities consider taking action to either adopt a similar resolution as aforementioned and/or endorse the position taking in said resolution at the 2007 NJ League of Municipalities Convention.

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

E. Correspondence

1. Borough of Franklin
2. Township of Mine Hill
3. Hampton Township
4. Stillwater Township
5. Borough of Hamburg
6. Borough of Franklin
7. County of Sussex
8. Township of Vernon
9. Township of Vernon
10. Stillwater Township
11. Sandyston Township
12. Frankford Township
13. Branchville Borough
14. Borough of Ogdensburg
15. Lafayette Township
16. Lafayette Township
17. NJ State League of Municipalities
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A motion was made by Armstrong to approve the correspondence as presented, seconded by Ross. All in favor. Motion carried.

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PUBLIC PORTION: A motion was made and seconded to open the meeting to the public. All in favor. Motion carried. No public comment. A motion was made and seconded to close the meeting to the public. All in favor. Motion carried.

OATH OF OFFICE: Mayor Kievit administered the Oath of Office to Lee Gordon who was promoted to the position of Captain of the Hardyston Township Police Department.

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

Jane Bakalarczyk, RMC/CMC
Municipal Clerk