## RESOLUTION OF THE HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTORITY AUTHORIZING

## ASSISTANCE TO HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP IN CONNECTION WITH THE TOWNSHIP'S ISSUANCE OF A REQUEST FOR BIDS PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40:62-1 et. seq., IN CONNECTION WITH THE WATERS SUPPLY, TREATMENT, STORAGE, AND DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM AND THE WASTEWATER COLLECTION SYSTEM

**WHEREAS,** the Township of Hardyston (the "Township") is served by a water supply, treatment, storage and distribution system as well as a wastewater collection system (collectively the "Systems"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Systems are operated and maintained by the Hardyston Township Municipal Utilities Authority (the "Authority"); and,

**WHEREAS,** the Township and the Authority have determined that increasing regulatory obligations, combined with the age of the Systems, the ever-increasing costs of treatment and the operation and maintenance associated with the System, require that the Township to explore the potential sale of the Systems to a regulated public utility; and

**WHEREAS,** N.J.S.A. 40:62-1 authorizes the use of a request for bids process by which the Township can solicit bids from public utilities for the purchase of the Systems; and

**WHEREAS,** the Authority desires to cooperate with the Township in its efforts to investigate the potential sale of the Systems; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council adopted a resolution authorizing the development and administration of a request for bids for the sale of the Systems on March 22, 2023; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of the Hardyston Township Municipal Utilities Authority that Authority staff and professionals are hereby authorized and directed to work with the Township to develop, issue and administer a Request for Bids for the sale of the Systems pursuant to and in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:62-1 et. seq.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

Voting Commissioners	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Chairman Frank Cicerale	X			
Vice Chairman Ellis Marples	X			
Secretary Brian Kaminski	X			
Treasurer Michael O'Grady	X			
Robert Codner	X			
David Van Ginneken (Alt. 1)				
George Wortche (Alt 2)				

Certified to be a true copy of the Resolution adopted by the HTMUA at a meeting held on April 3, 2023.

<u>Karen Osellame</u>

Recording Secretary