

**MINUTES  
HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP  
MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY  
May 7, 2012**

The meeting of the Hardyston Township Municipal Utilities Authority was held on Monday, May 7, 2012, at the Municipal Building located at 149 Wheatsworth Road. Members present were Mr. Cicerale, Mr. Verrilli, Mr. Kula, and Mr. Marples. Also present were Mark Hontz, Mike Vreeland, Marianne Smith, and Ron Schneider.

After salute to the flag, Mr. Cicerale stated compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

Minutes: A MOTION was made by Verrilli and seconded by Kula to approve the minutes of the April 2, 2012 meeting. In favor: Cicerale, Verrilli, Kula and, Marples.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Indian Field:

**Phase II As-Built Plans** – Mike stated nothing new at this time.

**Phase III Conveyance** – Mike stated revised as-built plans were received from Beazer Homes. They were reviewed and a response was sent to Beazer, copy is enclosed in the correspondence packet. An e-mail was received from the developer indicating they will develop a punch list and begin making the necessary repairs and revisions. Inspections will be scheduled.

**Water Tank** – Mike stated a pre-bid meeting was held. One contractor was in attendance. Minutes of the meeting were developed and are enclosed in the correspondence packet for review. Two bids were submitted; 1) Allied Painting of Cherry Hill, New Jersey with a total bid base amount of \$288,300 with both Alternate A & B for the logo at \$4,000; grand total bid \$292,300. 2) Corrosion Control of Pedricktown, New Jersey with a total bid base amount of \$362,600 with both Alternate A & B for the logo at \$5,700; grand total bid \$368,300. Allied Painting was the lowest bidder. The bid summary indicated by the line items where the difference in pricing came about. References were checked and no problems were encountered. Estimate for completion of the project is 90 days with the start of the project after Labor Day as summertime is not the ideal time. Mark stated the documents were all reviewed and are all satisfactory. Discussion was held regarding the process and operation of the project.

The meeting was open to the public

Roger O'Brien; 2 Sundance Terrace - The association would like to see a logo painted on the tower to reflect the name "Indian Fields at Hardyston."

Discussion was held regarding the various options, how it relates to the township, the 250th year celebration, and identity issues between Hardyston and Hamburg.

Chris Mikilidees; 20 Black Bear Court - As a board member of the Indian Field Association we do not disagree with the need for identity. He stated he would be most unhappy being a ratepayer for the tower not to reflect "Indian Field at Hardyston." He stated they are proud to have Indian Field on the tower alongside Hardyston.

Marianne clarified how the HTMUA is its own separate entity from the Township. The HTMUA is funded by its ratepayers, which are the people who are served by the HTMUA. It is not funded by the taxpayers.

Mr. Mikilidees urged the HTMUA to work with the Association for a compromise. Further discussion ensued between all parties including input from Mark indicating that a decision should be made this evening.

Ken Martinez; 17 Bitter Root Trail - Mr. Martinez stated that he is also a member of the board association. He is in favor of the logo stating "Indian Fields at Hardyston." Whether it is Crystal Springs or Indian Fields it is the ratepayers that are funding the repairs and the towers should reflect the same.

Mark stated that it is not an open ended item. The decision needs to be made whether it is logo A: Hardyston township or Logo B; Indian Fields at Hardyston.

Mr. Kula suggested the logo to read "Indian Fields at Hardyston Township." Mr. Martinez was asked if the Board Association would object to Indian Fields (lowercase) at Hardyston Township (all caps, larger letters) as the logo. Mr. Martinez indicated no objection.

Mr. Kula asked Mr. O'Brien if there is any objection to Indian Field at Hardyston Township as the logo. Mr. O'Brien stated there is no objection.

Mr. Kula asked Mr. Mikilidees if there is any objection to Indian Field at Hardyston Township as the logo. Mr. Mikilidees stated there is no objection.

Mr. Kula explained the reasoning and a labor love in memory of Mr. Kievit, prior Chairman of the HTMUA, as his wishes was for the tower to read Hardyston Township. But, he was always one of compromise.

A MOTION was made by Marples seconded Verrilli to award Allied Painting of Cherry Hill, New Jersey with a total bid base amount of \$288,300 with alternate B for the logo at \$4,000; grand total bid \$292,300. In favor; Cicerale, Verrilli, Kula, and Marples.

Mike stated a mock up of the logo and paint colors is required by the contractor. At that time we can discuss the colors and the addition of "Township" onto the logo "B" option. Discussion ensued regarding the process and timing.

**Well#2** – Mike stated we did hear back from Agua and they indicated that they have no interest in taking over Well #2. We would need to put together an RFP for licensed well drillers to deactivate according to State Regulations.

A MOTION was made by Verrilli seconded by Kula for the HTMUA engineer to compose and present an RFP for the deactivation of Well#2 located in Indian Fields according to New Jersey State regulations. In favor; Cicerale, Verrilli, Kula, and Marples.

Crystal Springs:

**K. Hovnanian** - Mike stated that a representative from K. Hovnanian indicated that the water valve box is completed. But, after Ron Schneider inspected the valve, the repair is not complete. Once the punch list items are complete from a construction standpoint the conveyance can move to the next requirements. Gail has sent a request for both the water and sewer escrow account to be replenished. No funds have been received to date.

**Additional** - Mike stated Ron has informed him that the sewer pump station at the Tannery has a bad seal. One of the pumps was replaced in 2010, this particular one was replaced back in 2006. We would like to take the pump with the bad seal and purchase a new pump with this pump to be repaired and used as a backup. This pump sees short periods of high flow.

Mike stated we have previously had issues with the pool at the Tannery where by high alarms are received when the pool is being drained into the sewer system. It is not a bad thing that it is being drained into the sewer system. It is an uncontrolled situation which creates an operational issue. This was discussed with the management company last year and we were told it would not happen again. We suggest sending a letter indicating the issue along with a bill for Ron's time.

A MOTION was made by Kula seconded by Verrilli to authorize the purchase a pump for the Tannery section at Crystal Springs. In favor Cicerale, Verrilli, Kula, and Marples.

High Ridge Properties:

**Payment Status; High Ridge Properties & Beaver Run Shopping Ctr.** – Gail stated that the Beaver Run (Anton Piltz) portion is paid to date. The High Ridge Properties portion is 15 full and 1 partial quarter behind with interest calculated through April 30, 2012 for a total due of \$385,676.80.

**Litigation** – To be discussed in executive session towards the end of the meeting.

Ridgefield Commons Emergency Interconnection:

Mark Hontz recused himself. Mike stated nothing new at this time other than we will be inspecting the interconnect prior to the Indian Field tank being painted.

North Church Technical Center:

Mark stated that there was objection by Riverdale Quarry for payment of the title search, documentation of easements and insurance. The developer balked at paying for this, then inquired as to the cost of such items. No correspondence or contact has been received to date. This is required in order to complete the transfer of the system.

A MOTION was made by Verrilli seconded by Marples to convene to Executive session to discuss litigation with all those in favor.

A MOTION was made by Kula to return to regular session.

Minutes from the executive session will be presented at a later date.

YMCA

Mike stated nothing new at this time.

New Business

Nothing at this time.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS:**

A MOTION was made by Verrilli and seconded by Kula to pay the bills as per the bill list. In favor: Cicerale, Verrilli, Kula, and Marples.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

A MOTION was made by Kula and seconded by Marples to accept the correspondence as presented. In favor: Cicerale, Verrilli, Kula, and Marples.

**OFFICER'S REPORTS:**

Nothing at this time.

Appointment of Risk Management Consultant:

A MOTION was made by Kula seconded by Marples to appoint The Morville Agency as Risk Management Consultant for the calendar year of 2012. In favor; Cicerale, Verrilli, Kula, and Marples.

**PROFESSIONAL’S REPORTS:**

Administrator – Nothing additional

Operator – Ron stated the chlorine analyzers were installed at Crystal Springs and are up and running.

Billing Clerk – Nothing additional

CFO – Not present

Attorney – Nothing additional

Engineer – Mike stated the consumer confidence reports have been completed and the mailing will be mailed prior to July 1st.

**OPEN PUBLIC PORTION:**

The meeting was opened to the public.

No members of the public were present.

The meeting was closed to the public.

There being no further business, A MOTION was made by Kula to adjourn, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Hensal  
Recording Secretary