

**MINUTES OF THE HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
HELD ON MAY 25, 2010**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Kievit, at approximately 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 Ross, Councilwoman Hamilton, Councilman Kula, Councilman Miller, Manager Marianne Smith, Clerk Jane Bakalarczyk and Township Attorney Fred Semrau.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. Request of Franklin Borough regarding Route 23

Township Manager stated that Franklin Borough has asked for Hardyston Township's support of the Borough's resolution seeking the extension of the climbing lane on Route 23 South. She stated that the Council had asked the police department to provide information regarding the volume of accidents that had occurred prior to the elimination of the climbing lane, in contrast to accident data relating to the time period after the lane was eliminated. Chief Bret Aley presented the Council with a copy of the police department's findings. Chief Aley stated that there has been a dramatic decrease in vehicular accidents, injuries and fatalities since the lane was eliminated. After reviewing the data, the Council agreed that driver/passenger safety is the priority in this case and stated that they would not support the expansion of the climbing lane at this time.

B. Request of Vernon to consider Scenic Byway Resolution for County Route 515

A motion was made and seconded to carry this item to the next workshop agenda. All in favor. Motion carried.

C. Request for Affordable Housing Assistance

Township Manager stated Carrine Piccolo-Kaufer, Assistant Planner, has been contacted by Seed Corp., and they are interested in purchasing the home on the corner of Route 94 and Wheatsworth Road for use as another group home. The Council stated that they have no objections to further investigate this proposal.

D. Developer's Agreement A&N Carr Associates – Block 75, Lot 57

Township Council asked that the Township Attorney review the developer's agreement and that this item be placed on the next workshop agenda.

E. Update on Communications Capital Project

Township Manager stated that the Emergency Management Coordinator, William Hickerson has located the owner of the cell tower and stated that the owner is willing to work with the municipality since this is a matter of public safety.

F. Budget Discussion

Township Manager stated that budget introduction is scheduled for June 1, 2010 with an adoption/public hearing date of July 6, 2010.

PUBLIC COMMENT (in accordance with P.L. 2002, c.80): 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.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Hardyston on the 25th day of May, 2010, that:

1. Prior to the conclusion of this **Workshop Meeting**, the Township Council shall meet in Executive Session, from which the public shall be excluded, to discuss matters as permitted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12, sub-section (s):
2.
 - () b. (1) Confidential or excluded matters, by express provision of Federal law or State statute or rule of court.
 - () b. (2) A matter in which the release of information would impair a right to receive funds from the Government of the United States.
 - () b. (3) Material the disclosure of which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy.
 - () b. (4) A collective bargaining agreement including negotiations.
 - () b. (5) Purchase, lease or acquisition of real property, setting of banking rates or investment of public funds, where it could adversely affect the public interest if disclosed.
 - () b. (6) Tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public, if disclosure could impair such protection. Investigation of violations of the law.
 - (X) b. (7) Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations other than in subsection b. (4) herein or matters falling within the attorney-client privilege.
 - () b. (8) Personnel matters.
 - () b. (9) Deliberations after a public hearing that may result in penalties.
3. The time when the matter(s) discussed pursuant to Paragraph 1 hereof can be disclosed to the public is as soon as practicable after final resolution of the aforesaid matter(s).

Motion to adopt: Hamilton
Seconded by: Miller

MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ross	<u> x </u>	_____	_____	_____
Kievit	<u> x </u>	_____	_____	_____
Kula	<u> x </u>	_____	_____	_____
Hamilton	<u> x </u>	_____	_____	_____
Miller	<u> x </u>	_____	_____	_____

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Kula to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Miller. All in favor. Motion carried.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: No further comments.

ADJOURNMENT: At approximately 7:55 p.m., a motion was made by Ross to adjourn seconded by Hamilton. All in favor. Motion carried.

Jane Bakalarczyk, RMC/CMC
Municipal Clerk