

## **MINUTES OF THE HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 17, 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 Dominic DiYanni of Dorsey and Semrau

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

#### **A. Request of Lake Stockholm to Review Speed Limits**

The Township Manager stated that this item had been discussed late last year and she just wanted to make the Council aware that there have been additional requests from the public to re-visit the speed limits on Lake Stockholm Terrace. She stated that a resident of Lake Stockholm Terrace presented her with a petition signed by several other residents of Lake Stockholm Terrace asking that the municipality change the speed limit from 25 miles per hour on Lake Stockholm Terrace to 15 miles per hour. She stated that this resident of Lake Stockholm Terrace informed her that the lake association supports the lowering of the speed limit. Township Manager requested that the resident provide a copy of the letter of support from the lake association to the Council. The Council agreed to place this item on the September 28, 2010 workshop agenda as long as the letter of support from the lake association is received by the Township.

#### **B. Municipal Asset Audit**

Township Manager provided a copy of the Municipal Asset Audit summary to the Council for their review. She stated that statutorily the municipality is required to have an outside firm complete an audit of the Township's assets (excluding real property) on an annual basis. She stated that the assets are tagged and a report is compiled.

#### **C. Request of the Hardyston Township First Aid Squad Relative to Future North Side Building**

Township Manager stated that a letter has been received from the Hardyston Township First Aid Squad asking the Township for consideration of a plan that the First Aid Squad is considering, specifically, building a new annex on the land recently given to the township from a local developer. She stated that the First Aid Squad is seeking permission to investigate the feasibility of such a project with the assistance of the township engineer. The Council agreed to discuss this plan with the squad at the workshop meeting on September 7, 2010.

#### **D. New Jersey State League of Municipalities Toolkit Management Reform Resolution**

Township Manager stated that the League is looking for support in advocating the necessary "toolkit" management reforms in light of the new 2% levy cap. The League is asking the municipalities to consider passing a resolution calling on the State Legislature and the Governor to enact property tax reform with passage of the "Municipal Toolkit" and mandates relief. The Council agreed to place this resolution on tonight's regular meeting agenda to follow the workshop meeting for consideration.

#### **E. Request from DASI (Domestic Abuse & Sexual Assault Intervention Services) for support of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month**

Township Manager stated that a letter was received from DASI seeking support through the placement of purple ribbons in a prominent location in the Township for the month of October. The ribbons will be supplied by DASI and they will remove the ribbons at the

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end of the month. The Council agreed to place this item on tonight's regular meeting agenda to follow the workshop meeting for consideration.

F. Property Donation Offer – Block 38, Lot 3.02

Township Manager stated that a letter has been received by the Township from a property owner who wishes to donate property known as Block 38, lot 3.02, 8 Old Route 23 E., to the Township. The Council agreed to have the Township Engineer inspect the property and provide the Council with a map and a report of his findings.

**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. Lake Stockholm resident, Frank Lacatena, stated that he wanted to comment on the earlier discussion regarding the request to lower the speed limit on Lake Stockholm Terrace. He stated that he attends all of the Lake Stockholm Association Meetings and is not aware of any discussion, recently and up to this point, regarding the lowering of the speed limit on Lake Stockholm Terrace. A motion was made and seconded to close the meeting to the public. All in favor. Motion carried.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:** No further comments.

**ADJOURNMENT:** At approximately 7:25 p.m., a motion was made by Ross to adjourn seconded by Hamilton. All in favor. Motion carried.

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Jane Bakalarczyk, RMC/CMC  
Municipal Clerk