

**MINUTES OF THE HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
HELD ON OCTOBER 26, 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. Review of Recommended Zoning Ordinance Changes

Carrine Kaufer, Assistant Planner and Robert P. Guerin, Township Engineer reviewed various recommended zoning ordinance amendments with the Council.

B. Review of Recommended Ordinance Requiring a Fee for a Road Opening Permit

Township Manager and Township Engineer stated that this ordinance would provide for an application/administrative fee to offset engineering review costs. The Council agreed to place this ordinance on the November 9, 2010 agenda for first reading.

C. Review of Proposed Land Purchase by the United States Department of the Interior

Township Manager and Council reviewed a letter from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services regarding the proposed acquisition of two tracts of land as additions to Wallkill River National Wildlife Refuge. The letter stated that these properties are currently located outside the approved refuge boundary. The first is a 62-acre tract in Vernon Township and the second is an 8-acre tract in Hardyston Township, identified as Block 1, Lots 2 and 3, on the north side of the intersection of Scenic Lake Road and Scenic Drive. The letter stated that the purchase of the lands would permanently protect important wildlife habitat by adding these tracts to the Refuge. The Council had no objections to the proposed acquisition by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: No further comments.

ADJOURNMENT: At approximately 9:10 p.m., a motion was made by Ross to adjourn seconded by Miller. All in favor. Motion carried.

Jane Bakalarczyk, RMC/CMC
Municipal Clerk