

MINUTES OF THE HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 3, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Kula, 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 Miller, Councilwoman Hamilton, Councilman Kievit, Councilman Ross, Manager Marianne Smith, Clerk Jane Bakalarczyk and Township Attorney Dominic DiYanni of Dorsey & Semrau

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. Interview – Volunteer – Ellis Marples

The Council met with Hardyston resident, Mr. Ellis Marples, to discuss his interest in volunteering to serve on any of the Hardyston Township boards.

B. Soil Removal/Quarry License Renewals

The Council reviewed the recommendations of the Township Engineer pertaining to the following license renewals for 2011:

1. Beaver Run Farms
2. Eastern Concrete Materials, Inc.
3. Shotmeyer Brothers, Inc.
4. North Church Gravel

The Council also reviewed the request of North Church Gravel for a temporary change of hours of operation and reviewed the recommendations of the Township Engineer. These items have been placed on the regular meeting agenda to follow for the Council's consideration.

C. Junkyard/Auto Auction License – Central Auto Liquidators, Inc.

Township Council discussed the 2011 renewal application and were provided with copies of letters from the DEP regarding violations against Central Auto Liquidators, Inc. Councilman Ross asked that the owner/operator of the business be present when this item is ready to be placed on a regular meeting agenda for consideration for renewal.

D. North Side First Aid Squad Building

Township Council continued discussion relating to future building site possibilities.

E. Contract for Software for Land Use/Zoning Data Organization – Mitchell Humphrey Contract

Township Council reviewed the contract for the software for Land Use/Zoning Data Organization. Township Manager stated that this item is on the regular meeting agenda for the Council's consideration.

F. Request to Donate Property – Block 38, Lot 3.02 – 8 Old Route 23

The Council discussed a request to donate property received from the property owner of Block 38, Lot 3.02 with the Township Engineer.

G. Annual Report of the Zoning Board of Adjustment

The Council reviewed the Zoning Board of Adjustment annual report with Carrine Kaufer, Assistant Planner.

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H. Land Use Ordinance Amendment

Carrine Kaufer, Assistant Planner reviewed revisions to the Land Use Ordinance with the Council. She stated that this ordinance is on the regular meeting agenda for the Council's consideration.

I. Quarterly Report – Planner

Carrine Kaufer, Assistant Planner, discussed her end of the year report with the Council. She stated that the Affordable Housing Rehab Program is closed out for the year. She stated that a total of five projects were completed. She also stated that the Plan Conformance Grant has been received from NJ Highlands.

J. Technology Discussion – Possible Implementation of Paperless Council/Boards Concept

The Council and Jeff Stabile, Computer Technician, discussed options available for the possible implementation of paperless packets for the Council and the various boards.

K. Update on 250th Anniversary Committee Progress

Township Manager stated that the committee had a meeting last week. She stated that the committee broke off into four separate committees as follows: History Committee, Publicity Committee, Special Events Committee and Parade Committee. She stated that the Council should be getting back something shortly from those committees relative to projected funding.

L. Update – Communications Project

Township Manager stated that the necessary paperwork is being prepared so that when FCC approval for the tower is received we can proceed.

M. Public Works – Report of Snow Removal Operations/Budget and Material Depletion

Township Manager stated that we should have enough salt to last us through the end of the season.

N. Year End Reports – First Aid and Fire Official

The Council was provided with the reports for their review.

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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Hardyston on the 3rd day of February, 2011, 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.

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- () 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: Kievit
Seconded by: Hamilton

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 Kievit to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Miller. All in favor.
Motion carried.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: No further comments.

ADJOURNMENT: At approximately 9:45 p.m., a motion was made by Ross to adjourn seconded by Miller. All in favor. Motion carried.

Jane Bakalarczyk, RMC/CMC
Municipal Clerk