

MINUTES OF THE HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING HELD ON JULY 5, 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 Fred Semrau.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. Pension/Health Benefits Reform Update

Township Manager provided the Council with information regarding pension and health benefit changes.

B. Communications Project Status Update

William Hickerson, OEM Coordinator provided the Council with a written status report. Township Manager stated that in the next several days the FCC will give Royal Communications 5 frequencies to monitor for 3 days. She stated that Royal Communications will then select 2 frequencies that work best and order equipment. She stated that the hardware should be on order by July 15, 2011 with a 1-2 month delivery. She stated that the Route 515 antenna location is ready for installation and the Indian Fields and Deer Trail Lake tower installation projects are being finalized.

C. Public Works Department/Recreation Project and Operations Status Update

Robert F. Schultz, DPW Director, provided the Council with a written and verbal status report.

D. Proposed Legislation – Senate Bill S2794 – Shared Services & Consolidation Bill

Township Manager stated that a letter has been sent to Senator Sweeney expressing the Township's concerns regarding this bill. She provided the Council with a copy of the letter.

E. Park Drive Water System Update

Township Manager provided the Council with a letter that was mailed to the property owners that would be affected and that have access to utilize the fire suppression system on Park Drive which is in need of repair.

F. Land Use/Zoning File Conversion to Mitchell Humphrey Data Base System Status Report

Township Manager stated that the software has been installed for Zoning and Land Use as well as the Tax Utility Program.

G. Mid-Year Report Status

Township Manager stated that the mid-year reports from all department heads will be ready for the Council's review in September.

H. Municipal Facility Signage

Township Manager stated that the sign has been purchased and installed.

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I. Hardyston 250th Anniversary

Township Manager stated that it may be necessary to hold Hardyston Day in 2012 in September instead of June because of the additional activities that are being planned. The Council concurred.

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 8:00 p.m., a motion was made by Ross to adjourn seconded by Hamilton. All in favor. Motion carried.

Jane Bakalarczyk, RMC/CMC
Municipal Clerk