

**MINUTES OF THE HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
JANUARY 17, 2012**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Miller 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 Hamilton, Councilman Kula, Councilman Kievit, Manager Marianne Smith and Clerk Jane Bakalarczyk. Councilman Ross was absent from this meeting.

SALUTE THE FLAG

CONSENT AGENDA: ALL MATTERS LISTED BELOW ARE CONSIDERED TO BE ROUTINE IN NATURE AND WILL BE ENACTED BY ONE MOTION. THERE WILL BE NO SEPARATE DISCUSSION OF THE ITEMS. IF ANY DISCUSSION IS DESIRED, THAT PARTICULAR ITEM WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA AND WILL BE CONSIDERED SEPARATELY.

Monthly Reports:

1. Municipal Clerk Report – December 2011
2. Tax Collector Report – December 2011
3. Construction Certificate Activity Report – December 2011
4. Construction Permit Activity Report – Hardyston – December 2011
5. Construction Permit Activity Report – Hamburg – December 2011
6. Construction Permit Activity Report – Franklin – December 2011
7. Construction Permit Activity Report – Newton – December 2011
8. Construction Permit Activity Report – Sussex – December 2011
9. HTMUA – Minutes of 12/5/11
10. Municipal Court Report – December 2011
11. Police Department Report – December 2011

A motion was made by Kievit to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Hamilton. All in favor. Motion carried.

ORDINANCES:

1st READING: 2012-01

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDYSTON, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 172, VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, ARTICLE II, PARKING, SECTION 172-13, STOPPING OR STANDING PROHIBITED DURING CERTAIN HOURS ON CERTAIN STREETS, OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES

BE IT ORDAINED by the Municipal Council of the Township of Hardyston, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 172, Vehicles and Traffic, Article II, Parking, Section 172-13, Stopping or Standing Prohibited During Certain Hours on Certain Streets, of the aforesaid Revised General Ordinances is hereby amended and supplemented to now read as follows:

§ 172-13. Stopping or Standing Prohibited During Certain Hours on Certain Streets.

No person shall park, stop or stand a vehicle between the hours specified on any day (except Sundays and public holidays) upon any of the streets or parts of streets described.

<u>Name of Street</u>	<u>Sides</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Location</u>
North Church Road (County Route 631)	Both	All hours	From the border with Franklin Borough to the intersection With NJSH Route 94.
Grumm Road Route 673)	Both	All hours	From the intersection with (County Beaver Run Road (County Route 661) to the border with Wantage Township.

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SECTION 2. All ordinances of the Township of Hardyston which are inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 3. If any section, subsection, clause or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid by any court or competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the remaining portion of this ordinance.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance may be renumbered for purposes of codification.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage, approval and publication as required by law, and consent of the Sussex County Board of Chosen Freeholders through adoption of a concurring resolution, in accordance with 39:4-197.2

SECTION 6. The Township of Hardyston shall be responsible for fabrication, installation and maintenance of signage in accordance the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices, as directed by a Signing Authorization issued by the County of Sussex County Engineer.

A motion was made by Hamilton to approve Ordinance 2012-01 on first reading, seconded by Kievit. All in favor. Motion carried.

ORDINANCES:

2nd READING: **None**

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Junkyard/Auto Auction and Soil Removal/Quarry License Renewals:

1. Central Auto Liquidators – Junkyard & Auto Auction License
2. Beaver Run Farms – Soil Removal & Quarry
3. Shotmeyer Brothers, Inc. – Soil Removal
4. Eastern Concrete Materials, Inc. – Quarry
5. North Church Gravel, Inc. – Soil Removal

A motion was made by Kievit to approve the license renewals for Central Auto Liquidators, Beaver Run Farms, Shotmeyer Brothers, Inc., and Eastern Concrete Materials, Inc. for 2012 and to approve the license renewal for North Church Gravel, Inc. only through June 30, 2012, with the option to extend the license to the end of the year if deemed appropriate by the Township Engineer, conditional upon the completion of the alternate access driveway from Park Drive and restoration of areas of the site which are not intended to be further disturbed, seconded by Hamilton. All in favor. Motion carried.

B. Eastern Concrete Materials, Inc. - Hours of Operation Waiver Extension

A motion was made by Hamilton to extend the waiver granted by the Council last year to allow transporting materials from the site an hour earlier than what the quarry ordinance currently permits, due to the economy, seconded by Kievit. All in favor. Motion carried.

C. Resolution #07-12 – Sign Management Plan

RESOLUTION #07-12

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
HARDYSTON, COUNTY OF SUSSEX AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO ESTABLISH
A SIGN MANAGEMENT PLAN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY
MANAGEMENT ADMINISTRATION**

WHEREAS, the Township of Hardyston strives to provide appropriate signage on Township roadways in the interest of protecting public safety; and

WHEREAS, the Township will make its best effort, subject to budgetary considerations, to achieve compliance with the Federal Road Sign Standards Update established by the Federal Highway Administration.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of Hardyston, in the County of Sussex, and State of New Jersey that the Township hereby adopts the Sign Management Plan for Hardyston Township that has been established by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). A copy of the Township's Sign Management Plan is on file in the Municipal Clerk's office.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township will make every effort to adhere to this plan subject to the municipality's budgetary considerations.

A motion was made by Kievit to approve the resolution as presented seconded by Hamilton. All in favor. Motion carried.

D. Correspondence

1. Sparta Township
2. Sparta Township
3. NJ State League of Municipalities
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6. NJ State League of Municipalities
7. NJ State League of Municipalities
8. NJ State League of Municipalities
9. NJ State League of Municipalities
10. NJ State League of Municipalities
11. Malick & Scherer, P.C.
12. State of NJ
13. State of NJ
14. State of NJ
15. State of NJ
16. State of NJ
17. State of NJ

A motion was made by Kievit to approve the correspondence as presented, seconded by Hamilton. All in favor. Motion carried.

MANAGERS REPORT: Township Manager gave a verbal update on the following:

- Financial Closeout – Manager stated that the financial year has officially been closed out and the finance department is working on developing all required year-end financial documents. She stated that draft budget preparations are underway and it is expected that the draft will be presented to the Council in February.
- Report of 2011 Accomplishments and 2012 Goals – Manager stated that the report is being finalized and will also be formally presented to the Township Council in February.
- Shared Service Contracts – Manager stated that the finance department has almost completed its transition and things are running well. She stated that tax collection will continue to be run out of the Franklin office until March 1, 2012, and that preparations are being made to renovate the current office of emergency management to accommodate the new tax office. She stated that a new office will be constructed in the basement area for emergency management; however, the initial priority is to be prepared for the March 1, 2012 transition to having an in-house tax collection office.
- 250th Anniversary – February 25, 2012 – Manager stated that a special event has been scheduled wherein the Township's original charter will be read by the County's Town Crier on the actual day of its anniversary, Saturday, February 25, 2012. She stated the event is planned to be held at the Municipal Building beginning at 2:00 p.m.
- Community Garden, Water Operator Grant and Landfill Grant – Manager stated that all of these grant projects are continuing and will move forward at a more escalated pace upon the Assistant Planner's return from maternity leave. She stated that the response

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has been positive following the recent newspaper article relating to the community garden project.

- Wallkill Valley Recreation – Manager stated that a joint meeting of representatives from the four towns representing the Wallkill Valley leagues is scheduled for January 31, and it is anticipated that various issues will be discussed relating to scheduling and use of facilities by patrons who reside out of the area.

BILLS TO BE PAID: A motion was made by Kievit to approve the bill list as presented, seconded by Hamilton. All in favor. Motion carried.

PUBLIC PORTION: 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.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Kievit to adjourn at approximately 7:15 p.m., seconded by Hamilton. All in favor. Motion carried.

Jane Bakalarczyk, RMC/CMC
Municipal Clerk