

**MINUTES OF THE HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 11, 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 Cicerale, Councilman Ross, Manager Marianne Smith, Clerk Jane Bakalarczyk and Township Attorney Fred Semrau of Dorsey & Semrau

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. Hardyston Day Rescheduled

Township Manager stated that Hardyston Day which was scheduled to be held on September 8, 2012 had to be canceled due to inclement weather. She stated that Hardyston Day has been rescheduled for September 29, 2012 with a September 30, 2012 raindate.

B. County Standing – Taxes and County Share of Equalized Value

Township Manager provided the Council with an overview of tax rates within Sussex County.

C. Tax Sale

Township Manager stated that the Tax Collector has scheduled the Tax Sale for October 3, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. at the Hardyston Municipal Building.

D. Metra Industries – Bonded Improvements

Township Manager stated that the Township Engineer has sent a letter on two separate occasions to Metra Industries, located on Park Drive, requesting that improvements be completed and has not received a response. Township Manager suggested that this item be discussed further with the Township Engineer at a future meeting.

E. Route 94 Speed Limit

Township Manager stated that a request was received from Crystal Springs Builders to once again ask the NJDOT to review the speed limit on Route 94 at the entrance to Crystal Springs. This item will be placed on the regular meeting agenda to follow the workshop meeting for Council consideration.

F. Landfill Gas Sampling Proposal

Township Manager stated that the Department of Environmental Protection requested further sampling in order to continue with the review of the landfill closure plan. Sampling issues will be further discussed with the Township Engineer at a future meeting.

G. Ordinance Review – Criminal Background Checks for Employees

Township Manager stated that the Township Attorney will draft an ordinance requiring a background check for all employees for the Council's consideration. The current ordinance only requires background checks for employees and volunteers that interact with juveniles. The new ordinance would expand the background check to all present and future employees as well. It is anticipated that this ordinance will be placed on the September 18, 2012 meeting agenda for first reading.

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H. Sign Ordinance Review

Township Manager stated that Mayor Carl Miller suggested that the sign ordinance be reviewed. She provided the Council with copies of the current ordinance for their review. She stated that the Township Engineer, Township Planner and the Zoning Officer will be attending the next Council workshop meeting to be held on September 25, 2012 so this can be reviewed and discussed further.

I. Proposed Movie Filming

Township Manager stated that the Township received a call from an NYU theater student who received a grant from Spike Lee Productions and is interested in filming in Silver Lake. She stated that the production company received all of the proper approvals from the State and the property owners. She further stated that the Township Attorney has been working with the production company to make sure all of the legal paperwork is in order. She stated that the production company has asked the Township if some of the Hardyston Township Police Department could participate in the last scene. Production would be September 21 - 29, 2012. It was agreed that this item would be placed on the regular meeting agenda to follow for the Council's consideration.

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 8:05 p.m., a motion was made by Hamilton to adjourn seconded by Kula. All in favor. Motion carried.

Jane Bakalarczyk, RMC/CMC
Municipal Clerk