

**MINUTES OF THE HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
HELD ON FEBRUARY 5, 2013**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Hamilton, 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 Kula, Councilman Miller, Councilman Ross, Councilman Cicerale, Manager Marianne Smith, Clerk Jane Bakalarczyk and Township Attorney Fred Semrau of Dorsey & Semrau.

OATH OF OFFICE: Mayor Hamilton administered the Oath of Office to Councilman Cicerale.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. Review of 2012 Accomplishment/Establishment of 2013 Goals

Township Manager provided the Council with a written report of departmental accomplishments for 2012 and departmental goals for 2013 for their review.

B. 2013 Budget Discussion/Bond Ordinance Enabling Purchase of a Sweeper

Township Manager provided the Council with a copy of the 2013 budget worksheets for their review. She stated, however, that State Aid figures have not yet been released by the State. She also stated that a bond ordinance has been placed on the regular meeting agenda for the council's consideration to enable the purchase of a sweeper.

C. Advance Refunding Proposal

Township Auditor, Chuck Ferraioli discussed refinancing the township's debt at a lower interest rate. Township Manager stated that the savings would be over a ten year period.

D. Hovnanian Bond Release Request

Township Engineer discussed the request of K. Hovnanian for release of performance bonds for the Bluff, Tannery Hill and the Cedars and recommended such request be denied and outlined his reasons for same. This item will be placed on the regular meeting agenda to follow for the Council's consideration based on the recommendations of the Township Engineer.

E. Consideration of Land Purchase – Block 63, Lot 27.06, 118 Wheatsworth Road

Township Council and Township Engineer discussed the feasibility of the Township purchasing the lot next to the donated tract from Emerald Estates on Wheatsworth Road for consideration of a future site for a First Aid Squad building.

F. BPU Mandated Order for Electric Utility Companies

Township Manager stated that the BPU issued a comprehensive order directing that utility companies take specific actions to improve their preparedness and responses to major storms.

G. Ruling Regarding Paid Ambulance Service Costs

Township Manager and the Council discussed Advisory Opinion No. 12-11, published by the HHS Office of Inspector General. The Advisory Opinion states that municipalities should not be requiring the private ambulance supplier to provide scheduled Basic Life Support ambulance services under circumstances in which the supplier is required to waive collection of co-payments and deductibles for residents of the municipality.

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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 8:35 p.m., a motion was made by Ross to adjourn seconded by Kula. All in favor. Motion carried.

Jane Bakalarczyk, RMC/CMC
Municipal Clerk