

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

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Hamilton at approximately 7:20 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 Ross, Councilman Cicerale, Manager Marianne Smith, Clerk Jane Bakalarczyk and Township Attorney Tracy Wang of Dorsey & Semrau. Councilman Miller 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.

Agreements/Applications/Licenses:

1. Raffle – YMCA Metropolitan of Oranges
2. Raffle – Samaritan Inn, Inc.
3. Fire Department – New Member Application – John Zarra

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

ORDINANCES:

1st READING: None

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2nd READING: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. CJS Investments – Request for waiver from septic permit renewal fees for Emerald Estates

A motion was made by Kula to approve the waiver request from CJS Investments for the 25 septic permit renewal fees for the Emerald Estates development located on Wheatsworth Road, seconded by Cicerale. All in favor. Motion carried.

- B. Resolution #23-13 – 2013 Salary Resolution

BE IT RESOLVED by the Hardyston Township Council that the annual salaries and wages effective January 1, 2013 shall be paid as follows:

Title	2013 Salary
<u>Annual Salary</u>	
Township Council	\$ 4,000.00
Mayor/Deputy Mayor:	
Marriage/Civil Union Ceremony Stipend (per ceremony for residents)	\$ 50.00
(per ceremony for non-residents)	\$ 200.00
Township Manager	\$ 158,139.00
Deputy Manager	\$ 8,160.00
Municipal Clerk/Registrar/Search Officer	\$ 69,342.00
Chief of Police	\$ 139,544.00
Public Works Director	\$ 107,374.00
Fleet Manager	\$ 2,000.00

Zoning Officer	\$	32,306.00
Computer Technician	\$	45,960.00
Tax Assessor	\$	51,675.00
Tax Collector	\$	66,586.00
Municipal Planner	\$	66,300.00
Land Use and Grants Administrator	\$	53,695.00
Construction Official	\$	67,014.00
Building Subcode Official	\$	85,414.00
Fire Official	\$	18,379.00
Fire Prevention Inspector	\$	8,749.00
Fire Prevention Inspector (hired after 1/1/10)	\$	7,354.00
Housing Rehabilitation Program Inspector		\$300.00/unit
Municipal Court Administrator	\$	48,360.00
Municipal Court Administrator - Night Court	\$	90.00
Municipal Court Magistrate	\$	35,654.00
Temporary Municipal Court Magistrate (per session)		\$925.00/session
Deputy Court Clerk		
For first three hours of court session	\$	90.00
For each hour of court session exceeding three hours		\$16.39/hour
Planning/Zoning Board Secretary/Land Use Admin./Twp. Clerk		
Meeting stipend for board meetings/EDC meetings/Twp. Council mtgs.		\$90.00/meeting
Emergency Management Coordinator	\$	8,529.00
Dispatchers:		
Year One	\$	38,735.30
Year Two	\$	41,727.93
Year Three	\$	44,435.13
Year Four	\$	47,379.87
Year Five	\$	51,396.78

Part-Time Dispatchers:		Hourly Salary
Dispatcher In-Training	\$	12.00
Year One	\$	18.26
Year Two	\$	19.68
Year Three	\$	20.95
Year Four	\$	22.35
Year Five	\$	24.23

		Hourly Salary
Senior Clerk/Radio Dispatcher	\$	25.68
Municipal Court Officer	\$	22.00
Road Supervisor	\$	31.57
Assistant Road Supervisor	\$	30.55
Laborer Without CDL hired before 1/1/08	\$	18.09
Laborer With CDL hired before 1/1/08	\$	20.25
Water and Sewer Operator	\$	34.77
Summer Seasonal Laborer/Driver Hired before 1/1/12	\$	12.61
Summer Seasonal Laborer/Driver Hired after 1/1/12	\$	12.00
Summer Seasonal Laborer	\$	10.00

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Winter Seasonal Laborer/Driver Without CDL	\$	13.00
Winter Seasonal Laborer/Driver With CDL	\$	15.00
Custodian		
Hired prior to 1/1/07	\$	18.01
Hired after 1/1/07	\$	13.43
Secretary/Clerical (hired after 10/1/12)	\$	15.97
Secretary/Clerical Temporary	\$	8.00
Administrative Assistant/Temporary	\$	11.00
Assistant to the Chief Financial Officer	\$	19.50
Secretary/Administration (Construction Technical Assistant & Police Secretary		
Hired before 6/28/05)	\$	21.24
Secretary/Administration hired after 12/31/04	\$	20.03
Utility Billing Specialist	\$	20.03
Secretary/Administration	\$	18.17

Recreation Director	\$	18.36
Recreation On-Call Staff	\$	9.97
Recreation Program Presenter Without Certification	\$	15.00
Recreation Program Presenter With Certification	\$	25.00
Electrical Subcode Official	\$	45.71
Plumbing Subcode Official	\$	38.09
Building Inspector		
Part-Time	\$	31.00

<u>Step</u>	<u>Hourly Salary</u>	
Driver/Laborer:		
Year One	\$	21.79
Year Two	\$	23.14
Year Three	\$	24.50
Year Four	\$	25.87
Year Five	\$	27.91
Year Six	\$	29.96

A motion was made by Kula to approve the resolution as presented, seconded by Ross. All in favor. Motion carried.

- C. Value Research Group, LLC – Real Estate Appraisal & Consulting Proposal regarding Eastern Concrete Materials, Inc. tax appeal

A motion was made by Ross to approve the proposal from Value Research Group, LLC, seconded by Kula. All in favor. Motion carried.

- D. Associated Fire Protection - Proposal for professional services for technical specifications for Park Drive Fire Protection Water System Upgrade

A motion was made by Ross to approve the proposal from Associated Fire Protection, seconded by Kula. All in favor. Motion carried.

- E. Resolution #24-13 – Resolution Opposing S2364/A3553

**RESOLUTION #24-13
Resolution Opposing S2364/A3553**

WHEREAS, Senate Bill S-2364 and Assembly Bill A3553 propose to create a system of early voting in the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the goal of accommodating voters in pursuit of greater participation in the democratic process is a worthy goal; and

WHEREAS, these bills would in reality increase workloads, add more costs to the election process, and ultimately serve to confuse voters more than it would accommodate their needs; and

WHEREAS, these bills would require for each primary and general election a public facility, except a public school, located in each municipality in an area of a high concentration of population to be open and available to registered voters starting 15 days before an election for early polling, possibly conflicting with if not pushing out other important uses for these buildings, causing inconvenience to residents; and

WHEREAS, these bills require retraining of poll workers and dramatically increased hours, as well as chain of custody requirements to protect the voting process, despite the fact that recruiting and training polls workers is already a difficult process; and

WHEREAS, these bills would increase costs to municipalities, including overtime pay for workers; and

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WHEREAS, although these bills allow municipalities to request reimbursement for extra costs and provide an appropriation, the appropriation does not outline a specific amount nor dedicated funding, only that which the State Treasurer and the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting deem necessary, and they do not outline the procedure for a municipality whose reimbursement request is denied; and

WHEREAS, the opportunity for "Early Voting" already exists in the State of New Jersey through the Vote by Mail ballot process.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Township of Hardyston in the County of Sussex does hereby oppose S2364 and A3553; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Governing Body of the Township of Hardyston does hereby call upon its representatives in the State Legislature to oppose the adoption of this bill; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution shall be sent to the Office of the Governor, Senate President Sweeney, Senators Gill and Whelan, sponsors of S2364, Speaker Oliver, Assemblymen Wisniewski, Diegnan, Benson, Conaway, and Coughlin, sponsors of A3553, our State Senator and Assembly representatives, the County Board of Elections, and the New Jersey League of Municipalities.

A motion was made by Ross to approve the resolution as presented, seconded by Cicerale. All in favor. Motion carried.

- F. Resolution #25-13 – Resolution demanding ten (10) days credit to be awarded by Service Electric Cable TV and Communications to Hardyston Township residents for loss of service during Superstorm Sandy

RESOLUTION #25-13

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDYSTON, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEMANDING TEN (10) DAYS CREDIT TO BE AWARDED BY SERVICE ELECTRIC CABLE TV AND COMMUNICATIONS TO HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS FOR LOSS OF SERVICE DURING SUPERSTORM SANDY

WHEREAS, Service Electric Cable TV and Communications (Service Electric) is the franchise cable provider for the Township of Hardyston; and

WHEREAS, during Superstorm Sandy, Township residents were without power, including cable services, for a period of at least ten (10) days; and

WHEREAS, utilities have rightfully agreed to give credit for lost services during Superstorm Sandy; and

WHEREAS, Service Electric has only agreed to give a credit of two (2) days for lost cable services during Superstorm Sandy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Hardyston, County of Sussex, and State of New Jersey that the Township is demanding a credit of ten (10) days from Service Electric for lost services during Superstorm Sandy on behalf of its residents based upon the suffering, volunteering and other efforts of Township residents during the storm.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to Service Electric Cable TV and Communications, the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities, Sussex County Municipalities, and the Sussex County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

A motion was made by Ross to approve the resolution as presented, seconded by Kula. All in favor. Motion carried.

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BILLS TO BE PAID: A motion was made by Ross to approve the bill list as presented, seconded by Kula. 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 Ross to adjourn at approximately 7:30 p.m., seconded by Kula. All in favor. Motion carried.

Jane Bakalarczyk, RMC/CMC
Municipal Clerk