

**MINUTES OF THE HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
HELD ON MARCH 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 Ross, Councilman Cicerale, Manager Marianne Smith, Clerk Jane Bakalarczyk and Township Attorney Tracy Wang of Dorsey & Semrau. Councilman Miller was absent from this meeting.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. Report of Operations – Public Works – Winter Cost Report

Township Manager provided the Council with a written report prepared by Bob F. Schultz, Director of Public Works, for their review. The report contains the costs associated with each storm so far this year.

B. Report of Operations – Recreational Program Initiatives

Township Manager stated that the Recreation Department is working on coordinating with the Hardyston Township Middle School, the YMCA, Pass It Along, and the County to maximize resources with regard to health and wellness in the community.

C. Potential Shared Service Opportunity – Computer Maintenance/Hamburg

Township Manager stated that Hamburg Borough is interested in possibly partnering with the Township for computer maintenance service after an assessment of their equipment, systems and software has been performed.

D. Legislative Discussion – A3553 and S2364

Township Manager stated that this legislation would allow for “early voting”, which could potentially be a costly process. The New Jersey State League of Municipalities feels that we already have a process, Vote by Mail, which permits voters every opportunity to vote and participate in the democratic process. The League urges opposition to this legislation. A resolution opposing this legislation has been placed on the regular meeting agenda to follow for Council consideration.

E. Consideration of Resolution Demanding Credit for Loss of Service – SECTV, Inc.

Township Manager stated that several Sussex County municipalities have passed resolutions demanding ten days credit be awarded to customers for loss of service during Superstorm Sandy. A resolution from the Township has been placed on the regular meeting agenda for Council 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 7:20 p.m., a motion was made by Kula to adjourn seconded by Ross. All in favor. Motion carried.

Jane Bakalarczyk, RMC/CMC
Municipal Clerk