

MINUTES OF THE HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MAY 21, 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 Miller, Councilman Cicerale, Manager Marianne Smith and Township Attorney Tracy Wang of Dorsey & Semrau

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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 – April 2013
2. Tax Collector Report – April 2013
3. Construction Certificate Activity Report – April 2013
4. Construction Permit Activity Report – Hardyston – April 2013
5. Construction Permit Activity Report – Hamburg – April 2013
6. Construction Permit Activity Report – Franklin – April 2013
7. Construction Permit Activity Report – Newton – April 2013
8. Construction Permit Activity Report – Sussex – April 2013
9. Municipal Court Report – April 2013
10. Police Department Report – April 2013
11. SC Health Department – March 2013
12. Recreation Department Report – April 2013
13. Land Use Report – April 2013

Minutes:

1. Workshop Minutes of 4/2/13
2. Regular Minutes of 4/2/13
3. Executive Minutes of 4/2/13
4. Regular Minutes of 4/16/13

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

ORDINANCES:

1ST READING:

2013-06

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE TOTAL SUM OF \$415,000.00 FROM GENERAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR FUNDING VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS OR PURPOSES BY THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDYSTON, IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, NEW JERSEY.

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Hardyston, County of Sussex, New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1: The sum of Four hundred fifteen thousand dollars (\$415,000.00) to be utilized out of the General Capital Improvement Fund, is hereby appropriated for the following purpose:

For Various Capital Improvements or Purposes for the Township of Hardyston.

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Section 2: In connection with the amount authorized in Section 1 hereof, the Township makes the following determination:

(a) The purpose described in Section 1 hereof is not a Current Expense and is an improvement, which the Township of Hardyston may lawfully make as general improvement.

(b) The period of usefulness of the purpose described in section 1 hereof is not in the limitations of the said Local Bond Law and according to the aggregate reasonable life thereof is five (5) years.

Section 3: All ordinances or parts of ordinances, which are inconsistent with the terms of this ordinance, be and the same is hereby repealed on to the extent of their inconsistency:

Section 4: This ordinance becomes effective immediately upon final passage, approval, and publication as provided by law.

A motion was made by Ross to approve Ordinance 2013-06 on first reading, seconded by Miller. All in favor. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Resolution #40-13 – Resolution accepting proposal from Remington & Vernick Engineers for Zoning Map

RESOLUTION #40-13

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING PROPOSAL FROM REMINGTON & VERNICK ENGINEERS FOR ZONING MAP

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Hardyston that the following proposal is hereby accepted:

- Remington & Vernick Engineers – Proposal for Zoning Map for the Township of Hardyston

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

- B. Outdoor Event Permit – Cava Winery

A representative from Cava Winery was present and explained the plans for the event to the Council. A motion was made by Ross to approve the Public Event Use Application for the wine and food festival to be held at Cava Winery on June 29 & June 30, 2013, seconded by Cicerale. All in favor. Motion carried.

- C. Correspondence

1. Vernon Township
2. Stillwater Township
3. Sparta Township
4. Sparta Township
5. County of Sussex
6. State of NJ
7. State of NJ

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16. NJ Transit

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

MANAGERS REPORT:

- Advanced Refunding – Township Manager stated that the Township has completed the advanced refunding process, producing a final net savings of \$177, 847 over the remaining term of the bond. Manager stated that the Township has maintained its very favorable Aa2 rating.
- Capital Improvement Plan – Township Manager stated that the Council will be presented with the Fire Department’s overview of long and short term capital needs at the June 11, 2013 meeting. She stated that the First Aid Squad will be making their presentation at the July 2, 2013 meeting.
- Public Works – Township Manager stated that all paving relative to Wheatsworth Road and Crystal Springs Road (portion) have been completed. She stated that line painting will be completed within a few weeks. She further stated that the Township Engineer will begin preliminary work required to commence the development of bid specifications for the resurfacing of Holland Mountain Road, utilizing funds from a recently awarded NJDOT grant. She stated that the project will be completed in early spring of 2014.
- CAD System Conversion – Township Manager stated that work is underway to effectuate the conversion of our current CAD Spillman system within the Dispatch Center/Police Department to Lawsoft. She stated that our computer specialist, together with appropriate police department staff and the vendor have been working together to move the project forward. She stated that it is anticipated that the full conversion will be completed and operational in early June.
- Emergency Helipad Project – Township Manager stated that our Public Works Department has been in contact with JCP&L regarding specifics for the extension of power service to provide lighting to the 515 helipad area. She stated that once we have official direction from JCP&L, the Department is prepared to immediately move forward with the project.
- Affordable Housing – Township Manager stated that a stay has been put into effect by the Courts restraining the state from taking affordable trust fund monies from municipalities. She stated that the Township has been spending an appropriate amount of its affordable trust fund in accordance with its COAH approved Spending Plan. She stated that seven homes currently owned by the Township will be sold under the Township Affordable Housing Program this year and an additional 2 units will be purchased prior to the end of 2013.
- Ridgefield Commons – Township Manager stated that communication continues with both the developer and the bonding company relative to unfinished improvements. She stated that progressive conversations and letters have been transmitted between the parties and we are hopeful that they will lead to positive results.

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- Recreational Events – Township Manager stated that the 2013 Pageants for Little Miss and Mister, Jr. Miss and Miss Hardyston were successfully held last Friday at the Municipal Complex. She stated that the 2013 Community Garden Group and Pass It Along prepared and planted the Charity Garden and individual residents will begin to plant their own beds in the community garden within the next week. She stated that all of the community garden beds have been “rented” and the program is running successfully. She stated that upcoming events include the Township’s Annual 5K Run for the Ribbon on June 1, 2013.

At this time, Councilman Ross made a motion to approve the shared service contract with Hamburg Borough for street sweeping, seconded by Cicerale. All in favor. Motion carried.

BILLS TO BE PAID: A motion was made by Ross to approve the bill list as presented, seconded by Cicerale. 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. Resident Marty Schweighardt inquired about the County buses running through the Township. Manager and Council stated that they are run by the County. 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