

MINUTES OF THE HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 22, 2014

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. Request of S.M.S. Hardyston, LLC for changes to Developer's Agreement

Mr. Samuel Diaz, representing S.M.S. Hardyston, LLC, the purchaser's of the balance of the Ridgefield Commons Development, requested an extension to complete the extension of Ridgefield Road until the asphalt plants open in the spring. This item will be placed on the regular meeting agenda to follow for the Council's consideration.

B. Soil Removal/Quarry License Renewals

1. Beaver Run Farms – Soil Removal & Quarry
2. Shotmeyer Brothers, Inc. – Soil Removal
3. Eastern Concrete Materials, Inc. – Quarry
4. North Church Gravel, Inc. – Soil Removal

Township Manager stated that the Township Engineer has inspected the above operations and he has no objections to the renewal of all of the above licenses, as stated in his letters dated January 2, 2014. She stated that this item has been placed on the regular meeting agenda to follow for the Council's consideration.

C. Hardyston Township First Aid Squad Status Report and Request for Extension of Time for Compliance with Resolution Regarding Review of By-Laws

Township Manager stated that the Hardyston Township First Aid Squad requested an extension of time within which to achieve compliance with the directives in Resolution #77-13 entitled, "A Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Hardyston, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey Requesting the Review of Personnel Practices of the Hardyston Township First Aid Squad". Manager stated that they were unable to reach the original deadline of December 31, 2013 and are asking for a 60 day extension. Manager stated that she has been informed by the First Aid Squad that they have hired an attorney who has begun the work outlined in the resolution. The consensus of the Council was to grant the extension until March 1, 2014 at which time the First Aid Squad's attorney shall provide a written report of his findings and recommendations.

Township Manager stated that the agreement that Hardyston has entered into with the Sparta Ambulance Squad is working out very well.

D. Modification to the EI Associates Contract for Services Relative to Generator and HVAC System Review and Bid Specification Development

Township Manager stated that the contractor has asked for a modification to the contract with regard to the completion timeframe. Council agreed with the Township Attorney's recommendation to modify the contract.

E. Veteran's Memorial Project Status

Township Manager stated that the Economic Development Commission has been working very hard on this project. Councilman Miller stated that the monument has been ordered and showed the Council a prototype drawing. He stated that the monument will be placed outside of the municipal building behind the flagpoles. He stated that to date, more than

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80 bricks have been purchased for placement on the walk of honor patio in front of the monument. Township Manager stated that the target date for a dedication ceremony is Memorial Day.

F. County Resolution Regarding Mandatory Federal Payment in Lieu of Tax Program

Township Manager stated that a resolution has been sent to the United States Congress by the Sussex County Board of Chosen Freeholders authorizing the Freeholder Director to sign a letter urging the United States Congress to support and fully fund the mandatory federal Payment In Lieu of Tax program (P.I.L.O.T) for local governments. Her recommendation was to prepare and send a similar letter and resolution from Hardyston Township in support of same. Council agreed to place this item on the regular meeting agenda to follow for consideration.

G. Year-End Financial Recap

Township Manager gave the Council an overview of the Township's financial status. Township Manager stated that her goal was to have the budget books ready for Council review at the next workshop meeting.

H. Passaic County Energy Pricing Cooperative

Township Manager stated that she was working on mapping out a strategy on marketing and information dissemination to the community.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: None

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.

ADJOURNMENT: At approximately 7:45 p.m., a motion was made by Hamilton to adjourn seconded by Verrilli. All in favor. Motion carried.

Jane Bakalarczyk, RMC/CMC
Municipal Clerk