

MINUTES OF THE HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING HELD ON MARCH 12, 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, Councilman Cicerale, Manager/Deputy Clerk Marianne Smith, and Township Attorney Tracy Wang of Dorsey & Semrau.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. Final Discussion – 2014 Budget

Township Manager and the Council further discussed the proposed 2014 municipal budget. She stated that the introduction of the budget is on the regular agenda to follow for the Council's consideration.

B. Passaic County Energy Pricing Cooperative

Township Manager stated that she has been in contact with representatives from the Passaic County Energy Pricing Cooperative. She stated that they are waiting for pricing to come down before going out to bid. She stated that they are also waiting to see if more municipalities would like to join. She stated that the Township will be doing a public awareness letter to the community when finalized.

C. Shared Service Contracts

Township Manager stated that Sparta Township has reached out to the Township regarding providing services to them for a Municipal Housing Liaison. She also stated that Vernon Township is in need of a Fire Official and has asked the Township to provide those services to them. She stated that it will be on a temporary basis until they find someone to fill the vacancy. She stated that both of these items are on the regular meeting agenda to follow for the Council's consideration.

D. Assessment Commission

Township Manager stated that the first reading of the ordinance establishing a Board of Assessment Commissioners is on the regular agenda to follow for the Council's consideration.

E. Public Event Use Application – Crystal Springs Resort

Township Manager stated that an application for an outdoor event to be held on March 29, 2014 has been submitted by Crystal Springs and is on the regular agenda to follow for the Council's consideration.

F. Generator Upgrade/HVAC Review Project

Township Manager stated that the boilers in the municipal building have been found to be adequate and that a thermal review will be done to identify the areas where more insulation may be needed.

G. Junkyard License Renewal

Township Manager stated that all required inspections have been completed and the license is due to be renewed. Councilman Miller asked if the Township Engineer, the Fire Official and the owner of the junkyard could be present at the next workshop meeting. The rest of the Council agreed that it would be a good idea so that they could share some of their concerns.

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H. Recreation/Y Club Afterschool Program

Township Manager stated that she has met with the Hardyston Middle School Superintendent regarding the specialized programs that the YMCA is putting together for the seventh graders. She stated that there will be two, six-week programs, one in the spring and one in the fall.

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. Resident Roger O'Brien asked if the Passaic County Energy Pricing Cooperative was just for municipal use or if it was for the whole town. Township Manager stated that it will be for the whole town. She explained that it is not mandatory. Residents can opt out if they choose not to participate. Mr. O'Brien also had some questions about the Assessment Commission which the Township Manager clarified. A motion was made and seconded to close the meeting to the public. All in favor. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: At approximately 7:30 p.m., a motion was made by Verrilli to adjourn seconded by Miller. All in favor. Motion carried.

Jane Bakalarczyk, RMC/CMC
Municipal Clerk