# MINUTES OF THE HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING HELD ON APRIL 9, 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 Marianne Smith, Clerk Jane Bakalarczyk and Township Attorney Fred Semrau of Dorsey & Semrau.

## DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A.      Central Auto Liquidators – Junkyard License Discussion

Councilman Verrilli recused himself from the discussion. The Council asked that the owner of the junkyard, Central Auto Liquidators, Inc., be present to discuss some issues that needed to be addressed with regard to hours of operation, staking the boundaries and the planting of trees for screening. The Township Engineer and the Fire Official were also present. Resident Verrilli spoke as he lives across the street from the property. He raised issues about the condition of the site. Township Engineer stated that the property was in compliance. The Council suggested approval of the license with certain maintenance obligations. Central Auto Liquidators agreed to the terms and conditions of the license renewal. It was the consensus of the Council to place the renewal of the license on the regular agenda to follow for the Council's consideration.

B.      Lake Gerard – NJDEP Low Interest Loan for Dam Repairs

Township Manager stated that the application Lake Gerard submitted to the NJDEP for a low interest loan for dam repairs has been approved. She stated that since the Township co-signed the loan application, an agreement will be drafted between Lake Gerard, LLC and the Township. She stated that the agreement will outline the terms of the repayment to the NJDEP in order to protect the Township should Lake Gerard default on the loan. Township Attorney stated that some of the terms would be to post a sufficient cash bond or letter of credit for two years' payments in the event of default; summary of costs and sign-off from the DEP with respect to the project; engineering review by the Township Engineer and certification from the DEP that the project has been completed to their satisfaction and standards.

C.      Assistant Construction Official Appointment

Township Manager stated that this appointment is for the purpose of exercising limited powers and duties of the Construction Official in the event of the absence of the Construction Official from the office. It was the consensus of the Council that this item be placed on the regular meeting agenda to follow for the Council's consideration.

D.      Assessment Commission

Township Manager stated that appointments to the Assessment Commission by the Council should be made soon. Township Manager stated that there is a general application on the website for interested volunteers. She stated that the Assessment Commission would be aided by the Township Manager, the Township Attorney and the Tax Assessor, but would be the ones to make the recommendation to the Council as to how the special assessment would be spread between the properties that benefited from the improvements.

**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. Fire Official and member of the Hardyston Township Fire Department, Bill Walsh, stated that during the Lake Gerard dam repair process, two pipes were placed in the lake, one on each side, for the Fire Department to use. Mr. Walsh wanted to thank the owners of Lake Gerard for making it easier for the Fire Department to access water in case of a fire. A motion was made and seconded to close the meeting to the public. All in favor. Motion carried.

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

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Jane Bakalarczyk, RMC/CMC
Municipal Clerk