

MINUTES OF THE HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING HELD ON MAY 14, 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. Hardyston Township Sports/Recreation Complex – Policies – Request for Consideration – Wallkill Valley Soccer

Steven Bilheimer, President of the Wallkill Valley Travel Soccer Club was present to request a waiver from the criteria that 51% of their players reside in Hardyston Township based on the fact that the Wallkill Valley Travel Soccer Club also utilizes Franklin Borough and Hamburg Borough fields. After a brief discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to place this item on the regular agenda to follow for Council consideration.

- B. Recreation Committee – Heidi Coscia - Interview

Resident Heidi Coscia contacted the Township expressing interest in joining the Recreation Committee. Township Council invited Ms. Coscia to attend tonight's meeting to meet with the Council. It was the consensus of the Council to place this item on the regular agenda to follow for Council consideration.

- C. North Church Technical Center Water System Compliance Upgrade/Special Assessment Status Report

HTMUA Engineer Michael Vreeland provided the Council with a written and verbal overview and status report of the ongoing evaluation of the North Church Technical Center fire protection system. The Township Council directed Mr. Vreeland to conduct an informational session with the impacted property owners prior to proceeding with a revised cost estimate.

- D. Review of Recommended Award of Contract for Paving Holland Mountain Road

Township Manager stated that bid proposals were received on May 9, 2014 for the Holland Mountain Road Improvements Project. She stated that the bids were reviewed by the Township Engineer and the Township Attorney and the recommendation of the Township Engineer and the Township Attorney is to award the contract to the lowest bidder, Mark Paving, Inc. It was the consensus of the Council to place this item on the regular agenda to follow for the Council's consideration.

- E. LOSAP – Proposed Language for Public Question

Township Manager stated that the Township Attorney has drafted language to appear on the November ballot to increase the annual contribution for the volunteer firefighters and first aid squad members and provided the Council with the draft for their review.

- F. Ridgefield Commons – Bond Resolution – Proposed Agreement FIA First Indemnity of America Insurance Company

Township Manager stated that a meeting was held with the current developer of Ridgefield Commons and FIA, the bonding company that holds the bonds for Ridgefield Commons Sections 1 through 6. She stated that there were a number of items that were still outstanding in Sections 1 through 5 and the significant dollar numbers are in Section 6, but Section 6 will most likely be modified. She stated that the bonding company has agreed to provide the Township with \$136,000 which represents their outstanding bond portion relating to Sections 1 through 5, and part of that bond included paving part of Wits End Road. It was agreed that the current developer would take care of Section 6. Township Attorney stated that he will draft an agreement between all three parties.

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G. Hardyston Township First Aid Squad Financial Resolution Compliance Report

Township Manager supplied the Council with a copy of the report for their review.

H. Recommended Release of Bonds Associated with the Bramble Section of Crystal Springs

Township Manager stated that the release of the bonds has been recommended by the Township Engineer. This item has been placed on the regular agenda to follow for the Council's consideration.

I. Annual Walkkill Valley High School Tax Rate Analysis

Township Manger provided the Council with a copy of the analysis for their review.

J. Participation and Financial Support for Efforts Associated with the Watershed Coalition for 2014

Township Manager stated that the township has partnered with other municipalities in the region to form a "Watershed Coalition". She stated that a resolution authorizing an agreement to participate as a member of the Watershed Coalition seeking tax equity for the Newark Watershed property has been placed on the regular agenda to follow for the Council's consideration.

K. Recommended Response on Proposed Rate Increase by Aqua New Jersey Relative to Water Users Services by the Summit Lake Water System

Township Manager stated that a resolution to oppose the rate increase has been placed on the regular agenda to follow for the Council's consideration.

L. Grant Award Notifications: Bunn Road Resurfacing and FEMA Fire Hose Replacement

Township Manger stated that Township was awarded a grant from the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) in the amount of \$110,000 for Bunn Road Improvements and a grant in the amount of \$9,741 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the Hardyston Township Fire Department for replacement of a fire hose.

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 Ingrid Roe of 51 Harker Hill Drive in Crystal Springs asked for clarification with regard to the Affordable Housing Program. Township Manager stated that the Township is mandated by the Council on Affordable Housing (COAH) to provide a certain amount of Affordable Housing units within the Township. She stated that the sale price of those units would not be able to be used as comparables since they are Affordable Housing Units and priced lower than market value. Ms. Roe also had a few questions relating to the Hardyston First Aid Squad with regard to coverage which were answered by the Township Manager. A motion was made and seconded to close the meeting to the public. All in favor. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: At approximately 8:55 p.m., a motion was made by Verrilli to adjourn seconded by Miller. All in favor. Motion carried.

Jane Bakalarczyk, RMC/CMC
Municipal Clerk