

MINUTES OF THE HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 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, Councilman Cicerale, Manager Marianne Smith, Clerk Jane Bakalarczyk and Township Attorney Fred Semrau of Dorsey & Semrau.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- A. Special Assessment Commission Recommendation – Summit Lake Dam Special Assessment

Township Manager stated that the Special Assessment Commission met this evening and they are very close to a recommendation. She stated that the Commission will meet again, and it is very probable that they will be ready to present the recommendation at the next Council meeting. Township Attorney stated that the proposal has been put together by the township's Tax Assessor, Scott Holzauer. He stated that once it is finalized by the Special Assessment Commission, the affected parties will be notified as to when it will come before the Council at a public meeting.

- B. Capital Improvement Plan Recommendations

Township Manager supplied the Council with a copy of the Hardyston Township 3-5 Year Capital Improvement Analysis and Recommendation Report that she prepared for their review and gave the Council a brief overview of the report. Township Auditor, Chuck Ferraioli, was present to summarize and answer any questions that the Council or public might have regarding the bond ordinance that is on the regular meeting agenda following the workshop meeting.

- C. Recommendations for Signage at the Wheatsworth Sports and Recreation Complex

Township Manager stated that the Recreation Director, Becky Westra, had suggested placing a sign at the Wheatsworth Sports and Recreation Complex listing upcoming events of the Recreation Department. Township Manager stated that the Recreation Director, the DPW Director and the Township Engineer are working on where the best location for the sign would be. Township Manager provided the Council with a copy of the design for the proposed sign for their review. Councilman Cicerale stated that the entrance to the municipal building is very dark at night and asked the Township Manager to look into possibly providing more lighting. Township Council was in agreement.

- D. Robert F. Schultz – Richard Rohrbach Public Works Leader of the Year Award

Township Manager stated that the Township had nominated DPW Director, Robert F. Schultz, for the award. She stated that it is a state recognized award by the Public Works Association of New Jersey. She stated that he will be receiving the award during the New Jersey State League of Municipalities Conference to be held in November. She stated that the Council will also be honored at the conference by the Municipal Manager's Association for their outstanding support of the Council-Manager form of government.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: Mayor Kula wanted to mention that he had recently attended a meeting at the County and he received nothing but praise with regard to Hardyston Township from everyone that was in attendance.

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 Debbie Caggianese of 24 Pale Start Court, asked if the Council ever considered putting a sign in front of the municipal building listing upcoming meetings and events just like they are considering doing for the Recreation Department at the Wheatsworth Sports and Recreation Complex. She stated that she has seen signs at other municipal buildings, and was curious as to why Hardyston does not have one. Councilman Miller stated that the Council found that in this day and age, most people use modern technology such as the Hardyston website. He stated that the Township has put a lot of

effort into putting a great deal of information on the website, but that the Council will consider her suggestion. Recently retired Construction Official Keith Utter stated that he wanted to come before the Council personally to thank them for the opportunity of working for Hardyston Township. Resident Bill Lohrfink of 6 Sundance Terrace, expressed concern over weapons being discharged on a property near his home on a regular basis, and about people not adhering to the speed limit within his community in Indian Field. The Council stated that they will have the Police Department look into the matters. A motion was made and seconded to close the meeting to the public. All in favor. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: At approximately 7:40 p.m., a motion was made by Hamilton to adjourn seconded by Verrilli. All in favor. Motion carried.

Jane Bakalarczyk, RMC/CMC
Municipal Clerk