

MINUTES OF THE HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 11, 2017

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 Cicerale, Councilman Verrilli, Manager Marianne Smith, Clerk Jane Bakalarczyk and Township Attorney Dawn Sullivan of Dorsey & Semrau.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. Crystal Springs Bonding

Township Engineer Robert P. Guerin and the Council discussed the proposal of Crystal Springs Builders to refinance various performance bonds posted with the township. Township Engineer stated that he has visited each of the sites and reviewed the current estimates. He stated that he has updated the estimates and recommended that Crystal Springs Builders replace the current performance bonds in accordance with the updated estimates. He stated that a resolution approving the updated estimates has been placed on the regular meeting agenda to follow for Council consideration.

B. Sale of Assets

Township Manager stated that the auction of surplus property was held and everything on the list sold except for one ambulance. She stated that the auction brought in approximately \$57,000.

C. Board of Education – Strategic Plan

Township Manager stated that the Hardyston Township Board of Education is holding Strategic Planning meetings in January, February and March, and would appreciate the Council's participation. It was the consensus of the Council to plan to attend the meeting scheduled for March 20, 2017 at the Hardyston Middle School.

D. 2017 Soil Removal/Quarry License/Junkyard/Auto Auction Renewals

1. Beaver Run Farms (Stavola) – Soil Removal & Quarry – Block 68, Lot 3
2. Beaver Run Farms (Stavola) – Soil Removal – Block 69, Lot 2.01
3. Eastern Concrete Materials, Inc. – Quarry
4. North Church Gravel, Inc. – Soil Removal
5. Central Auto Liquidators - Junkyard/Auto Auction

Township Engineer discussed the above license renewals with the Council. He stated that he has inspected all of the sites and recommends approval for all. However, he recommended that for North Church Gravel, Inc. the soil removal license be renewed with the provision that significant restoration work be done during 2017 to bring the site into compliance with the provisions of their permit. This item was placed on the regular meeting agenda to follow for the Council's consideration.

E. Firehouse Renovation Update

Township Manager provided the Council with an update of the progress of the firehouse renovation.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

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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. Jackie Espinoza, a representative of JCP&L, gave an update on tree trimming within the township. A motion was made and seconded to close the meeting to the public. All in favor. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: At approximately 7:35 p.m., a motion was made by Cicerale to adjourn seconded by Verrilli. All in favor. Motion carried.

Jane Bakalarczyk, RMC/CMC
Municipal Clerk