

**MINUTES OF THE HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
MARCH 22, 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 Fred Semrau of Dorsey & Semrau.

SALUTE THE FLAG

CONSENT AGENDA: ALL MATTERS LISTED BELOW ARE CONSIDERED TO BE ROUTINE IN NATURE AND WILL BE ENACTED BY ONE MOTION. THERE WILL BE NO SEPARATE DISCUSSION OF THE ITEMS. IF ANY DISCUSSION IS DESIRED, THAT PARTICULAR ITEM WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA AND WILL BE CONSIDERED SEPARATELY.

Monthly Reports:

1. Municipal Clerk Report – February 2017
2. Tax Collector Report – February 2017
3. Construction Certificate Activity Report – February 2017
4. Construction Permit Activity Report – Hardyston – February 2017
5. Construction Permit Activity Report – Hamburg – February 2017
6. Construction Permit Activity Report – Franklin – February 2017
7. Construction Permit Activity Report – Newton – February 2017
8. Construction Permit Activity Report – Sussex – February 2017
9. Construction Permit Activity Report – Wantage – February 2017
10. Municipal Court Report – February 2017
11. Littell Community Center Report – February 2017
12. Sussex County Health Department Report – January 2017
13. Land Use Report – February 2017
14. Police Department Report – January 2017

A motion was made by Hamilton to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Cicerale. All in favor. Motion carried.

ORDINANCES

1st READING:

2017-01

CALENDAR YEAR 2017

**ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS
AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK
(N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)**

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A: 4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget to 0.50% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Hardyston in the County of Sussex finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2017 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Council hereby determines that a 3.0% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$230,688.65 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

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WHEREAS, the Township Council hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Council of the Township of Hardyston, in the County of Sussex, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2017 budget year, the final appropriations of the Township of Hardyston shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.50%, amounting to \$269,136.76, and that the CY 2017 municipal budget for the Township of Hardyston be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

A motion was made by Cicerale to approve Ordinance 2017-01 on first reading, seconded by Miller. All in favor. Motion carried.

ORDINANCES

2nd READING: None

NEW BUSINESS:

A. 2017 Municipal Budget Introduction

Township Manager gave a written and verbal presentation of the 2017 Municipal Budget. A motion was made by Verrilli to approve the 2017 Municipal Budget as introduced, seconded by Hamilton. All in favor. Motion carried. Public hearing and adoption of the budget is scheduled for April 26, 2017.

B. Resolution #27-17 – Shared Service Agreement for Street Sweeping – Hamburg Borough

RESOLUTION #27-17

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE FOLLOWING SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Hardyston that the execution of the following agreement is hereby authorized:

1. Street Sweeping – Hamburg Borough

A motion was made by Miller to approve the resolution as presented, seconded by Cicerale. All in favor. Motion carried.

C. Resolution #28-17 – Resolution authorizing the execution of the following contracts/agreements:

1. Wireless Lease Negotiation Services Agreement – OV Telecom Advisors, LLC

A motion was made by Hamilton to approve Item #1 of the resolution, seconded by Verrilli. All in favor. Motion carried.

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2. Preventative Screening and Wellness Program – HeartScan Services, Inc.

A motion was made by Miller to approve Item #2 of the resolution, seconded by Cicerale. All in favor. Motion carried.

D. Correspondence

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A motion was made by Hamilton to approve the correspondence as presented, seconded by Cicerale. All in favor. Motion carried.

BILLS TO BE PAID: A motion was made by Verrilli to approve the bill list as presented, seconded by Hamilton. All in favor. Motion carried.

PUBLIC PORTION: 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, thanked Mayor Kula for the kind words in the letter he sent to JCP&L for the work they have been doing. Resident Elaine Oleske of 3 Red Oak Drive had some questions regarding some of the agenda items, street sweeping, recycling and plowing which were all addressed by the Council and the Township Manager. A motion was made and seconded to close the meeting to the public. All in favor. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Verrilli to adjourn at approximately 7:30 p.m., seconded by Hamilton. All in favor. Motion carried.

Jane Bakalarczyk, RMC/CMC
Municipal Clerk