

**MINUTES OF THE HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING  
HELD ON JUNE 14, 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.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

A. Request for Sign Permit Extension – Highlands Self-Storage

Jonathan Brett, owner of Highlands Self-Storage, stated that he would like to request an extension on his temporary sign permit which currently expires after 14 days. Mr. Brett stated that he relies on the signs for advertising for his business. Council stated that they will speak with the Zoning Officer and suggest he allow a 90 day permit extension and hold off on enforcement of the length of time of these permits until the Council can review the ordinance and come up with a solution that works for all of the businesses in town.

B. Wits End Road Resurfacing – Bid Award

Township Manager stated that the bid opening for the project was held on June 7, 2017. She stated that after review by the Township Engineer and the Township Attorney, it was determined that the lowest possible bidder was Mike Fitzpatrick & Son, Inc. She stated that a resolution awarding the bid has been placed on the regular meeting agenda to follow for the Council's consideration.

C. St. Clare's EMS Services

Township Manager stated that St. Clare's is interested in the use of the Hardyston first aid squad building for EMS Services. Council agreed that if they allow them to do so, the agreement for EMS Services should be amended to reflect that and that St. Clare's should be responsible for paying the utilities for the building.

D. Liquor License Renewals

Township Manager and Clerk stated that all the paperwork is in order for all renewals for the 2017-2018 license year, and that these renewals have been placed on the regular meeting agenda to follow for the Council's consideration.

At this time, Township Manager stated that some letters of interest to serve on various boards have been received. Mayor Kula asked that the interested parties be contacted to attend the next meeting for an informal interview.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Councilman Cicerale asked about, and the Council and Township Attorney discussed, the following: Service Electric issue on Wheatsworth Road; WiFi at the Municipal Building; Firehouse addition and electric co-op opportunities. Mayor Kula wanted to extend his thanks to the Recreation Committee for doing a great job with the Miss Hardyston pageant.

**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 of Ridgefield Commons, Cindy Gorman asked about the status of the building project adjacent to Ridgefield Commons. Township Manager stated that the Township has not heard anything from the developer since they received their approvals. Resident Michele Van Allen wanted to confirm that her letter of interest to serve on a board was received by the Township. Township Manager stated that it was received and that she should come to the next meeting for an informal interview. A motion was made and seconded to close the meeting to the public. All in favor. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:** At approximately 7:55 p.m., a motion was made by Cicerale to adjourn seconded by Verrilli. All in favor. Motion carried.

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Jane Bakalarczyk, RMC/CMC  
Municipal Clerk