

**MINUTES OF THE HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 24, 2013**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Hamilton, at approximately 7:15 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 Kula, Councilman Miller, Councilman Cicerale, Manager Marianne Smith, Clerk Jane Bakalarczyk and Township Attorney Fred Semrau of Dorsey & Semrau.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. Mid-Year Report Presentation

Township Manager presented the departmental mid-year reports to the Council in a power point presentation. Hard copies were provided to the Council at a prior meeting.

Township Manager stated that since the next workshop meeting isn't until the end of October, and since this is a critical issue, she will look into creating a subcommittee to meet with some of the First Aid Squad volunteers before that to discuss their status with regard to membership, etc. She stated that after the initial meeting, she will have them come before the Council at the next workshop meeting to discuss options on how to improve the situation.

B. Presentation by Oweis Engineering, Inc. – Proposal for closure of the Hardyston Township Landfill

Township Manager stated that the Township has obtained a permit for the closure of the landfill. She stated that Township Engineer Michael Vreeland has been involved with the project for quite some time and has put together a Request for Proposal for the next stage of the project which is doing the specifications for the actual closure. She stated that three proposals were received, one was from Oweis Engineering, one from CP Engineers, and one from Hatch Mott MacDonald. Township Engineer stated that a fourth Request for Proposal was sent to Maser Consulting, who showed interest, but they did not respond. Township Manager stated that CP Engineers was also invited to come before the Council to present their proposal, but they had a scheduling conflict. She stated that the proposals have been reviewed by the Township Engineer.

Mr. Oweis gave an overview of his proposal to the Council. Upon the recommendation of the Township Engineer, a motion was made by Cicerale to award the project based on the terms outlined in the proposal to Oweis Engineering, Inc., seconded by Miller. All in favor. Motion carried.

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 Cagonese thanked the Mayor for being aware of the EMT situation. A motion was made and seconded to close the meeting to the public. All in favor. Motion carried.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: No further comments.

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

Jane Bakalarczyk, RMC/CMC
Municipal Clerk