

MINUTES OF THE HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 3, 2013

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. Interviews

The following individuals who showed interest in serving on various boards were present to meet with the Council: Brian Kaminski, Mike Restel, David Van Ginneken, Mary Purcell and John Bazelewich. Michael O'Grady and James Wright were unable to attend tonight's meeting and will attend a future meeting. Appointments will be made by the Council at the Township's reorganization meeting to be held on January 2, 2014.

B. Capital Planning Discussion

Township Manager and Township Auditor, Chuck Ferraioli, gave a presentation to the Council of the Proposed Capital Improvement Plan for their consideration.

C. Grant Award – Emergency Generator and Proposal for Mechanical Engineering Study and Design – EI Associates

Bill Hickerson, Office of Emergency Management, stated that the Township was awarded grant money from FEMA after hurricane Sandy. The money will be used for an emergency generator and engineering costs. Township Manager stated that a proposal has been received from EI Associates for a Mechanical Engineering Study and Design and seems to be the most practical of the proposals received. Bob Schultz, DPW Director, gave an overview of the proposal to the Council. This proposal has been placed on the regular meeting agenda to follow for the Council's consideration.

D. Medical Emergency Service Update

Township Manager stated that the Sparta First Aid Squad is on board with an agreement to help cover Hardyston's first aid calls. She stated that Sparta Township would like it to be a third party agreement since Sparta Township supplies the gas for the vehicles, pays for vehicle maintenance and presently the one ambulance that the Sparta First Aid Squad is utilizing is owned and insured by Sparta Township. The Council agreed.

Township Manager stated that financial protocols for non-profit agencies that receive monies from the municipality were discussed with the Township Attorney and the Township Auditor. She stated that a resolution has been drafted outlining minimum standards that need to be in place. This resolution has been placed on the regular meeting agenda to follow for the Council's consideration.

E. Passaic County Energy Pricing Cooperative

Township Manager stated that the second reading of the ordinance is on the regular meeting agenda to follow for the Council's consideration.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: Councilman Miller announced that the Sussex County Economic Development Partnership has selected Hardyston Township for a municipal award for "Outstanding Contribution to Sussex County Economic Development" for 2013. Councilman Miller thanked

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the members of the Hardyston Township Economic Development Commission and thanked the Council and the Township Manager for their support.

Councilman Cicerale stated that the Township should look into switching from compressed natural gas for township vehicles to propane in the future since propane is much cheaper. Councilman Cicerale also commented that somewhere in the future he would like the Township to get away from bonding and he would like the Township to establish a fund for capital expenditures.

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 Marty Schweighardt stated that a new fire truck should be a priority in the capital improvement plan. Mr. Schweighardt also stated that he has been trying to find out who is responsible for the railroad at the intersection of Route 23 and Gingerbread Castle Road. He stated that there are huge cracks in the concrete. Mr. Schweighardt congratulated Mayor Hamilton, the Council and the Township Manager for running an upstanding administration. A motion was made and seconded to close the meeting to the public. All in favor. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: At approximately 9:00 p.m., a motion was made by Miller to adjourn seconded by Cicerale. All in favor. Motion carried.

Jane Bakalarczyk, RMC/CMC
Municipal Clerk