

**MINUTES OF THE HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
HELD ON DECEMBER 10, 2014**

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. Hardyston Township Volunteer First Aid Squad

Township Manager stated that it has been a struggle for the Hardyston Township Volunteer First Aid Squad to recruit members. She stated that she received notice from the First Aid Squad that they wish to dissolve the corporation and that they will no longer take calls after December 19, 2014. She stated that the FAS has also reached out to our mutual aid partners to advise them of the situation. Council discussed next steps to be taken.

B. Energy Aggregation Scheduling Update

Township Manager stated that the bid opening and the award of the contract will be on Friday, December 12, 2014. She stated that the Township has seven days to sign the contract in order to be included in the program.

C. 2015 Appointments

The Council was provided with a list of appointments for 2015 for their review. These appointments will be made at the 2015 reorganization meeting.

D. Park Drive Water System Upgrade and Special Assessment

Township Attorney stated that the Township has recently received a letter that the operator of the current water system was not going to continue to operate much longer. He stated that in order to protect the Township's interests, a discussion would need to be held in Executive Session.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: Council thanked Mayor Kula for the great job he did as Mayor in the past year. Councilman Verrilli wanted to go on record stating that he opposes a gas tax. Mayor Kula thanked the Council and all of the professionals for all of their support and hard work over the past year.

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. A resident of Indian Fields inquired as to the status of the First Aid Squad. Township Manager stated that membership has been so low that the Hardyston Volunteer First Aid Squad will be dissolving. She stated that the Township has been in a relationship with the Sparta Ambulance Squad and they have been servicing Hardyston Township along with mutual aid from other surrounding towns. She stated that the Township is pursuing options of a more permanent nature. 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 Verrilli to adjourn seconded by Miller. All in favor. Motion carried.

Jane Bakalarczyk, RMC/CMC
Municipal Clerk