

MINUTES OF THE HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING HELD ON MARCH 11, 2015

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. Hamburg Borough EMS Call Report

Ron Garrett, Hamburg councilman and member of the Hamburg Borough First Aid Squad gave a report of their activity call volume for Hardyston Township. Mayor Miller thanked Mr. Garrett and asked him to extend the Hardyston Township Council's appreciation to the members of the Hamburg Borough First Aid Squad for their help with First Aid Squad services.

B. First Aid Study Status Report

Due to the dissolution of the Hardyston Township First Aid Squad, Township Manager stated that a meeting was held with potential volunteers. She stated that the meeting went well and positive feedback was received. She stated that a meeting will also be held with Sparta Township to see if they would continue daytime coverage until the end of the year.

C. Recommendations of the Special Assessment Commission – Summit Lake Dam

Ellis Marples, Chairman of the Special Assessment Commission and Tax Assessor Scott Holzauer presented the Council with their recommendations regarding the special assessment to be billed to the affected parties of Summit Lake for the dam rehabilitation. Township Manager stated that if the Council is in agreement with their recommendations, a special assessment ordinance will be prepared by the Township Attorney for introduction at the March 25, 2015 meeting. Council agreed to place this item on the regular meeting agenda to follow the workshop for Council consideration.

D. Review of the Proposed 2015 Draft Budget

Township Manager and the Council discussed the highlights of the proposed 2015 municipal budget. Township Manager supplied the Council with budget books for their review.

E. Request of Wallkill Valley School Relative to Special Educational Program Regarding Fire Safety and Prevention

Township Manager provided the Township Council with a letter from Wallkill Valley Regional High School asking for donations to present a program to Wallkill Valley and Sussex Tech junior and senior students and their parents, staff, along with regional firemen and local county officials entitled, "After the fire: A Story of Heroes and Cowards" for their consideration.

F. Park Drive Water System Upgrade and Special Assessment

Township Manager stated that the property owners were provided documentation that they have requested from the Township. She stated that she believes the property owners are preparing to take action against the water being shut off.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilman Verrilli requested that a letter be sent to the State in opposition to any efforts of raising transportation revenue through gas tax. Township Attorney stated that he will prepare a resolution.

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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 inquired about the article he read in the newspaper regarding Hardyston Township not renewing the shared service agreement to provide Sussex Borough with DPW services for 2016. Township Manager stated that the reason is that the shared service agreement is no longer cost effective. A motion was made and seconded to close the meeting to the public. All in favor. Motion carried.

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

Jane Bakalarczyk, RMC/CMC
Municipal Clerk