

**MINUTES OF THE HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
HELD ON FEBRUARY 10, 2016**

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 Dawn Sullivan of Dorsey & Semrau.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. First Aid Update

First Aid Squad Administrator, Andy Smetana, provided the Council with an update on the progress of the re-establishment of a new volunteer first aid squad agency. Mr. Smetana stated that the building has been cleaned out and an inventory of equipment, etc. has been taken.

B. Proposed Zoning Ordinance Changes

Township Planner, Carrine Kaufer and Council discussed an ordinance to amend the Township of Hardyston Zoning Ordinance to add an R-5 Attached Single-Family/Multi-Family Residential Zone District and the applicable use and bulk regulations. The ordinance was placed on the regular meeting agenda to follow for the Council's consideration.

C. 2016 Budget

Township Manager supplied the Council with a copy of the proposed 2016 budget for their review.

D. Gypsy Moth Spraying 2016

Township Manager stated that the Department of Agriculture inspectors have completed the gypsy moth egg mass survey in Hardyston Township and two areas were recommended for spraying. Sixty-seven acres in the Sand Pond Road area and 96 acres in the Holland Mountain Road area. Township Manager stated that she had also directed the inspector to specifically inspect places where the Township had received complaints from residents, and she was told that there just was not the egg massing that would qualify those areas for spraying. The cost to the Township would be approximately \$55.00 per acre, but it is possible that the township could be reimbursed up to 50% by the U.S. Forest Service.

E. Septic Permit Extension Waiver Request – CJS Investments

Township Planner, Carrine Kaufer stated that CJS Investments, the developer of the Emerald Estates project on Wheatsworth Road, has contacted the Township to request a waiver of the \$40 per septic system renewal fee required by the County Health Department citing the economy and the status of the project as the need for the waiver of the fees. This item was placed on the regular meeting agenda to follow for the Council's consideration.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: None

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. Jackie Espinoza, a representative of JCP&L, informed the Council that there are new Board of Public Utility guidelines for tree trimming that went into effect in January. A motion was made and seconded to close the meeting to the public. All in favor. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: At approximately 8:05 p.m., a motion was made by Kula to adjourn seconded by Verrilli. All in favor. Motion carried.

Jane Bakalarczyk, RMC/CMC
Municipal Clerk