

**MINUTES OF THE HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
HELD ON MAY 25, 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 Fred Semrau of Dorsey & Semrau.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. Morris County Energy Cooperative

Township Manager stated that she was contacted to see if the Council would be interested in joining in the cooperative. Council stated that they are not interested in joining at this time.

B. Water Allocation Permit Application – Aqua Water Company

Township Manager stated that Aqua Water Company, on behalf of Ridgefield Commons, has applied for a water allocation permit modification for the additional gallonage needed to complete the Ridgefield Commons project. She stated that as a condition of the permit modification, the Highlands Council is requiring the Township to commit to a scope of work to complete a township-wide water use and conservation management plan that will include water conservation strategies such as low flow showerheads and education on lawn watering, etc.

C. Capital Project Status Report

Township Manager stated that the generator project has been completed and has been tested. She stated that FEMA has completed their inspection and all of the paperwork has been completed for the grant reimbursement.

Township Manager stated that the notice for the bid for the firehouse expansion has been advertised and the bid opening date is scheduled for June 29, 2016.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: Councilman Cicerale asked the Township Attorney for an update on the unsafe structure due to a house fire on Shauger Terrace. Township Attorney stated that a letter has been sent to the homeowner asking for a definitive plan for either the destruction or the improvement of the home to the satisfaction of the Township Construction Official. He said that the letter also states that if the Township does not hear from the homeowner within ten days, the Township will consider the issuance of a violation that may result in a fine that will accrue on a daily basis.

Township Attorney also stated that he put a call in to the attorney for Service Electric Cable TV to try and resolve the issue of acquiring cable access for the properties along Wheatsworth Road.

Deputy Mayor Kula reminded the Council that the Miss Hardyston pageant will be held at the municipal building on June 3, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. Deputy Mayor Kula also stated that he would like the Council to consider a motion to be made at the regular portion of tonight's meeting to recognize the fact that Shauger Terrace is named in memory of PFC Harrison Benjamin Shauger, who died in the service of his country on September 30, 1968 in Quang Duc Province, Vietnam, and to consider approving the purchase of a brick to be placed at the Hardyston Township Veteran's Memorial at the Municipal Building in his memory.

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. No public comment. A motion was made and seconded to close the meeting to the public. All in favor. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: At approximately 7:30 p.m., a motion was made by Verrilli to adjourn seconded by Kula. All in favor. Motion carried.

Jane Bakalarczyk, RMC/CMC
Municipal Clerk