

MINUTES OF THE HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON MARCH 11, 2020

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 Kaminski, Manager Carrine Piccolo-Kaufer, Clerk Jane Bakalarczyk and Township Attorney Robert Rossmeissl of Dorsey & Semrau. Councilman Verrilli arrived at approximately 7:15 p.m.

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ORDINANCES

2nd READING:

2020-02

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDYSTON, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF THE TERMINATION OF EASEMENTS FOR CONSERVATION EASEMENTS ON BLOCK 63, LOT 26 ON THE TAX MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDYSTON

WHEREAS, the Township of Hardyston (“Township”) holds two conservation easements to portions of Block 63, Lot 26 on the Tax Map of the Township of Hardyston, commonly known as 138 Wheatsworth Road, Hardyston, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey (“Property”); and

WHEREAS, the Conservations Easements were established by way of a Deed from CJS Investments, Inc. to Barbara Wood dated November 23, 2009 and recorded in the Sussex County Clerk’s Office November 25, 2009 in Deed Book 3238 Page 985 (“Deed”); and

WHEREAS, the current owner of the Property, Madge C. McIntyre as Executrix of the Estate of Barbara Wood, has requested that the Conservations Easements be terminated in order for those portions of the Property to be donated to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection; and

WHEREAS, in consultation with the Township Manager and Township Attorney, the Township has considered the circumstances and finds that it is reasonable to terminate the Conservation Easements in order to facilitate the donation of the land; and

WHEREAS, the Local Buildings and Lands Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13(b)(4), authorizes the Township to extinguish and terminate an easement and to execute an agreement confirming same provided that action is authorized by Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13(b), the Township Clerk has filed a sworn affidavit verifying the publication of advertisements as required by this section to

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the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Hardyston, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1. The findings set forth in the foregoing preamble are hereby incorporated as if fully restated.

SECTION 2. The Township Manager and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the Termination of Easements terminating the two Conservation Easements on portions of Block 63, Lot 26, the form and substance of which shall be subject to the review and approval of the Township Attorney.

SECTION 3. The Township Manager, Township Clerk, and Township Attorney are hereby authorized and directed to execute and file any and all such documents and undertake any and all such actions as may be reasonably necessary to effectuate the terms hereof.

SECTION 4. If any section, subsection, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid by any court or competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the remaining portion of this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. All ordinances or parts of ordinances which are inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 6. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage, approval and publication as required by law.

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. A motion was made by Hamilton to approve Ordinance 2020-02 on second reading, seconded by Miller. All in favor. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. 2020 Municipal Budget Discussion

Township Manager and the Council discussed the 2020 proposed budget. Police Chief Bret Aley, OEM Coordinator William Hickerson, Hardyston Township Fire Department President Ray Marion, DPW Director Bob F. Schultz, and Construction Official Joe Butto were present and answered budget questions that were raised by the Council. It was the consensus of the Council to introduce the budget at the March 25, 2020 meeting.

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BILLS TO BE PAID: A motion was made by Hamilton to approve the bill list as presented, seconded by Kaminski. All in favor. Motion carried.

PUBLIC PORTION: A motion was made and seconded to open the meeting to the public. All in favor. Motion carried. Indian Fields development residents Roger O'Brien, Bill Lohrfink and Kristy Lavin expressed their concerns regarding motorists speeding through the development, especially near the bus stops when children are getting on and off the school bus. Township Manager stated that she will follow up on their concerns with the Police Chief to try and come up with a solution. Mr. O'Brien also asked if the Township would consider putting some identification on municipal vehicles so that they can be easily identified by the residents. They also expressed concerns regarding dog feces not being picked up by some dog owners. A motion was made and seconded to close the meeting to the public. All in favor. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Hamilton to adjourn at approximately 9:05 p.m., seconded by Verrilli. All in favor. Motion carried.

Jane Bakalarczyk, RMC/CMC
Municipal Clerk