

**MINUTES OF THE HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING  
HELD ON AUGUST 26, 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 Verrilli, Councilman Kaminski, Manager Carrine Piccolo-Kaufer, Clerk Jane Bakalarczyk and Township Attorney Fred Semrau of Dorsey & Semrau.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

A. Interviews for appointment to the Economic Development Commission

Council held an informal interview with Barbara Lacatena and David Van Ginneken for an appointment to the Economic Development Commission.

B. Review of Fee Schedule

The Construction Official and the Township Manager discussed potential township fee increases with the Council. It was the consensus of the Council to have draft ordinances prepared by the Township Attorney and the Township Manager for Council consideration at the September 23, 2020 meeting.

C. Hardyston Capital Improvement Program – Road Resurfacing Project Update

Township Manager updated the Council on the status of the road resurfacing project.

D. Crystal Springs Outdoor Events/Celebrations

Complaints from recent outdoor events that took place at Crystal Springs Resort were discussed.

E. Noise Ordinance

It was the consensus of the Council to have the Township Attorney draft a nuisance ordinance for Council consideration at a special meeting to be held on September 9, 2020.

At this time, Township Manager updated the Council on tax collection and the bond anticipation note bid opening that was recently held.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:** Deputy Mayor Miller stated that he was pleased with the way the situation at Crystal Springs was handled between the Police Department, the Township Manager and the Township Attorney. Councilman Verrilli suggested preparing a resolution to send to the Governor regarding the opening of restaurants. Township Manager stated that she will reach out to the Board of Chosen Freeholders and look into drafting such a resolution for Council consideration.

**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 Frank Cicerale stated that although the fee increases that are being discussed are reasonable, the Council should consider delaying the enactment of the increases until a later date, due to the fact that many of the businesses are currently closed. Mayor Kula stated that the Council would consider including wording that the fees would not take effect until the state of emergency is over.

Resident Allison Doherty stated that she agreed with Deputy Mayor Miller in that the Police Department did a wonderful job in handling the situation in Crystal Springs as best as they could under the circumstances. Ms. Doherty also thanked Mayor Kula and the Council for calling a special meeting for September 9, 2020 to introduce a nuisance ordinance.

Resident Mark Garnett also wanted to thank the Police Department, the Council, the Township Manager and the Township Attorney for their outstanding support and effort to resolve the situation at Crystal Springs.

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Residents Diane Wilson, Louis Stukenborg and Dale McCarthy expressed their concerns regarding the road resurfacing that the Township is currently doing. Resident Glenn Boughton discussed vacant property registration fees that are due on his property at 212 Davis Road. A motion was made and seconded to close the meeting to the public. All in favor. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:** At approximately 8:50 p.m., a motion was made by Verrilli to adjourn seconded by Miller. All in favor. Motion carried.

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Jane Bakalarczyk, RMC/CMC  
Municipal Clerk