

TOWNSHIP OF HARDWICK
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

**RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING
JANUARY 4, 2017**

The yearly Re-Organization meeting of the Hardwick Township Committee was held on this date at the Municipal Building, 40 Spring Valley Road, Hardwick, New Jersey. This meeting was called to order at 5:30PM by the Township Clerk Judith Fisher who noted that this meeting was being held in compliance with the "Open Public Meetings Act":

In accordance with Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of 1975, notice of this meeting was given by way of notice with the New Jersey Herald and/or the Express-Times, filed in the Municipal Clerk's Office and posted in the Hardwick Municipal Building. Mrs. Fisher then led the Public in the pledge of allegiance.

Roll Call:

Present: Committeeman-Elect James Perry, Committeeman Alfred Carrazzone and Committeeman Kevin Duffy

Absent: None

Also present: CPWM Thomas Campbell, Township Attorney Michael Lavery

Absent: None

Also present for today's Reorganization Meeting was the Lt. Governor Kim Guadagno will be will swearing in Committeeman-Elect James Perry.

OATH OF OFFICE - JAMES J. PERRY COMMITTEEMAN 1/1/2017 TO 12/31/2019

Mrs. Fisher, Township Clerk noted that the County Clerk, Patricia Kolb has sent the Certificate of Election for Committeeman-Elect James J. Perry. Mr. Perry had received the majority of votes cast in the General Election held in November 2016 for another three year term. At this time, the Oath of Office was administered by Lt. Governor Kim Guadagno.

BUSINESS: Nomination of a Chairperson/Mayor

A motion was made by Committeeman Carrazzone to nominate Committeeman James Perry for Mayor. There were no other nominations. Motion was then second by Committeeman Duffy. Mr. Perry accepted. Motion carried followed by a roll call vote

Roll Call

Ayes: Committeeman Carrazzone, Committeeman Duffy, Committeeman Perry

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: None

Mr. James Perry was then sworn in as Mayor for 2017 by Lt. Governor Kim Guadagno
The Chair was then turned over to Mayor James Perry for the following appointments.

Nomination for Deputy Mayor

A motion was made by Committeeman Perry to nominate Committeeman Kevin Duffy for Deputy Mayor. There were no other nominations. Motion was then second by Committeeman Duffy. Mr. Duffy accepted. Motion carried followed by a roll call vote.

Roll Call

Ayes: Committeeman Carrazzone, Committeeman Duffy, Committeeman Perry

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: None

Committeeman Kevin Duffy was then sworn in as Deputy Mayor for 2017 by Lt. Governor Kim Guadagno

Lt. Governor Guadagno took a few moments to address the audience that was present to see the swearing in of Committeeman-Elect James Perry and then the Mayor and Deputy Mayor for 2017. Mayor Perry thanks the Lt. Governor for taking time out of her busy schedule to come to Hardwick for our Reorganization Meeting.

APPOINTMENTS

A motion was made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Duffy and carried to approve for the following appointments:

Township Attorney Michael B. Lavery, Esq.
Law Firm of Lavery, Selvaggi, Abromitis & Cohen
Hackettstown, NJ 07840

Directors/Liaisons to various Departments for 2017: No changes made
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COAH Consultant Shirley Bishop, P.P., LLC
Municipal Housing Liaison Judith M. Fisher

Tax Collector Jean McKenna, CTC, Tenured
Tax Search Official Jean McKenna, CTC, Tenured

Assessment Search Official Judith M. Fisher
Affirmative Action Officer Judith M. Fisher

Registrar Judith M. Fisher, CMR 12/2017
Deputy Registrar Kathy Wunder, CMR 12/2017

Municipal Clerk Judith M. Fisher, RMC, Tenured

Secretary to Local Board of Health Judith M. Fisher
Right to Know Coordinator Judith M. Fisher

Recycling Coordinator Judith M. Fisher

CFO/ Treasurer Amy Maronpot, CFO, Tenured
Auditors/Accountants Ardito & Co., LLP

Tax Assessor David Gill, CTA, Tenured

COURT - Municipal Court of North Warren at Hope

Acting Municipal Judge: William G. Mennen

Acting Court Administrator: Kathryn Eger

Township Prosecutor Richard Ralph

Municipal Public Defender .Kenneth Krause

Township Engineer Norton "Ted" Rodman, PE 12/2016

Driveway Opening Official Norton "Ted" Rodman, PE

Certified Public Works Mgr. Thomas Campbell, CPWM

Joyce Siegmeister	12/2019
John Lovell	12/2019

Agriculture Advisory Committee Appointments are for One Year
 No appointments were made at this time. Mayor Perry is researching if this Advisory Committee is needed.

Robert Wolff	12/2016
John Crisman	12/2016
OPEN	12/2016

Recreation/Public Events 2017 Vacant

Grant Committee, 2017

A motion was made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Duffy and carried to appoint the following members to this Committee:
 James Perry, Mayor, Terry Crisman, Bob Wolff, Bill Hughes, Renee Wohl and John Lovell
 Mayor Perry talked about looking for Grants for several projects that he would like to see this Committee start working on for 2017

Liaison for: A motion made by Committeeman Duffy and seconded by Committeemen Carrazzone and carried for the following appointments.

Warren County on Aging	Laura Randazzo
Clean Communities Coordinator	Richard Schemm
Insurance Liaison	Alfred Carrazzone, Committeeman
	Judith Fisher, Alternate
Risk Manager Consultant, Statewide Ins. Fund	James Gilmore
Recreation/Public Events Coordinator	Vacant

RESOLUTIONS

A motion was made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Duffy and carried to adopt the **Resolution 2016-01 through Resolution 2017-12**

2017-01 and 2017-02 Meeting Dates and Meeting Place

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 231, Law 1975, known as the Open Public Meeting Act, all meetings of all public bodies wherein formal action, decisions or discussions relating to the public business may take place, are required to be publicly announced and scheduled with adequate posting and advanced notice of other time, date, location and the exact known, the purpose or agenda of each meeting.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick as follows:

1. The following are designated as meetings of the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick at which public business may be formally discussed, decided or acted upon:

<u>PLACE/LOCATION</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>PURPOSE/AGENDA</u>
Municipal Building	6:30P.M.	Executive Session

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40 Spring Valley Road Hardwick Township	7:00P.M.	Regular Meeting
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DATES: 1ST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH
 January 4, 2017 REORGANIZATION July 5, 2017

February 1, 2017
 March 1, 2017
 April 5, 2017
 May 3, 2017
 June 7, 2017

August 2, 2017
 September 6, 2017
 October 4, 2017
 November 1, 2017
 December 6, 2017

DATES 3rd WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH 7:00P.M.
 WORK/AGENDA MEETINGS (ACTION TAKEN AT THESE MEETINGS),
 EXECUTIVE SESSION (NO ACTION)

January 18, 2017	July 19, 2017
February 15, 2017	August 16, 2017
March 15, 2017	September 20, 2017
April 19, 2017	October 18, 2017
May 17, 2017	November 15, 2017
June 21, 2017	December 20, 2017

In addition, such other meetings as the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick may require, shall be scheduled and held but pursuant to and with additional notice as is required by said Statute.

The Township Clerk of the Township of Hardwick is hereby authorized and directed to:
 Post and maintain a copy thereof on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building
 File a copy of the within resolution with the Township Clerk of the Township of Hardwick
 Mail copies to the Express/Times and the New Jersey Herald the Official Papers circulating in Hardwick Township
 Do all necessary hereafter to comply with said statute to the end that adequate public notice of all public meetings pursuant to such statute, be given according to law.

Meeting Place	Municipal Building 40 Spring Valley Road
Date	1 st Wednesday each month Executive Session 6:30 PM Regular Meeting 7:00 PM
Date	3 rd Wednesday each month Work/Agenda Meeting 7:00 PM (AS NEEDED)

(FORMAL ACTION MAY BE TAKEN AT BOTH MEETINGS)

Official Newspaper	New Jersey Herald
Additional Newspaper	Express/Times
Depositories for Township Funds	
	PNC Bank, Blairstown
	First National Bank of Hope
	Lakeland Bank, Stillwater Branch
	NJ Cash Management Fund, Trenton, NJ

2017-03 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY AND/OR SPECIAL TAX COUNSEL TO EXECUTE STIPULATIONS, CORRECT ASSESSMENTS IN TAX COURT, FILE ADDED, OMITTED, OMITTED/ADDED ASSESSMENTS, ROLL-BACK TAX COMPLAINTS AND TAX APPEALS.

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, has been informed that in certain instances, the Township Attorney and/or

Special Tax Counsel may be required to execute, stipulate and make corrections or adjustments resulting from tax appeal complaints filed against the Municipality. The Township Attorney and/or Special Tax Counsel will need further approval to file omitted assessments and farmland roll-back complaints, all in the name of the Township of Hardwick, and

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of Taxation requires a resolution of the Township Committee to authorize such actions by the Township Attorney and/or Special Tax Counsel retained by the Township which are authorized to act as agents for the Township Committee, and

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WHEREAS, the Township Committee desires to grant such authority to the Township Attorney and/or Special Tax Counsel.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the aforementioned individuals, individually or collectively, are hereby authorized to file, stipulate, modify, agree upon and otherwise perform the duties which are required to aid the Township Attorney and/or Special Tax Counsel in the above forenamed circumstances which are within the jurisdiction of the Warren County Board of Taxation and the New Jersey Tax Court.

2017-04 AUTHORIZING INVESTMENT OF IDLE FUNDS AND FUND TRANSFER

WHEREAS, it is desirable that idle funds of the Township of Hardwick, County of Warren be invested in legal investment vehicles at all times; and

WHEREAS, it is occasionally necessary to transfer funds for the purpose of meeting current Township expenses or for the purpose of effecting investments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on the 6th day of January 2016, by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick, in the County of Warren that it does hereby authorize the Chief Financial Officer to request bids and to place orders for the investment of idle funds solely in legally authorized investment vehicles, such investments to the investing institution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above Chief Municipal Financial Officer is hereby authorized to transfer funds by wire solely for the following purpose and subject to all pertinent regulations:

1. To or from Township checking or saving accounts to other Township accounts.
2. To or from Township Checking or saving accounts to or from accounts specified by banks or the State of New Jersey Cash Management Funds solely for the purpose of investing for the account of the Township of Hardwick in the County of Warren.

2017-05 CASH MANAGEMENT

WHEREAS, P. L. 1983, Chapter 8, Local Fiscal Affairs Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-2 has amended to require that each Municipality designate a Cash Management Plan for the deposit of Local Unit monies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on this 6th day of January 2016 by the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick:

A. Designation of Official Depositories:

1. The following financial institutions are designated an Official Depositories:
 - PNC Bank
 - First Hope Bank
 - Bank of America
 - Lakeland Bank
 - New Jersey Management Fund
2. Designated Official Depositories are required to submit to the Treasurer of the Township of Hardwick, County of Warren, a copy of the State of New Jersey,

3. Department of Banking, Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act notification of eligibility which must be filed semiannually in the Department of Banking as of June 30 and December 31 of each year.
 4. Designated Official Depositories are required to submit to the Treasurer a copy of Institution's "Annual Report" on an annual basis.
- B. Deposit of Funds
- All funds shall be deposited within forty-eight (48) hours of receipt in accordance with State Statute.
1. Operating funds shall be deposited into interest bearing accounts to maximize interest earnings
 2. Capital and Debt Service Funds may be deposited into interest bearing accounts. Non-interest bearing accounts shall be regularly monitored for the availability of funds for investment.
 3. Trust Funds may be deposited into interest bearing accounts. Non-interest bearing accounts should be regularly monitored for availability of funds for investment except where either State or Federal laws prohibit the earning of interest on such funds.
 4. Payroll and Agency remittance funds shall be maintained in regular checking accounts
 5. Change Fund not in excess of fifty dollars (\$50.00) may be established annually for use by the Tax Collector and shall be closed out to the Township Treasurer by fiscal year end.
- C. Designation of Allowable Investment Instruments:

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The Township may permit deposits and investment in such depositories as permitted in section 4 of P. L. 1970, Chapter 236 (C.17:9-44).

- D. Definition of Protection of Township Deposits:
1. All depositories shall obtain the highest amount possible Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) coverage of all Township deposits.
 2. All depositories must conform to all applicable State statutes concerning depositories of public funds including coverage under the NJ Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act.
- E. Reporting Procedures:
1. The Treasurer shall prepare for the Township Committee a detailed listing of all investment purchasing in the prior month, specifying the amount, interest percent per annum and maturing date.
 2. The Treasurer shall prepare a schedule of outstanding investments for the independent Auditors as of December 31 of each year and at other such times required by the Auditors.
 3. The Treasurer shall report to the Township Committee on a quarterly basis, the financial conditions of each official depository holding township funds.
- F. Maximum Maturity Policy:
- Investments shall be limited to maturity not to exceed one year on all operating funds unless a longer maturity is permitted within the provisions of regulation promulgated by either the Federal or State governments.
- G. Investment Procedures:
1. Bid for Certificated of Deposits and Repurchase Agreements must be solicited if the amount is \$100,000.00 or greater
 2. Telephone bids will be solicited of at least three depositories by the Treasurer or his/her designated staff member

3. The depository shall specify the principal amount of the investment bid on, interest rate and number of days used to calculate the interest to be paid upon maturity. Interest paid shall be from the date the bid was awarded to the date of maturity.
4. All bidders may request the results of the bid after the bid is formally awarded
5. A check or wire transfer of funds will be made available to the winning bidder the same business day the bid is awarded
6. Each quotation shall be documented to record the date and time of quote, the parties in the discussion, the instrument(s), maturities and rates. A bid form from the Township may be used. The winning depository must forward a confirmation letter to the Treasurer within 48 hours of the day the bid is awarded.

H. Compliance

The Cash Management Plan of the Township of Hardwick, County of Warren shall be subject to the annual audit conducted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:5-4.

2017-06 CANCELLING BALANCES between \$.50 and \$10.00

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-17 allows for the cancellation of property tax overpayments or delinquent amounts of less than \$10.00; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body may authorize the Tax Collector to process, without further action on their part, any cancellation of property tax overpayments or delinquencies (except those representing a full quarter or more of taxes) of less than \$10.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick, County of Warren, State of New Jersey hereby authorizes the Tax Collector to cancel said tax amounts as deemed necessary.

2017-07 RATE OF INTEREST FOR DELINQUENT TAXES

WHEREAS, R.S. 54:4-67 implies that affirmative action on the part of the governing body is required to set the rate of interest on delinquent taxes and assessments.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Township Committee hereby establishes an interest rate of 8% on delinquent taxes for 2015 to be computed quarterly, with a ten (10) day grace period, in addition, the rate so fixed shall not exceed 8% per annum on the first \$1500.00 of the delinquency, and that 18% (as allowed by State Statute) per annum on any amount of delinquency in excess of \$1500.00, with a ten (10) day grace period. An additional penalty of 6% shall be added on delinquencies in excess of \$10,000.00, which are not paid prior to the end of the calendar year. The penalty so fixed shall not exceed 6% of the amount of delinquency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick, County of Warren, State of New Jersey hereby authorizes the Tax Collector to collect the rate of interest on delinquent taxes and assessment as deemed necessary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to
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the Tax Collector.

2017-08 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDWICK, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY RAISING THE OPEN SPACE TAX TO THREE (3) CENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ORDINANCE PREVIOUSLY PASSED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE.

WHEREAS, the Township Committee's Open Space Tax was previously set at one (1) cent, and

WHEREAS, a referendum was placed on the ballot authorizing the Township to increase the Open Space Tax from one (1) cent up to three (3) cents, and

WHEREAS, the Open Space Tax referendum passed, and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee passed an Ordinance permitting the Open Space Tax to be set from one (1) cent up to three (3) cents, and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has determined that three (3) cents is the amount to be raised for this year.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick that the Open Space Tax shall be set at three (3) cents for the calendar year January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015.

2017-09 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES for 2017

WHEREAS, the Township of Hardwick in the County of Warren, State of New Jersey, requires that a resolution authorizing the award of contract for Professional Services without bid be publicly advertised.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick as follows:

1. That Michael B. Lavery, Esq. of the Law Firm of Lavery Selvaggi, Abromitis & Cohen, 1001 Route 517, Hackettstown, New Jersey 07840 is hereby appointed as the Municipal Attorney for the year 2017
2. That Ardito & Co., LLP, 18 S. 9th Street, Stroudsburg, PA, 18360 Registered Municipal Accountants, are hereby appointed Township Auditors for the year 2017
3. That Norton (Ted) Rodman, P. E., P. O. Box 647, Blairstown, New Jersey is hereby appointed as Township Engineer for the year 2017

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these appointments are awarded without competitive bidding as a Professional Service under the provision of the Local Public Contract Law, and

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick is hereby authorized to execute this resolution and advertise the same according to law.

2017-10 AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES - MUNICIPAL AUDITOR

WHEREAS, the Township of Hardwick has a need to acquire a municipal Auditor as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to provisions of N/J/S/A/ 19:44A-20.5; and,

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has determined and certified in writing that the value of the acquisition will exceed \$17,500; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this contract is one year; and

WHEREAS, ARDITO & CO., LLP has submitted a proposal, indicating they will provide the auditor services for the anticipated fee of \$19,778.00; and,

WHEREAS, ARDITO & CO., LLP has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certified that ARDITO & CO., LLP has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Township of Hardwick in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit ARDITO & Co., LLP from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and,

WHEREAS, the required certificate for the availability of funds has been filed by the Chief Financial Officer providing that legally appropriated balances are available to cover the amount of the contract as required by N.J.A.C. 5:30-14.5 and that fees for the aforementioned auditing and non-auditing services shall be made available by appropriate inclusion in either an annual municipal budget which includes current, revenue sharing and utility provisions, by budget amendments for Federal program spending or by inclusion in an appropriate bond ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick to authorize the Mayor and Clerk of the Township of Hardwick to enter into a contract with ARDITO & CO., LLP as described here in as auditors on in behalf of the Township of Hardwick for the year 2016; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Business Disclosure Entity Certification and Determination of value be placed on file with this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a notice of this action shall be printed once in a legally designated publication.

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Political Contribution Disclosure. This contract has been awarded to Ardito & Co., LLP based on the merits and abilities of Ardito & Co., LLP to provide the goods and services as described herein. This contract was not awarded through a “fair and open” process pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq. As such, the undersigned does hereby attest that Ardito & Co., LLP, its subsidiaries, assigns or principals controlling in excess of 10% of the company has either made a contribution, that is reportable pursuant to the Election Law Enforcement Commission pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-8 or 19:44A-16 in the one (1) year period preceding the award of the contract that would, pursuant to P.L. 2004, c. 19. affect its eligibility to perform this contract, nor will it make a reportable contribution during the term of the contract to any political party committee in the municipality if a member of that political party is serving in an elective public office of that municipality when the contract is awarded, or to any candidate committee of any person serving in an elective public office of the municipality when the contract is awarded.

Exhibit “A” (Mandatory Affirmative Action Language), Exhibit “B” (Employee Information Report), Exhibit “C” (Business Registration Certificate), Exhibit “D” (Business Entity Disclosure Certification), Exhibit “E” (Political Contribution Disclosure Certification), and Exhibit “F” (Insurance) are attached to and made part of his contract.

2017-11 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDWICK, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY SETTING THE OFFICE HOURS FOR TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS FOR 2017

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick believes that to provide efficient and cost effective services for the taxpayers of Hardwick, that the Township Officials should be available for a minimum numbers of hours per week, and that those hours be publicized, and

WHEREAS, The Township Committee believes that it is important that the taxpayers may rely on the various municipal officials to be available during their scheduled hours, and

WHEREAS, in order to keep the tax burden to a minimum, it is important to notify the taxpayers that certain services will only be available during certain hours, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick that the Township Committee sets the office hours for the following positions:

Registered Municipal Clerk, Registrar

Hours: -Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Tax Collector

Hours: Tuesday 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Tax Assessor

Hours: Friday 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. or by appointment

Construction Department:

908-362-6663, Ext 223

NJ Dept of Community Affairs (Tuesday & Thursday) 8am – 12pm

Code Enforcement Officer

Hours: Wednesday 9:30am to 12:30pm

Dog Licensing Clerk

Hours: Same as Township Clerk

Department of Public Works

Hours: Monday - Friday -. 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

2017–12TonnageGrant Application

WHEREAS, the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act, P.L. 1987, c102, has established a recycling fund from which tonnage grant may be made to municipalities in order to encourage local source separation and recycling programs; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent and the spirit of the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act to use the tonnage grants to develop new municipal recycling programs and to continue and to expand existing programs; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection has promulgated recycling regulations to Implement the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act; and

WHEREAS, the recycling regulations imposed on municipalities certain requirements as a condition for applying for tonnage grants, including but not limited to, making and keeping accurate, verifiable records of materials collected and claimed by the municipality; and

WHEREAS, a resolution authorizing this municipality to apply for the 2016 Recycling Tonnage Grant will memorialize the commitment of this municipality to recycling and to indicate the assent of the Township of Hardwick to the effort undertaken by the municipality and the requirements contained in the Recycling Act and recycling regulation; and

WHEREAS, such a resolution should designate the individual authorized to ensure the application is properly completed and timely filed.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick that the Township of Hardwick endorses the submission of the recycling tonnage grant

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application to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and designated Judith Fisher as the recycling coordinator to ensure that the application is properly filed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the monies received from the recycling tonnage grant be deposited in a dedicated recycling trust fund to be used solely for the purposes of recycling.

2017-13 Temporary Budget for 2017 \$189,477.57

Motion made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Duffy and carried to adopt Resolution 2017-13 as follows:

Whereas, 40A:4-19 provides that where any contract, commitment or payments are made prior to the final adoption of the 2017 Budget, temporary appropriations should be made for the purposes and amounts required in the manner and time therein provided, and

WHEREAS, the date of this resolution is within the first thirty days of 2017, and

WHEREAS, the total appropriations in the 2016 budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for interest and debt redemption charges, Capital Improvement Fund and Public Assistance, is the sum of \$721,819.00, and

WHEREAS, twenty-six and twenty-five hundredths of one percent (26.25%) of the total appropriations in the 2016 Budget, exclusive of the above-mentioned appropriations in said budget is \$189,477.57.

NOW, THEREFOR, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following appropriations be made and that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Chief Financial Officer.

Roll Call

Ayes: Committeeman Carrazzone, Committeeman Duffy, Mayor Perry

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: None

Motion made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Duffy to adopt Resolutions 2017-14 and Resolution 2017-15 as follows:

3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick in the County of Warren finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2017 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the Hardwick Township Committee hereby determines that a 3.0% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to **\$21,517.80** in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

WHEREAS the Hardwick Township Committee hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick, in the County of Warren, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2017 budget year, the final appropriations of the Township of Hardwick shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to **\$25,104.10**, and that the CY 2017 municipal budget for the Township of Hardwick be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced on first reading at a regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick held on January 4, 2017 and ordered published in accordance with the law. Said Ordinance will be considered for final reading and adoption at a regular meeting of the Township Committee to be held on February 1, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the Township Committee may hear this Ordinance at the Municipal Building, 40 Spring Valley Road, Hardwick, New Jersey, at which time all persons interested may appear for or against the adoption of said Ordinance.

Mrs. Fisher noted that 2nd Reading and Public Hearing will be on February 1, 2017 at 7PM or as soon thereafter as possible.

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS

A motion was made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Duffy and carried to authorize the payment of the bills in the amount of \$164,679.45

Roll Call

Ayes: Committeeman Carrazzone, Committeeman Duffy, Mayor Perry

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: None

Announcements

Dog Licensing due no later than March 1, 2017

Auditors - Financial Review , January 12, 2017

Budget Meeting with Auditors - Clerk will check on available dates for February

Public Comments:

A motion was made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Duffy and carried to open this portion of the meeting for comments from the Public.

Mrs. Fasano asked for an explanation of "CAP" Banking. This was explained by Mayor Perry. Seeing no other questions, a motion was then made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Duffy and carried to close this portion of the meeting to the Public.

Committee Reports

Committeeman Duffy and Committeeman Carrazzone congratulated Committeeman Perry on his reappointment as Mayor.

Committeeman Perry thanked the Seniors for what they do for the Township and also the members of the Planning Board and Board of Adjustment for volunteering their time to serving on these Boards.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Duffy and carried to adjourn tonight meeting of the Hardwick Township Committee at 6:10PM

Respectfully submitted,

Judith M. Fisher, RMC, Township Clerk