

TOWNSHIP OF HARDWICK  
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

**October 18, 2017**

The monthly Work 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 7:00PM 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.

**Roll Call:**

**Present:** Mayor James J. Perry, Deputy Mayor Kevin Duffy and Committeeman Alfred Carrazzone

**Absent:** None

**Also present:** Township Attorney Richard Wenner, CPWM Thomas Campbell, Township Engineer Ted Rodman and Municipal Clerk Judith Fisher

**Absent:** None

**Also present:** Blairstown Fire Company, Chief Calvin Inscho and Capt. Mike Rumsey and Stillwater Fire Company, Chief Justin Francomacaro and Lt. Steven Sugar.

The Township Committee and the Fires Companies Representatives, Blairstown and Stillwater talked about services and areas covered. Training for both companies was proposed for better coverage. Dispatch from Warren County to Sussex County was a concern but noted that Frelinghuysen uses Stillwater for their calls and there are not any issues. There was a brief discussion between the Committee and other the members from the both Fire Companies.

Mayor Perry at this time called for a closed session with 2 Representatives from both Fire Companies to discuss a proposal.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

A motion was made by Mr. Duffy, seconded by Mr. Carrazzone and carried to adopt the Resolution to go into Closed Session at 7:49PM.

**RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Pubic Meeting Act, Chapter 231, P. L 1975 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting under certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick, in the County of Warren and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from that portion of this meeting
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:

A. Contractual negotiation: Fire Service with Blairstown and Stillwater Fire Companies

As nearly as can be ascertained, the matter or matters to be discussed at this time will be disclosed to the public when such matters are resolved.

**Time In:** 7:49PM

**Present:** Mr. Duffy, Mr. Carrazzone, Mayor Perry

**Also Present:** Attorney Richard Wenner, Township Clerk Judith Fisher

**Also:** Chief Calvin Inscho and Capt. Mike Rumsey from Blairstown Fire Company

**Also:** Chief Justin Francomacaro, Capt. Eric VanderHaghen and Lt. Steve Sugar

**Time Out:** 8:41PM

A motion was made by Mr. Duffy, seconded by Mr. Carrazzone to come out of closed session at 8:41PM. Motion carried and unanimous.

**Noted:** Blairstown Fire Company left this Closed Session at 8:02PM and Stillwater Fire Company came into this Closed Session at 8:03PM.

Attorney Mr. Wenner noted that he met in closed session with the Committee and discussed one matters: contract negotiation between the Township of Hardwick and potential Emergency Responders. No official action was taken by the Committee at this time. Copies of the minutes will be made available at such time as the Committee determines that there is no harm to the public interest.

Mayor Perry noted that the Committee will be taking action on this issue at the November meeting to moved this forward. The Attorney Attorney asked for another Executives Session for Attorney Client.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

A motion was made by Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Duffy and carried to adopt the Resolution to go into Closed Session at 8:44PM.

**RESOLUTION**

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4. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:

A. Attorney Client: Contractual negotiation: Fire Service with Blairstown and Stillwater Fire Companies

As nearly as can be ascertained, the matter or matters to be discussed at this time will be disclosed to the public when such matters are resolved.

**Time In:** 8:44PM

Present: Mr. Duffy, Mr. Carrazzone, Mayor Perry

Also Present: Attorney Michael Lavery, Township Clerk Judith Fisher

**Time Out:** 8:45PM

A motion was made by Mr. Duffy, seconded by Mr. Carrazzone to come out of closed session at 8:45PM. Motion carried and unanimous.

Attorney Mr. Wenner noted that he met in closed session with the Committee and discussed one matters: Attorney Client: contract negotiation between the Township of Hardwick and potential dual contracts for Emergency Responders. No official action was taken by the Committee at this time. Copies of the minutes will be made available at such time as the Committee determines that there is no harm to the public interest.

The following is a draft agenda for the November 1, 2017 Business Meeting of the Committee:

**ORDINANCE:** The following 3 ordinances will have 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading and Public Hearing November 1, 2017

**2017-07 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDWICK, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER V ENTITLED "ANIMAL CONTROL" TO CREATE A NEW SECTION 5-4 ENTITLED "RUNNING AT LARGE OF LIVESTOCK"**

**2017-08 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDWICK, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER II ENTITLED "ADMINISTRATION" TO CREATE A NEW SECTION 2-6.1 ENTITLED "DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR"**

**2017-09 An Ordinance to Amend Ordinance 2017-02 Fixing the Salaries of the Several Employees of the Township of Hardwick, County of Warren, State of New Jersey.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Land Use Board:** 3 Alternate members are still needed to complete the Board

**SHARED SERVICE:** Agreement between the Township of Hardwick, the Township of Blairstown and the Township of Blairstown Volunteer Fire Department and Blairstown First Responders for the Provision of Fire Protection Services Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1, et. seq

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Happiness is Camping:** Raffle Application – 50/50, August 9, 2018, 1:00PM

**Appointment:** Assistant to Tax Collector

**Appointment:** Deputy Tax Collector

**Emergency Operations Plan:** Review of the Basic Operation Plan (Joseph Dunn EMC)

**Discussion:**

**IT Support RFP** - no update at this time. RFP's have been requested. Held over to the Work Meeting, October 20, 2017

**Insurance RFP for 2018-2021** no update at this time. RFP's have been requested. Held over to the Work Meeting, October 20, 2017.

**Foreclosure Lots:** Mayor Perry discussed that Century Link might be looking for adding "hubs", remote sites and that they are finalizing plans. There is a meeting soon with Century Link and an update in the coming months. Engineers are looking and working on remote sites. There might be some interest in one of these lots.

**Ted Rodman, Engineer:** Stormwater Management

**Verizon Wireless (Nodes):** Requesting permission to locate, operate in the Township ROW

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

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

Mr. Quick asked about the proposed animal/livestock ordinance

**A motion** was made by Mr. Duffy, seconded by Mr. Carrazzone and carried to close this portion of the meeting to the Public.

**Adjournment:**

A motion was made by Mr. Duffy, seconded by Mr. Carrazzone and carried to adjourn tonight's meeting of the Hardwick Township Committee at 9:00PM

Respectfully submitted,

Judith M. Fisher, RMC