

TOWNSHIP OF HARDWICK  
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

**October 4, 2017**

The monthly Business 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 6:31PM 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. Mayor Perry then led the public in the pledge of allegiance.

**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, CMFO Christine Rolef and Municipal Clerk Judith Fisher

**Absent:** None

**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 6:33PM.

**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
  - B. Hardwick House

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:** 6:33PM

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

**Also Present:** Attorney Michael Lavery, Township Clerk Judith Fisher

**Time Out:** 7:00PM

A motion was made by Mr. Carrazzone, seconded by Mr. Duffy to come out of closed session at 7:00PM. Motion carried and unanimous.

Attorney Mr. Wenner noted that he met in closed session with the Committee and discussed two matters: the Hardwick House and 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.

**Payment of the Bills:**

**A motion** was made by Mr. Carrazzone, seconded by Mr. Duffy and carried to authorize the payment of the bills in the amount of \$581,253.91

**Roll Call**

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

**Nays:** None

**Abstentions:** None     **Absent:** None

**REPORTS**

**Mr. Bob Wolff, Retired Fire Warden:** reported that the tower is back up and working. Fires are at a high because of the draught. So far 679 people have visited the tower this year. Hardwick is the 1<sup>st</sup> Certified Firewise Community in the State.

**Mr. Rodman, Township Engineer:** Mayor reported that he will be arriving late for tonight's meeting.

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

Before this portion of the meeting was opened to the public, the Committee talked about the agreement. Mr. Duffy noted that the comments made on Facebook were not accurate. The cost factor was not the driver in this issue. The issue was the postings and comments. The Mayor did meet with the Blirstown Fire Company and he did discuss with them what was discussed from an Executive Session. The Committee then gave an accounting of what happened.

A motion was then made by Mr. Carrazzone, seconded by Mr. Duffy and carried to open this portion of the meeting to the public for comments/discussion only of Shared Services. A voice vote was unanimous.

Members from the audience, both Hardwick and Blirstown residents spoke. At one point, Chief Steve Sugar on the recommendations from the Stillwater Volunteer Fire Department, with drew their proposal for Fire Services to Hardwick Township. Committeemen from Stillwater and Blirstown Township's also spoke. The Fire Companies should all be supportive of all fire Companies present and that maybe its time to explore options. All Companies need a good working relationship with their Northern Brothers.

A motion was then made by Mr. Duffy, seconded by Mr. Carrazzone and carried to closed this portion of the meeting to the public. A voice vote was unanimous. The Committee thanked everyone for coming out tonight and that there will be more discussions with the Fire Companies.

The Committee took a short break at 8:46pm and returned to regular session at 8:58pm.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

A motion made by Mr. Duffy, seconded by Mr. Carrazzone and carried to approve Resolution **2017-39 EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS REGARDING THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT AND OPEN PUBLIC RECORDS ACT**

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee took action on Senate Bill Nos. 1045 and 1046, which amend the Open Public Meetings Act and Open Public Records Act, respectively, on June 29, 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, the Committee released the bills to the full Senate without recommendation because the bills are unnecessary, unpopular with the public, and would result in significant financial and administrative burdens on municipalities; and

**WHEREAS**, the bills fail to adequately protect taxpayers, municipalities and, especially, municipal clerks from abusive, harassing, and purposefully confrontational individuals who submit voluminous requests for no legitimate reason; and

**WHEREAS**, the legislation would expand the Open Public Meeting Act to create impractical and burdensome requirements with respect to subcommittees and working groups established by the entire governing body, which would effectively limit the ability of small groups of local officials discussing issues of public concern for the purposes of informing the governing body; and

**WHEREAS**, under the bills, the responsibilities of municipal clerks, who the Legislature has already loaded with responsibilities beyond the scope of their office, would be stretched even further than current law requires without a single dollar of additional resources provided to, or authorized to be collected by, municipalities; and

**WHEREAS**, the bills would impose a financial burden on municipalities that would not be offset by a revenue source other than the property tax, making the bills unfunded mandates prohibited by the New Jersey Constitution; and

**WHEREAS**, some municipalities are more equipped than others to meet the burdens that would be imposed by Senate Bill Nos. 1045 and 1046, however, without assistance of any kind from the States or the courts, every municipality would be on its own to meet the myriad new requirements of the law.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick, that the Legislature is strongly urged to reject Senate Bill Nos. 1045 and 1046 and draft new legislation to modernize OPRA and OPMA while providing municipalities and clerks with the resources to effectuate these changes for the benefit of the public.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a certified copy of this Resolution be filed with the legislative sponsors of Senate Bill Nos. 1045 and 1046 and Assembly Bill Nos. 2697 and 2699, the Speaker of the General Assembly, the President of the Senate, and the Governor, and all parties are urged to listen to the concerns of local officials and prevent Senate Bill Nos. 1045 and 1046 from becoming law.

**CERTIFICATION**

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the above is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick at a regular meeting of said Governing Body held on October 4, 2017.

A motion made by Mr. Duffy, seconded by Mr. Carrazzone and carried to approve Resolution **2017-41 Refund Overpayment of Tax for 2017**

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector advises of overpayment of taxes for calendar year 2017 due to a change in property class and recommends refunds of the overpaid amount.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on the 4<sup>th</sup> day October, 2017 by the Hardwick Township Committee to authorize the Chief Financial Office to make the refund of taxes as follows:

Block	Lot	Assessed to	Amount
401	27Q	Central Parker RE Consulting	\$44.90
901	6.03Q	George Michael Fee 87 Spring Valley Road	\$23.99
901	6.06Q	Warnick, Janice/Cerbo Sandra 87 Spring Valley Road	\$34.91
1102	4.03Q	Edwin & Shirley Nelson 1362 Hausbrook Heights Road Susquehanna, PA 18847	\$65.47
1103	12.17	George Michael Fee 87 Spring Valley Road	\$1,104.56
1102	22	PNC Mortgage	\$2,603.94

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Judith Fisher, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Hardwick, County of Warren, State of New Jersey do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of a resolution duly authorized by the Hardwick Township Committee on October 4, 2017.

**Roll Call**

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

**Nays:** None

**Abstentions:** None     **Absent:** None

A motion made by Mr. Duffy, seconded by Mr. Carrazzone and carried to approve Resolution **2017-42 Renewal of the Hardwick Tavern Corp. Liquor License for 2017-2018 (Inactive)**

WHEREAS, application for Plenary Retail Consumption License has been received from the following:

**HARDWICK TAVERN CORP.**

WHEREAS, all conditions set forth by the New Jersey State Division of Alcoholic Beverage has been complied with to the best personal knowledge of this Committee, and

WHEREAS, the Hardwick Tavern has renewed their Alcoholic Beverage Retail Licensee Tax

Clearance Certification and the Municipality has received a copy of the said renewal from the Division of Taxation, and

WHEREAS, the Township has received the Special Ruling to permit renewal of inactive license pursuant to N.J.S.A. 33:1-12.39 dated September 27, 2017 from the Director of Law & Public Safety, Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control authorizing the renewal of License No. 2109-33-004-003 for the 2017-2018 license term. According to this SPECIAL RULING the Director has reviewed the petition filed in this matter and having considered all the facts and circumstances related to the inactive status of this license finds that the petitioner or licensee has established good cause in accordance with the statutory requirements to warrant an application for renewal of the license for the 2017-2018 license period. Should the owner wish to activate said license at the premise during the license terms referenced above, they must file an amendment to their license application pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:2-2.14 transferring the license from "INACTIVE" status to the intended premises.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Plenary Retail Consumption License be issued for the period of July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 as follows:

License No. 2109-33-004-003	Hardwick Tavern Corp.
Fee Paid Township \$622.00	t/a The Hardwick House

Fee Paid State

\$200.00

47 Spring Valley Road  
Hardwick, New Jersey 07825

The Township Clerk is hereby instructed to provide a copy of this resolution to said party.

CERTIFICATION

I, Judith M. Fisher, RMC, Clerk of the Township of Hardwick, Warren County, New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is true and exact copy adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick at meeting held on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2017.

**ORDINANCE: 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

A motion made by Mr. Duffy, seconded by Mr. Carrazzone and carried to approve introduction of Ordinance 2017-06 for 1<sup>st</sup> reading

**2017-06 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDWICK, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING SECTIONS OF TOWNSHIP CODE CHAPTER X "STREETS AND SIDEWALKS" TO MAKE REVISIONS TO THE TOWNSHIP ORDINANCES REGULATING DRIVEWAYS.**

**WHEREAS**, the Hardwick Township Code Chapter X entitled "Streets and Sidewalks" currently includes sections regulating driveways within the Township; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee believes that it is necessary to make revisions to the sections of the Hardwick Township Code regulating driveways within the Township; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee believes that it is in the public interest to make these revisions; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick, Warren County, State of New Jersey as follows:

Section 1.

Section 10-7.4 of the Hardwick Township Code, "**DRIVEWAY ENTRANCES FRONTING TOWNSHIP ROADWAYS: PermitRequired**" is hereby amended as follows:

10-7.4 Permit Required.

No new driveway may be constructed or existing driveway relocated by any person, firm, partnership or corporation, without first obtaining a permit from the township drive-way inspecting official as set forth herein.

Section 2.

Section 10-7.5(c)(10) of the Hardwick Township Code, "**DRIVEWAY ENTRANCES FRONTING TOWNSHIP ROADWAYS: Filing Procedure**" is hereby amended as follows:

10. Proposed storm drainage improvements, if any, in accordance with normal design standards. If grades are involved, topographical data must be included to support the required design criteria in section 10-9 "Conditions and Improvements."

Section 3.

Section 10-7.6(r) and Section 10-7.6(v) of the Hardwick Township Code, "**DRIVEWAY ENTRANCES FRONTING TOWNSHIP ROADWAYS: MinimumDesignStandards**" are hereby amended as follows:

r. Guide rails are required for all side slopes and side banks that exceed six feet or are steeper than a ration of four to one.

v. A driveway must access a public road from each lot on which a single-family dwelling is constructed.

Section 4.

Section 10-7.7(d)(2) of the Hardwick Township Code, "**DRIVEWAY ENTRANCES FRONTING TOWNSHIP ROADWAYS: Review Permit: InspectionProcedures, Enforcement.**" is hereby amended as follows:

d. Driveways accessing county roads will require Township driveway permits in addition to the required county driveway permit, with the following modifications:

County standards will apply to that portion of the driveway within the county's jurisdiction (25 feet from edge of pavement). Township standards will apply for the balance of the driveway.

No Township fees or deposits will be required for driveways accessing a county road, provided applicable fees and deposits have been deposited with the county. However, a Hardwick Driveway Permit Application must be filed with the Township although no fees will be required.

Section 5.

Section 10-7.8(b) of the Hardwick Township Code, "**DRIVEWAY ENTRANCES FRONTING TOWNSHIP ROADWAYS: Fees.**" is hereby amended as follows:

10-7.8 Fees.

Driveway permit fees shall be assessed against the applicant for the permit as follows:

An application fee in the amount of sixty-five (\$65.00) dollars shall accompany each driveway application. If a temporary certificate of occupancy is requested, an additional fee of one hundred (\$100.00) dollars shall be submitted at the time such request is made.

A deposit in the minimum amount of one thousand two hundred (\$1,200.00) dollars plus fifteen (\$15.00) dollars per linear foot over 8% grade after the first 25 feet to a maximum of 250 feet payable to Hardwick Township shall be posted with the driveway official by the applicant at the time the permit is issued. If a temporary certificate of occupancy is requested, an additional escrow of one thousand (\$1,000.00) dollars shall be submitted at the time such request is made. Said deposit shall be kept in an interest bearing account as may be provided by law by the township and shall be returned to the applicant upon completion of the driveway in accordance with the provisions of this section, however, subject to any appropriate fee deductions by the township.

Section 6.

Section 10-7.9 of the Hardwick Township Code, "**DRIVEWAY ENTRANCES FRONTING TOWNSHIP ROADWAYS: Appeals**" is hereby amended as follows:

10-7.9 Appeals.

Relief from any of the foregoing standards may be granted provided the Township engineer, also serving as the Township Driveway Inspection Official, agrees that it is not possible to conform to the standards and the proposed design is the best possible alternative. If the Township engineer does not agree, the Township committee will evaluate the proposed design and render a decision as to the acceptability/nonacceptability based on the standards herein.

Section 7.

Section 10-8 of the Hardwick Township Code, "**ROAD STANDARDS FOR ROADS IN COMMON DRIVEWAY DEVELOPMENTS**" is hereby amended to be entitled Section 10-8 of the Hardwick Township Code, "**ROAD STANDARDS FOR COMMON DRIVEWAYS IN LARGE LOT DEVELOPMENTS**"

Section 8.

Section 10-9.2 of the Hardwick Township Code, "**CONDITIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS: Roadway Opening**" is hereby amended to be added as a new separate Section 10-10 of the Hardwick Township Code entitled "**ROADWAY OPENINGS AND EXCAVATIONS.**"

Section 9: Severability.

The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

Section 10. Repealer.

Any ordinances or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed as to their inconsistencies only.

Section 11. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication.

**NOTICE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced and passed by the Township Committee on the first reading at a meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick, held October 4, 2017, and will be considered for a second reading and final passage at a regular meeting of the Township Committee to be held on November 1, 2017, at 7:00 p.m., at the Municipal Building, located at 40 Spring Valley Road, Hardwick, New Jersey, at which time and place any persons desiring to be heard upon the same will be given the opportunity to be so heard.

A motion made by Mr. Duffy, seconded by Mr. Carrazzone and carried to approve introduction of Ordinance 2017-07 for 1<sup>st</sup> reading

**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"**

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick has found that the running at large of livestock in the Township of Hardwick jeopardizes the public health, safety and welfare by exposing injury to persons and other animals and causing damage to personal property such as lawns, shrubs, flowers, grounds, and other vegetation; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40:48-1 expressly permits municipalities to adopt ordinances that will regulate the running at large of livestock; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick believes that the adoption of such an ordinance is appropriate and would be a reasonable exercise of the municipality's police powers.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick in the County of Warren and State of New Jersey, a new section 5-4, entitled

“Running at Large of Livestock”, shall be added to Chapter V of the Township Code and shall read as follows:

**SECTION 1.**

**5-4 RUNNING AT LARGE OF LIVESTOCK**

**5-4.1 Purpose.**

This Code shall be constructed to secure its expressed intent, which is to ensure public health, safety and welfare insofar as residents are affected by injury to any persons or other animals, or cause damage to personal property including lawn, shrubbery, flowers, grounds, trees or any property of persons other than the owner or person having the care, custody or control of such unrestrained livestock running at large within the Township of Hardwick and to assess violations and penalties accordingly.

**5-4.2 Definitions.**

Livestock shall mean all horses, ponies, donkeys, mules, miniature breeds and all other equine; all domestic and exotic pigs, hogs, and other swine; all cattle, goats, sheep, and all other bovine; all llamas, alpacas; all chickens, ducks, geese, guinea hens, peacocks, turkeys, emus, rheas, and all other poultry and fowl; domestic rabbits, and all other animals traditionally raised for food, fiber, fur, or production means; as well as any exotic animals or reptiles.

Running at Large shall mean any livestock situated upon any public street, park, or any other public place while unrestrained or situated upon any private property, including the property of the livestock owner, while not restrained by a sufficient fence, enclosure or tether and which is not attended by the owner or his or her representative.

**5-4.3 General Requirements.**

Any person or persons, firm, partnership, or corporation having the care, control, custody or management of any livestock as defined above shall prohibit the animals to stray or run at large within the limits of the Township of Hardwick.

Fencing Requirements. A fence measuring at least four feet high from the surface of the earth and sufficiently enclosed and strong enough to prevent livestock from escaping going through or under it is hereby required wherever livestock is kept. If any livestock escapes from within the confines of any fence it shall be presumed that such fence has not met the provisions of this chapter. Any owner or lessee of the land on which such fence is located is subject to the requirements of this section.

**5-4.4 Distraigned Livestock; Impounding.**

When any livestock are taken up and distraigned by any person for running at large, they shall be forthwith impounded by the Animal Control Officer and shall be furnished with suitable food and water, so long as they are detained.

The owner of livestock in the custody or possession of the Animal Control Officer pursuant to this act may claim and be entitled to the possession of the livestock. Upon payment to the Animal Control Officer of reasonable compensation for the care and keeping of the livestock, upon satisfactory proof of ownership of the livestock, and upon making reparation as provided in 5-4.5, the livestock shall be returned to its owner.

**5-4.5 Violations and Penalties.**

Any person or persons, firm, partnership or corporation violating or failing to comply with any provision of this Code shall be guilty of an offense punishable as follows:

A fine for a first violation in the amount of \$100.00

A fine for a second violation in the amount of \$250.00

A fine for a third violation in the amount of \$500.00

(d) A fine for a fourth or any subsequent offenses in the amount of \$1,000 each

Each day for which a violation of this ordinance occurs shall be considered a separate offense.

**5-4.6 Notice and Orders**

Notice. The Township, or any duly authorized Code or Animal Control Official, shall cause a notice to be issued to the applicable person or persons, firm, partnership or corporation when a violation of this Code occurs.

Form. Such notice prescribed shall be in accordance with all of the following:

1. Be in writing.
2. Include the identity or description of the animal.
3. A statement of when, where, what damage was done if known.
4. Include a correction order allowing a reasonable time for restitution of penalties and damages to be made.
5. Inform the property owner of the right to appeal.

c. Method of Service. Such notice shall be deemed to be properly served if a copy thereof is sent by first-class mail, express mail, overnight carrier or certified mail addressed to the last known address.

**SECTION 2.**

If any part or parts of this Ordinance are for any reason held to be invalid, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

**SECTION 3.**

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances which are inconsistent herewith are repealed, but only to the extent of such inconsistency. All other parts of the Township of Hardwick Code not inconsistent herewith are ratified and confirmed.

**SECTION 4.**

This Ordinance shall become effective following its final passage and publication as required by law.

**NOTICE**

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A motion made by Mr. Carrazzone, seconded by Mr. Duffy and carried to approve introduction of Ordinance 2017-08 for 1<sup>st</sup> reading

**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"**

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to appoint someone to assist the Township Tax Collector in the performance of his duties; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick desires to establish the position of Deputy Tax Collector to perform this duty, and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:9-146 allows for the Township of Hardwick to establish the position of Deputy Tax Collector as it deems necessary, and

**WHEREAS**, the aforementioned position would be for a term of one year; and

**WHEREAS**, the position of Deputy Tax Collector is compensated by an annual salary between \$2,000 to \$4,000 per year; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick believes it is in the best interest of the Township to establish the position of Deputy Tax Collector, and

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick in the County of Warren and State of New Jersey, a new section 2-6.1, entitled "Deputy Tax Collector", shall be added to Chapter II of the Township Code and shall read as follows:

**Section 1.**

**2-6.1 Deputy Tax Collector**

The Township committee may appoint a Deputy Tax Collector at any time necessary, not to exceed one calendar year. The Deputy Tax Collector shall assist the Tax Collector in the performance of the duties of that office and shall act under the direction of the Tax Collector. The Deputy Tax Collector shall receive such compensation as the Township Committee may provide within the range of \$2,000 to \$4,000 per year.

**Section 2.** If any part or parts of this Ordinance are for any reason held to be invalid, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

**Section 3.** All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances which are inconsistent herewith are repealed, but only to the extent of such inconsistency. All other parts of the Township of Hardwick Code not inconsistent herewith are ratified and confirmed.

**Section 4.** This Ordinance shall become effective following its final passage and publication as required by law.

**NOTICE**

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Mrs. Fisher noted that 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and public hearing for the above three ordinances is scheduled for November 1, 2017.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

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

**Fair Share Housing Agreement:** Memorialize agreement

A motion made by Mr. Duffy, seconded by Mr. Carrazzone and carried authorized Mayor Perry to sign this agreement. A voice vote was unanimous.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Emergency Operations Plan:** Review of the Basic Operation Plan (Joseph Dunn EMC)  
Held over to the Work Meeting in October 18, 2017

**Best Practices Inventory for 2017/2018 Appropriations:** Due date, October 20, 2017

The CFO Christine Rolef and Township Clerk Judith Fisher worked together to respond to this survey. The answers to the questions were reviewed and accepted.

A motion was made by Mr. Duffy, seconded by Mr. Carrazzone and carried to have the CFO, Christine Rolef submit the Best Practices Inventory for 2017-2018. A voice vote was unanimous.

**Discussion:**

**IT Support RFP** - no update at this time. RFP's have been requested. Held over to the Work Meeting, October 18, 2017

**Insurance RFP for 2018-2021** no update at this time. RFP's have been requested. Held over to the Work Meeting, October 18, 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  
The Committee talked about location and the number to be installed. Update at the November meeting

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:** NONE

**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.

Ms. Dunn asked about the "Nodes" and Mr. Rossmell asked what they were.

They are used where the signals are weak. There are fans in these unit that run 24/7 and can be loud.

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Committeeman Carrazzone:** No report at this time

**Committeeman Duffy:** Talked about Facebook and misleading information

**Committeeman Perry:** Talked about OPIOIDS and that he has lost several family members to this.

**Adjournment:**

A motion was made by Mr. Carrazzone, seconded by Mr. Duffy and carried to adjourn tonight's meeting of the Hardwick Township Committee at 9:48PM

Respectfully submitted,

Judith M. Fisher, RMC