

TOWNSHIP OF HARDWICK
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

December 20, 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 7:06PM 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, Township Engineer Ted Rodman, CPWM Thomas Campbell and Municipal Clerk Judith Fisher

Presentation: Sharon Cooper, PAIC Agent – RFP Insurance

Mrs. Cooper presented her RFP with handouts information for PAIC. She talked about the Company/Funds noting that both PAIC and Statewide, which the Township has presently, are competitive. The RFP's are for three years. The Committee listened to the proposal. Noted Jim Gilmore from Statewide was present at the December 6 meeting with his proposal. The quote for PAIC as noted in the proposal is \$37,382/year. There was a question and answer period from the Committee and it was then decided to wait to the Year End Meeting to make a decision.

Presentation: Kathryn Windsor, Verizon Nodes

Ms. Windsor spoke about the "Nodes", location and noise. These boxes are located on poles owned by the power company, which they have an agreement with. The Committee asked about locations where they are now; Denville and Roxbury are the closest to look at. The Committee asked about using cell towers for Node locations. They also asked about any "noise" complaints. Ms. Windsor noted none that they know of.

The Committee thanked her for coming again tonight and that they will review the locations before making any decisions.

OLD BUSINESS:

SHARED SERVICE/RESOLUTION: 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

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

Discussion on this was postponed from the December 6 meeting as Mayor Perry was not present. Since then, the agreements were reviewed and changes from Blairstown's attorney, Mr. Benbrook were sent to our Township Attorney Richard Wenner. Unfortunately, these changes have not been seen by the Committee; so it was recommended that discussion be held over to the December 26 meeting; this will give the Committee time to review and comment. At that point, the Committee will either accept or reject at the December 26 meeting and authorize execution of the agreement.

Mayor Perry talked about no back door dealings, all discussion has been done in public. As for the training with both Companies, it was extended to June 30, 2018. This was agreed upon by both parties.

Blairstown's agreement will be sent to Chief Calvin Inscho and the Blairstown Township Committee to review and agree on.

The Blairstown Agreement will be on the December 26 agenda at 4:00pm.

As for Stillwater Fire Company, the training date will be change to June 30, 2018 and that the agreement will be for 5 years. Copies will be sent to Stillwater's Committee and Chief Justin Francamacaro.

Gypsy Moth: Mr. Duffy reported that the Department of Agriculture has identified about 200 acres in Hardwick that they recommend being treated. Mr. Bob Wolff attended at meeting

and reported that the Township cost could be about \$52 per acre and we could be reimbursed about 50% of that cost from the State. Mr. Perry questioned the expense and how the areas are sprayed. Cost can come out of the Open Space funds and that there is also a possibility of getting a grant from Firewise for this to. There was a brief discussion. A motion was made by Mr. Carrazzone, seconded by Mr. Dufy and carried to proceed with the Department of Agriculture to spray the 200 plus acres for gypsy moths.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None

Abstentions: None **Absent:** None

Emergency Operations Plan: Review of the Basic Operation Plan (Joseph Dunn EMC)
Mr. Dunn will not be present tonight as he is attending a County OEM meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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

Several members of the public talked about the Fire Service agreement and coverage.

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 8:45PM

Respectfully submitted,

Judith M. Fisher, RMC