

TOWNSHIP OF HARDWICK
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

February 1, 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 6:30PM 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. 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 Michael Lavery, CPWM Thomas Campbell and Township Engineer Ted Rodman, CMFO Christine Rolef

Absent: None

Mayor Perry noted that the 6:30pm Executive Session was not needed tonight. The Business Meeting of the Committee will start as scheduled at 7:00PM.

At 7:00PM, Mayor Perry called this Business Meeting to order.

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 \$764,191.18.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None

Abstentions: None **Absent:** None

REPORTS

Mr. Rodman, Township Engineer reported that he will be applying for the NJDOT Grant again this year for the Township. The project will be for the next section of Birch Ridge Road about 1.57 miles.

The Verizon Wireless request is at the Planning Board. The Township Committee has not taken any action on this request. Mr. Rodman updated the Committee on this system. Verizon is requesting to use the Township right of way by placing cabinets on the polls to provide better service. There discussion is within the next three year to increase service from 4G to 5G. It was brought up that many of the roads in the Township are County. Next was a discussion on the driveway at 70 Birch Ridge Road which was opened without an approved application/permit. Zoning Officer has issued a violation.

Mr. Campbell, CPWM: reported that the roads are ok as it was a milder winter this year. He next talked about the service contract the Township has with H.T. Lyons from PA. Their maintenance agreement will expire September 1, 2017 and he is recommending that the Township not renew it. Mr. Campbell's recommendation is to go with a local contractor, C & L Company, owner Carl Brockmann, who would charge \$135.00 per hour. This would be for repairs on the furnace and air conditioning.

A motion was made by Mr. Duffy, seconded by M. Carrazzone and carried to authorize Mr. Campbell to contract with C & L Company, owner Carl Brockmann, to service the Township furnace and air conditioners at \$135.00 per hour.

Roll Call:

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

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

Mrs. Christine Rolef, CFO: monthly report reviewed along with the bills

Mr. Lavery, Twp. Attorney reported that the trailer at the Hardwick House has been moved and that there was no reported issues on the Paulinskill Road.

Mrs. Randazzo, President of the Hardwick Senior reported that the Group is doing great. They have a new member, Richard Ohl and the about 16 members attend the monthly meeting.

Mr. Bill Hughes, President of the Board of Adjustment updated the Committee on their meeting last night. Their main issue was the application for Red Stagg, 68 Spring Valley Road.

Mr. John Lovell, Grant Coordinator, was able to get the survey information from Laura Brill for the Slabtown Creek Park. He talked about their design, making it simple, for the Park. Another meeting will be scheduled soon to work on future designs.

Mrs. Fisher, Twp. Clerk reviewed correspondence

RESOLUTIONS None

ORDINANCE: 2nd Reading and Public Hearing

Motion made by Mr. Carrazzone, seconded by Mr. Duffy and carried to approve the following **Ordinance 2017-01** for second reading and Public hearing reading

CALENDAR YEAR 2017

ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK 2017-01

(N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A: 4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget up to 0.5% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 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.

Motion made by Mr. Carrazzone, seconded by Mr. Duffy and carried to open this portion of the meeting to the public for and comment.

There were no comments from the Public on this Ordinance.

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

Motion was made by Mr. Duffy, seconded by Mr. Carrazzone and carried to adopt Ordinance 2017-01.

Roll Call

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

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Appointments:

Temporary Advisor to the CFO (If needed) Mrs. Rolef noted that this appointment was not needed.

Open Space: A motion was made by Mr. Carrazzone, seconded by Mr. Duffy and carried to re-appoint Joyce Siegmeister, term to expire 12/2019, to the Open Space Committee.

Agriculture Advisory Committee: A motion was made by Mr. Carrazzone, seconded by Mr. Duffy and carried to re-appoint Robert Wolff and John Crisman to a one year term on the Agriculture Advisory Committee.

Grant Committee: A motion was made by Mr. Carrazzone, seconded by Mr. Duffy and carried to re-appoint Mayor James Perry, John Lovell, Bill Hughes, Terry Crisman, Robert Wolff and Rene Wohl to a one year term on the Grant Committee.

Hardwick House (Red Mill): No update tonight

Paulinskill Road: Update: No update tonight

NEW BUSINESS:

Warren County Mosquito Commission: Authorization for Aerial Mosquito Control
Noted is that this spraying will be done as needed.

A motion was made by Mr. Carrazzone, seconded by Mr. Duffy and carried to approve the authorization of the Warren County Aerial Mosquito Control spraying. Mayor Perry was also authorized to sign.

2017 Contract: Township Engineer Ted Rodman This item will be held over to the next meeting.

2017 Contract: Conservation Advising Services, LLC. (Open Space and Farmland Preservation)
This contract was reviewed by the Open Space Committee and approved for the Committee to accept.

A motion was made by Mr. Carrazzone, seconded by Mr. Duffy and carried to approve the contract for Conservation Advising Services for the year 2017 and to authorize the Mayor to sign.

Discussion:

Resolution 2017-08 Open Space Tax (\$0.03) Held over to the next work meeting for further discussion

Verizon Wireless: granting permission to locate and operate in the Township right of ways. No update, presently at the Planning Board for discussion.

Service Electric, Century Link & Internet: No Update

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

December 27, 2016 Year End Meeting & Executive Session

January 4, 2017 Reorganization Meeting

Motion was made by Mr. Carrazzone, seconded by Mr. Duffy and carried to approve these minutes as corrected.

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.

Mr. Lovell, Paulinskill Road thanked the Township for opening the road. The DPW did a great job. He talked with the Committee about the cul-de-sac. The Attorney noted that the Township is presently in litigation with Mr. Anderson and are not able to discuss this.

Mr. Joe Liccese, 26 Spring Valley Road, commended the Mayor for helping out during the power outage by offering his warm home to those who were in need. He also agreed with the re-opening of Paulinskill Road. He also asked about signs and access to green acre property. In talking with Bob Canace, the properties are all legal and posted.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committeeman Carrazzone: None

Committeeman Duffy: None

Committeeman Perry: None

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 7:51PM

Respectfully submitted,
Judith M. Fisher, RMC