

TOWNSHIP OF HARDWICK
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

February 15, 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: Mr. James J. Perry, Mr. Kevin Duffy and Mr. Alfred Carrazzone

Absent: None

Also present: Township Attorney Richard Wenner, CPWM Thomas Campbell and Township Engineer Ted Rodman, CMFO Christine Rolef

Absent: None

7:00PM Presentation from Dirk Herrmann: Township Web Site

Mr. Herrman reviewed his proposal with the Committee. He presented them with a new fresh look. The initial outlay and monthly maintenance was also reviewed. After doing the discovery and design, the time frame would be about 6 to 7 weeks before going live pending Committee approval.

Mr. Rodman was present to discuss Stormwater management. The Township is a Tier "B". The NJDEP permit expired in 2014, but an extension was given to 2018. The requirements for this program were briefly reviewed. The Committee will discuss it further at the next meeting.

70 Birch Ridge Road: Noted is that there has been no Certificate of Occupancy or driveway permit issued.

Hardwick House: No change in their status.

Raises: The Township attorney and Township Engineer will both be receiving a 3% raise for this year. The Mayor noted that it has been several year since this was done.

RESOLUTION: The following Resolutions will be acted on at the March 1, 2017 meeting

2017-17 Authorization Execution of an Agreement with the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council to Renew Membership therein for the Period of October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2021

2016 – 2021 Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council Agreement

2017-18 Approval to submit a grant application and execute a grant contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Overlay of Birch Ridge Road project

2017-19 Open Space Tax (\$0.01)

A motion was made by Mr. Carrazzone, seconded by Mr. Duffy and carried to drop the Open Space Tax to \$0.01 per \$100.00.

Roll Call:

Mr. Carrazzone - yes Mr. Duffy - yes Mayor Perry - yes

At this point, the Committee discussed the Township Web Site. Mr. Duffy would like to see an RFP from other vendors. For now, the Township has 2 quotes which were submitted from Mr. Herrmann and Mr. Gill. Mayor Perry wants to get this project rolling and not delay it. An issue that was brought up is that Mr. Herrmann does the Web for Alina Lodge where Mr. Perry works. Putting this aside, the Committee decided that by the March 1st meeting to have another quote for the Township web site.

The Following items will be discussed and acted upon at the March 1, 2017 Meeting.

Introduction of the 2017 Municipal Budget: Resolutions

2017-20 2017 Municipal Budget

2017-21 Special Items of Revenue Anticipated \$32,541.00

2017-22 Special Items of Revenue Anticipated \$72,000.00

ORDINANCE: 1st Reading
2017-02 2017 Salary Ordinance

OLD BUSINESS

Hardwick House (Red Mill): No Update tonight
Paulinskill Road: No Update tonight

NEW BUSINESS

Professional Service Contract: 2017 Township Engineer, Ted Rodman
Professional Service Contract: 2017 Municipal Attorney, Michael Lavery, Esq.

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

Ted Rodman, Engineer: Stormwater Management Done earlier tonight

Right to Know: Rullo & Juillet Associates, Fee for Service 2016-2017 \$1275.00

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Monthly Meeting: November 2, 2016 & Executive Session

Monthly Meeting: December 7, 2016 & Executive Session (2)

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. Joe Liccese, 26 Spring Valley Road, talked about the Township web page. He'd like to see it updated; maybe putting the audio of the meeting on it.

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

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 8:21PM.

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. Personnel, Mr. Thomas Campbell

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: 8:21PM

Present: Committeeman Duffy, Committeeman Carrazzone, Mayor Perry

Also Present: CPWM Thomas Campbell, Attorney Michael Lavery, Township Clerk Judith Fisher

Time Out: 8:35PM

A motion was made by Mr. Carrazzone, seconded by Mr. Duffy to come out of closed session at 8:35PM. Motion carried.

Attorney Mr. Wenner noted that he met in closed session with the Committee and discussed one matter. 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.

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 8:36PM

Respectfully submitted,
Judith M. Fisher, RMC