

TOWNSHIP OF HARDWICK
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

September 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 7:00PM 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: CPWM Tom Campbell, Engineer Ted Rodman, OEM Joseph Dunn and Township Attorney Richard Wenner

Absent: None

OEM Joseph Dunn reported that the OEM Plan is now 30 days overdue. There are 22 section and right now only 14 are completed. He will send these to the Clerk who will distribute to the Committee for review.

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 7:24PM.

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. Possible Litigation: Birch Ridge Road
 - B. Possible Litigation: Paulinskill Road, Anderson

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: 7:24M

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

Also Present: Tom Campbell, Ted Rodman, Attorney Richard Wenner and Township Clerk Judith Fisher

Time Out: 7:45PM

A motion was made by Mr. Carrazzone, seconded by Mr. Perry to come out of closed session at 7:45PM. Motion carried and unanimous.

The Committee met in closed session and discussed three matters; all potential litigation. the first was 70 Birch Ridge Road, use of the property without a certificate of occupation, next Anderson property, potential violations and then the Hardwick House, contractual/litigation. 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.

Ted Rodman: reported that Andy Smith purchased a lot from the Ahlers on Spring Valley Road. Question was asked about a common driveway which is not permitted. He wants to use a branch off of the common driveway which Ted explained. Mr. Smith does meet the standards on the County Road but the use of a common driveway was denied and sent to the Planning Board.

Stormwater Management - No change in status

The State Aid paperwork for Birch Ridge Road was been submitted

The topo map for Slabtown Creek Park is being done by Laura Brill and it will incorporate layout ideas from John Lovell.

Mr. Campbell, CPWM: requesting the extension of summer help through the end of October. Salary does come out of the Open pace account. Mr. Mickelsen will be leaving for the military in December.

A motion by Mr. Carrazzone, seconded by Mr. Duffy and carried approve the extension of the hours for the summer help to the end of October. A voice vote was unanimous.

1996 John Deere Loader: has been sold on Municipal Bid and that we met our reserve price of \$20,000. The Committee accepted the bid and the following Resolution 2017-40 was adopted on a motion made by Mr. Duffy, seconded by Mr. Carrazzone and carried to accept the bid price of \$20,000 to the high bidder. A voice vote was unanimous. The check will be forward to the CFO for deposit.

Resolution 2017-40 AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF A 1996 244 JOHN DEERE LOADER
WHEREAS, the Township of Hardwick has in its possession a **1996 244 JOHN DEERE LOADER** Serial # T6244ED000300; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Hardwick placed the **1996 244 JOHN DEERE LOADER** on the Muni-Bid, and has received a highest bid of \$20,000.00, at the close of auction on Wednesday, September 20, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the personal property being sold is no longer needed for a public purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, that the sale of the **1996 244 JOHN DEERE LOADER** belonging to the Township of Hardwick shall take place as soon as it is mutually convenient for both parties.

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 September 20, 2017.

Items on the October 4 Agenda:

Resolution

2017-39 Expressing Opposition to Legislative Proposals Regarding the Open Public Meetings Act and the Open Public Records Act

ORDINANCE: 1st Reading

2017- Animal Control: Recommending Ordinance for Running at Large of Livestock

2017- Deputy Tax Collector Position

2017- Amending 2017 Salary Ordinance

OLD BUSINESS:

Land Use Board: Formation of its members

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

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

DISCUSSION

IT Support RFP

Insurance RFP for 2018-2021

Foreclosure Lots

Ted Rodman, Engineer: Stormwater Management update

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

The Committee discussed Fire protection and problems with calls. Question asked is if there were any issues between Blairstown and Stillwater fire companies. Mr. Duffy spoke with John Tomasula and asked him that questions. He didn't think there was a problem with dispatching between the Counties. Another question asked is there direct radio contact with Warren County 911? If was noted was that Frelinghuysen uses Stillwater and

Hampton Fire Companies and as far as we know from them, there is no problem with their calls. Mr. Perry injected that there was a problem with Blairstown and Stillwater calls but that the answer was not clear as to what it was.

Mr. Duffy asked for a closed session to discuss funding and other issues.

A motion was then made by Mr. Duffy, seconded by Mr. Carrazzone and carried for a closed session to discuss Fire Protection. A voice vote was unanimous.

Time In: 8:15PM

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

Also Present: Attorney Rich Wenner, and Township Clerk Judith Fisher

Time Out: 8:24PM

A motion was made by Mr. Duffy, seconded by Mr. Carrazzone and carried to return to regular session. A voice vote was unanimous.

Mr. Wenner noted that the Committee met in closed session and discussed one matter: Fire Protection by and between the Township of Hardwick and various municipalities on a contracted Interlocal Agreement.

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.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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

There was no public comment.

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

Mayor Perry noted that there is a Warren County League meeting on September 25 at the Belvidere Library. The Conference of Mayor's is on October 3rd that he will be attending.

Fair Sharing (COAH): there is a proposed agreement that the Committee will need to review. A few noted changes were discussed.

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 8:44PM

Respectfully submitted,

Judith M. Fisher, RMC