

TOWNSHIP OF HARDWICK
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

**Emergency Meeting
March 5, 2018**

An Emergency 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 10:54AM by the Township Clerk Judith Fisher. Mrs. Fisher noted that this meeting was being held in accordance with the "Open Public Meetings Act".

Present: Mayor Kevin Duffy, Deputy Mayor Alfred Carrazzone and Committeeman James Perry

Also Present: CPWM Thomas Campbell and Township Clerk Judith Fisher

The Clerk read the following notice:

N.J.S.A. 10:4-9 Meeting of Public Body; adequate notice to public; necessity; exceptions
b. Upon the affirmative vote of three quarters of the members present a public body may hold a meeting notwithstanding the failure to provide adequate notice if:

(1) such meeting is required in order to deal with matters of such urgency and importance that a delay for the purpose of providing adequate notice would be likely to result in substantial harm to the public interest; and

(2) the meeting is limited to discussion of and acting with respect to such matters of urgency and importance; and

(3) notice of such meeting is provided as soon as possible following the calling of such meeting by posting written notice of the same in the public place described in section 3.d 2 above, and also by notifying the two newspapers described in section 3.d by telephone, telegram, or by delivering a written notice of same to such newspaper; and

(4) wither (a) the public body could not reasonably have foreseen the need for such meeting at a time when adequate notice could have been provided; or (b) although the public body could reasonably have foreseen the need for such meeting at a time when adequate notice could have been provided, it nevertheless failed to do so.

Mr. Carrazzone motioned to hold this Emergency Meeting per the above notice, seconded by Mr. James Perry. Motion carried and a roll call vote followed:

Roll Call: Mr. Perry, yes, Mr. Carrazzone, yes, Mayor Duffy, yes

The topic of concern from Snow Storm Riley that covered this area on March 2, 2018 is to report outages. As of right now, the report is that there are an estimated 370 homes in Hardwick without power. Trees are down, across wires and blocking roads. Mayor Duffy will be on a conference call with JCP&L at 1PM today with many of the other affected Townships to get a status report. Trees are down here at the building and several have fallen in the Municipal Building, other have fallen near the garage with one just missing the generator. Schools are closed, but Hope school is open. The Municipal Offices will be opened until 6PM today and there will be a note on the door with numbers to call if someone needs assistance. We were lucky to get a delivery of propane today. The Building will be open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 10am and will decide later as to a closing time. Mayor Duffy will try to contact Mr. Egan at Mountainwood Springs to see if he could help out with water. There will also be another conference call with the Mayors and OEM's later today. There was a discussion of another Nor'easter hitting this area again on Wednesday, March 7th.

Mayor Duffy will be keeping everyone updated as these conference calls take place and will also try to keep the residents updated by social media, Facebook. Mr. Perry will be handling this.

A motion was made by Mr. Carrazzone, seconded by Mr. Perry and carried and adjourn this Emergency Meeting at 11:25am. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judith Fisher, RMC
Township Clerk