

TOWNSHIP OF HARDWICK
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

August 1, 2018

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 6:37PM 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. Mrs. Fisher then led the public in the pledge of allegiance.

Roll Call:

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

Absent: None

Also present: Township Attorney Michael Lavery, CPWM Thomas Campbell, and Township Engineer Ted Rodman

Absent: CMFO Christine Rolef

Executive Session: RESOLUTION

A motion was made by Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Carrazzone and carried to adopt the Resolution to go into Closed Session at 6:39PM.

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. Litigation – Anderson, Paulinskill Road
 - B. Attorney/Client: Asset Management – Verizon
 - C. Contractual – Sussex-Warren Energy
 - D. Attorney/Client: EBI Consultants for SBA Communications
 - E. Personnel

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: 6:39PM

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

Also Present: Attorney Michael Lavery, Township Clerk Judith Fisher

Time Out: 7:04PM

A motion was made by Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Carrazzone to come out of closed session at 7:04PM. Motion carried and unanimous.

Attorney Mr. Lavery noted that he met in closed session with the Committee and discussed five matters:

1. Pending Litigation: Anderson
2. Contractual with Verizon for release of escrow
3. Personnel requested by Mr. Carrazzone
4. Contractual – Sussex Warren Energy CoOp – Concord Energy
5. Contractual – SBA Communications who own the Cell Tower behind the Municipal Building

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.

Payment of the Bills:

A motion was made by Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Carrazzone and carried to authorize the payment of the bills in the amount of \$502,739.56

Roll Call

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

Nays: None

Abstentions: None **Absent:** None

REPORTS

Engineer: Mr. Rodman – noted that there will be a pre-construction meeting on August 9 in his office for Birch Ridge Road, Section 2. Stormwater point system was discussed for 2018 on the various programs for the School. State Aid applications are due October 20, 2018; Tom will work with Ted on which road work will be next. Ted talked about the Zoning Map that needs to be corrected. The LVD zone is no longer per the Ordinance that was changed several years ago. Estimated cost is between \$500 - \$600 to correct, subject to having the funds. Heyer and Gruel, who originally did the map would be the ones correcting it if the funds are available. The Clerk will check with the CFO and report back at the September meeting.

DPW: Mr. Thomas Campbell reported that they have been cutting back brush to get ready for paving. They are almost caught up with the downed trees from the March storms.

CFO: Mrs. Rolef – In her absence, the Clerk handed out her monthly reports that the Committee reviewed

Attorney: Nothing new to report on at this time

Clerk: Correspondence review. The Paulinskill Watershed will be having their first Clean-Up on Saturday, October 27 which will coincide with National Make a Difference Day. They are looking for volunteers for this day. The Township Liaison is Susi Tilley and all inquiries can be directed to susi@ridgeandvalleyconservancy.org.

Information came in from ARAE Network Solutions, who are our IT support. This quote is for the DPW to bring internet to their building. Mr. Campbell explained the 2-quotes noting that he is recommending that the Township go with the Point to Point Devices which includes all the hardware and cabling, Network switch and configuration services for \$1465. The Committee questioned funding. Mr. Campbell noted that this cost can come out of his DPW Budget. There was a brief discussion.

A motion was then made by Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Carrazzone and carried to approve the ARAE Network Solutions quote for \$1465, as noted above.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None

Abstentions: None **Absent:** None

Mr. Campbell then noted that the garage phone hasn't been working. Come to find out that their phones had been hacked into and international calls were blocked by Century Link. A message was left by Century Link to call. They made a few recommendations, but as for now, international calls are blocked.

Retired Fire Warden: Bob Wolff reported that the Tower was up 2 weeks in July with many visitors coming up to tour the area. Eric Weber and several other Forest Fighters are on their way to Idaho to help fight the many fires out West. Bob then briefly talked about FireWise.

Grant: No Report Tonight **OEM:** No Report tonight **Hardwick Seniors:** No Report tonight

PROCLAMATION

**RECOGNIZING AUGUST 31, 2018 AS
"INTERNATIONAL OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY" IN NEW JERSEY
AUGUST 31, 2018**

WHEREAS, addiction is a disease and International Overdose Awareness Day aims to raise awareness of overdose and reduce the stigma of drug-related death; and

WHEREAS, International Overdose Awareness Day acknowledges the grief felt by families and friends remembering those who have met with death or permanent injury as a result of drug overdose; and

WHEREAS, this day provides an opportunity for people to publicly mourn for loved ones, some for the first time, without feeling guilt or shame; and

WHEREAS, this day seeks to send a strong message to current and former drug users that they are valued; and

WHEREAS, this day should stimulate discussion about overdose prevention and drug policy, and provide basic information on the range of support services that exist in local communities; and,

WHEREAS, the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse remains committed to raising awareness in order to combat stigma and educate New Jersey's communities about overdose prevention.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse hereby recognizes August 31, 2018 as "Overdose Awareness Day" in New Jersey.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution shall be transmitted to Governor Philip Murphy, the New Jersey Legislature, the Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services; County Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Directors, and County Alliance Coordinators.
Dated: August 1, 2018
Kevin Duffy, Mayor – Hardwick Township

Mr. Perry added that on August 31 there will be a Candle Light Vigil at 7:30PM in Blairstown, Location to be announced soon. Various speakers are lined up to talk about Drug Awareness. He thanked the Committee for the Proclamation.

RESOLUTIONS

A motion was made by Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Carrazzone and carried to approve the following Resolution 2018-38. Motion carried.

2018-38 Extension of the 3rd Quarter Tax Due Date to August 22, 2018

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-66.3d which provides that third quarter property taxes shall not be subject to interest until the later of: August 1; or, the ten-day grace period, as authorized by a resolution of the governing body adopted on January 5, 2018; or the twenty-fifth calendar day after the tax bills were mailed; and,

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector mailed the 2018 Final/2019 Preliminary tax bills on July 27, 2018; and, the due date for the third-quarter payment is August 22, 2018.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 1st day of August, 2018 by the Mayor and Township Committee that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized and empowered, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-66.3d to hold interest charges until after August 22, 2018.

CERTIFICATION

I, Judith M. Fisher, Clerk of the Township of Hardwick, do hereby certify the foregoing Resolution to be a true and accurate copy adopted by the Township Committee on August 1, 2018.

ORDINANCE 2nd Reading and Public Hearing

On a motion made by Mr. Carrazzone, seconded by Mr. Duffy and carried to approve Ordinance **2018-08** for 2nd Reading and Public Hearing.

2018-08 ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDWICK, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 2 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE ENTITLED "ADMINISTRATION" TO ESTABLISH THE POSITION OF QUALIFIED PURCHASING AGENT

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick, County of Warren, State of New Jersey (hereinafter referred to as the "Township") has continually strived to minimize costs to the Township and therefore to the taxpayers;

WHEREAS, The Township believes that creating the position of a Qualified Purchasing Agent, in accordance with the criteria and regulations set forth herein below, will assist the Township in preparing Bid Specifications and awarding Contracts, all of which will result in minimizing costs to professionals of the Township and other persons thereby reducing costs to the Township and the taxpayers;

WHEREAS, the Township believes it appropriate and necessary to establish a position of Qualified Purchasing Agent (QPA).

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the governing body of the Township of Hardwick, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. The Township modifies and supplements Chapter 2, *Administration*, of the Township Code by creating a new Section 24, *Qualified Purchasing Agent*, in order to establish the position of Qualified Purchasing Agent within the Township.

§2-24 *Position Created; Title.* There is hereby created the position of Qualified Purchasing Agent within the Township who shall be referred to as the Purchasing Agent.

§2-24.1 *Duties and Powers.* The Purchasing Agent shall be: The individual duly assigned the authority, responsibility and accountability for the purchasing activity of the Township, and who has such duties as are defined by the Township appropriate to the form and structure of the Township. The Purchasing Agent shall have the power to prepare advertisements, to advertise for and receive bids, and to recommend the award of Contracts as permitted by N.J.S.A. 40:11-1 et seq.

§2-24.2 *Qualifications.* In general, the qualifications of the Purchasing Agent shall be the following:

a. Knowledge of accepted procedures used in making large scale purchases,

- b. Knowledge of laws, rules and regulations affecting purchasing,
- c. Knowledge of the accepted preparation of specifications of commodity markets, marketing practices, and commodity pricing methods, and the application of bookkeeping methods to procurement practices,
- d. Ability to interpret market prices and trends, and apply such interpretations to procurement problems,
- e. Ability to establish and maintain harmonious working relationships,
- f. Ability review and prepare specifications,
- g. Ability to recommend suitable action on bids,
- h. Ability to establish and maintain purchasing and other records,
- i. Ability to utilize various types of electronic and/or manual recoding and information systems used by the agency, office or related units,
- j. Ability to read, write, speak, understand and communicate in English sufficiently to perform duties of this position. American Sign Language or Braille may also be considered as acceptable forms of communication,
- k. Persons who may have mental or physical disabilities are eligible as long as they can perform essential functions of the job with or without reasonable accommodation. If the accommodation cannot be made because it would cause the employer undue hardship, such persons may not be eligible.
- l. A Qualified Purchasing Agent, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-9, will be required to possess a valid Qualified Purchasing Agent Certification issued by the State Division of Local Government Services, and the Department of Community Affairs.
- m. In addition to the above the Township Qualified Purchasing Agent shall be required to continue to enroll in, attend and sufficiently pass all appropriate post certification courses and seminars as mandated by the provisions of the New Jersey Administrative Code and the New Jersey Annotated Statutes.

Section 2.

Severability. The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

Section 3:

Repealer. Any ordinances or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed as to their inconsistencies only.

Section 4.

Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication as provided by law.

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced to pass the first reading at a regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick held on July 2, 2018 and ordered published in accordance with the law. Said Ordinance will be considered for final reading and adoption at a meeting of the Township Committee to be held on August 1, 2018, 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 passage of said Ordinance.

A motion was made by Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Carrazzone and carried to open this portion of the meeting to the public for any comment of Ordinance 2018-08.

Seeing there was no comment from the public, this portion of the meeting was then closed on a motion made by Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Carrazzone and carried.

Mr. Perry then motioned to adopt Ordinance 2018-08 on second reading, seconded by Mr. Carrazzone. Motion carried.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None

Abstentions: None **Absent:** None

ORDINANCE – 1st Reading

A motion made by Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Carrazzone and carried approve the introduction of **Ordinance 2018-09** on 1st reading

2018-09 Capital Ordinance providing for Reimbursement for Paving and Improvements to Various Roads in the Township by the Township of Hardwick, in the County of Warren, New Jersey, Appropriating \$50,000.00 Therefor from the Capital Improvement Funds of the Township to Pay for the Cost Thereof.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDWICK, IN THE COUNTY OF WARREN, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The improvement described in Section 2 of this capital ordinance is hereby authorized to be undertaken by the Township of Hardwick, New Jersey as a general improvement. For the improvement or purpose described in Section 2, there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$50,000.00 from the capital improvement fund of the township.

Section 2. (a) The capital improvement hereby authorized and the purpose for the use of the capital improvement fund is improvements to various roads in the Township necessary therefor or incidental thereto.

Section 3. The capital budget of the Township of Hardwick is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. The resolution in the form promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services is on file with the Clerk and is available there for public inspection.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect immediately after final adoption in accordance with applicable law.

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above entitled ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick on August 1, 2018 and will be considered for final reading and adoption at the Regular Meeting of the Township Committee held on September 5, 2018 at 7:00PM at the Municipal Building, 40 Spring Valley Road, Hardwick Township, New Jersey.

Judith M. Fisher, RMC
Township Clerk

Mrs. Fisher noted that 2nd reading and public hearing will be September 5, 2018

OLD BUSINESS:

Conservation Advising: Bob Canace, Professional Service Contract

Mayor Duffy noted that the Open Space Committee has reviewed the contract and they are recommending that the Township approve the Conservation Advising Professional Service Contract. Mr. Canace will report to the Committee and will be paid as needed, \$80.00 per hour with a maximum of \$5000.00 annually.

A motion was made by Mr. Carrazzone, seconded by Mr. Perry and carried to enter into a Professional Service Agreement with Conservation Advising with Bob Canace as noted above.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None

Abstentions: None **Absent:** None

Status – Century Link Communications

Mr. Perry updated everyone that three (3) of the switches have been installed, Tannery, Birch Ridge and Millbrook Stillwater Roads. The one on Tannery Road has been powered on but that there have been problems with this one. Birch Ridge and Millbrook Stillwater are still waiting for the power from JCP&L; also noted was that there have been problems with the speed. The only thing left is the upgrades to the two we have, one on Newman Road and the other on Spring Valley behind the old Copper Top Inn. The deadline to complete this is December 2018. Mayor Duffy spoke with Bob Niland the other day about Jersey Central turning on the power; all that was needed is the pole numbers and he would call JCP&L with the information. Unfortunately, there was no response back from them. Everyone is trying to work together on this. Mr. Perry spoke about other issues, like getting Century Link out for phone repairs and internet. Century Link just doesn't have the man power. They have only one tech from the Newton section to do this. Mr. Perry spoke today with the Township Attorney about options that they are looking at to pursue. As for the BPU, Mr. Perry spoke about scheduling a conference call or Trenton meeting about the agreement that they were told about. One part of the agreement was the merger with the Level 3 Communication that the BPU approved when the agreement was discussed. They are being told that this won't be done. He also wants to talk with the Township Attorney on what action they can take against them for a breach of contract.

Mayor Duffy noted that he wanted to be involved in these conversations going forward. Mr. Perry said that this would be hard because of the Sunshine Law. The Township Attorney noted that either on the phone or in a room when a quorum is present, unless it is advertised, you shouldn't do it. The Clerk was instructed to advertise, but first a date and time is needed which will be hard to do for conference calls when a short notice is given. Mayor Duffy felt that he has been kept in

the dark on everything. Mr. Perry noted that he has tried to keep everyone updated on Century Link. The last update was that everything was going to be turned on the end of July. Now that it's the end of July, everything is starting to roll and more information to share. Those that had been attending these meetings are, Mayor McDonough, Mayor Starrs, Mr. Perry, BPU and Century Link. Mr. Perry noted that he has been the lead person in the Group. Again, Mayor Duffy noted that he wanted to be involved in the discussions. Mr. Perry noted that he couldn't promised that the Clerk would have enough time to advertise.

A motion was then made by Mayor Duffy that he replace Mr. Perry on that Committee, Mr. Perry noted that he would fight the Mayor tooth and nail on this; as this is something that he has done for this Township. Mr. Carrazzone noted that he felt that the Mayor should be the one to get involved; just like Mr. Perry was involved when he was Mayor. This motion was then seconded by Mr. Carrazzone. Motion carried followed by a Roll Call:

Roll Call

Ayes: Mr. Carrazzone, Mayor Duffy

Nays: Mr. Perry

Abstentions: None **Absent:** None

NEW BUSINESS:

Shooting Range - Renewal for YMCA Camp Ralph Mason Fees Paid and Inspection Completed
On a motion made by Mr. Carrazzone, seconded by Mr. Duffy and carried to approve the renewal for the shooting range at Camp No Be Bosco. A voice vote was unanimous.

Maintenance Agreement: Shredder \$229.00 8/2018 to 8/20/2019

A motion was made by Mr. Carrazzone, seconded by Mr. Duffy and carried to renew the Maintenance Agreement with Freedom Business Machines for \$229.00.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None

Abstentions: None **Absent:** None

Princeton Education: (2) Raffle Applications for October 7, 2018 Tricky Tray and 50/50

A motion was made by Mr. Carrazzone, seconded by Mr. Perry and carried to approve the application. Motion carried and a voice vote was unanimous.

Maines Lane: Fireworks

Mayor Duffy received a call from a Blairstown resident about a neighbor shooting firework that were over 12 feet in the air. She called Blairstown Police and was told that this was illegal, but the State Police told her it was legal. There was no one present tonight from Maines Lane to discuss further.

Discussion:

Plaque – In Memory of George H Fee

After a brief discussion about a date for the dedication, it agreed to hold it on Friday, September 28 at 2PM. The Clerk will notify the Family of the date and time.

Facebook Page: No change in status. The Committee is presently working on this. The primary use would be for updating information for the residents.

Gypsy Moth: Mrs. Fisher noted that the paperwork that was requested has been filed with the State. We can expect about 40% of the cost being reimbursed to the Township.

Firewise Grant: No change in status at this time

Delaware Basin/Watershed: Fracking Regulations Resolution

A motion was made by Mr. Carrazzone, seconded by Mr. Perry and carried to approve the following **Resolution 2018-39**. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION - NJ, NY and DE 2018-39

WHEREAS, a fundamental purpose of government is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of citizens; and

WHEREAS, there is a significant evidence that shale gas development, and its related operations, which include all the phases of the hydraulic fracturing ("fracking") process, from the first stag of industrial land preparation; to the storage, handling and use of chemicals and additives for extraction and stimulation; to drilling and fracking; to the withdrawal of and

degradation of large volumes of water and its discharge and disposal as waste, has adverse effects on public health, property interests, agriculture, and on our air, water, and land; and

WHEREAS, in the most recent statistical analysis of the body of scientific literature by the Concerned Health Professionals of New York and Physicians of Social Responsibility, 685 per reviewed paper examining gas drilling and/or fracking were reviewed, and the overwhelming majority of studies found evidence of or potential adverse impacts on water, air and human health; and

WHEREAS, the negative impacts of shale gas development are documented in neighboring Pennsylvania's active shale field by Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection certification of 292 private water well contamination cases that were determined by the agency to have been caused by oil and gas operations; and

WHEREAS, the EPA's most recent released fracking study provides scientific evidence that fracking activities can impact drinking water resources and includes water impacts from shale gas in the Pennsylvania community of Dimock, and

WHEREAS, neither (New Jersey nor Delaware in NY just mention DRBC) nor the Delaware River Basin Commission has conducted a comprehensive assessment of the cumulative and long-term impacts of fracking and related shale gas development activities; and

WHEREAS, the absence of such as assessment makes it impossible to determine whether shale gas development can proceed safely and prevents the appropriate management of the harms associated with shale gas development, including risks to public health, property values and the clean air and water upon which all citizens and businesses depend; and

WHEREAS, the shale gas industry has received unprecedented exemptions from our nation's most important environmental and public health laws, including the Safe Drinking Water act, Clean Air act, and the Clean Water Act; and

WHEREAS, after exhaustive study, New York has prohibited high-volume hydraulic fracturing and Maryland has prohibited all fracking in their state; and

WHEREAS, shale as development in the watershed has highly significant cumulative climate impacts. Natural gas is primary methane, a greenhouse gas 86 time more efficient at trapping heat than carbon over 20-year time frame, and the effects persist for hundreds of years. The well-documented vented and fugitive losses from natural gas systems contribute to atmospheric warming; current technology and practices have not controlled these releases. The emissions are so great that it is projected that their release from the build out of Marcellus shale will prevent the achievement of global warming goals in Pennsylvania, accelerating climate change and its impacts on all watershed states. Climate change impacts on the basin's water resources include changes in precipitation and runoff that increase flooding and drought. impairment of habitats and water quality (including salt water intrusion to Delaware Estuary water supplies) and sea level rise; and

WHEREAS, the Delaware River Basin Commission has in places a moratorium that currently prohibits natural gas development, including drilling, fracking, wastewater processing and discharges from and water withdrawals for drilling and fracking operations, in the Delaware River Basin; and

WHEREAS, the Township supports the continuation of these DRBC prohibitions; and

WHEREAS, the Delaware River Basin Commission is actively considering the possibility of draft regulations that include "prohibitions related to the production of natural gas utilizing horizontal drilling and hydraulic fracturing within the Basin", but also the allowance for "storage, treatment, disposal and/or discharge of wastewater within the basin associated with horizontal drilling and hydraulic fracturing for the production of natural gas where permitted" and "the inter-basin transfer of water and wastewater for purposes of natural gas development where permitted"; and

WHEREAS, the Township considers that the weight of evidence shows that natural gas development and its operation cannot be done safety and/or without degrading the exceptional water quality of the Delaware River and tributary streams;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. That Township calls upon the Delaware River Basin commission to enact a complete and permanent ban on natural gas development and fracking and all related activities (including drilling, fracking, wastewater processing and discharges from and water withdrawals for drilling and fracking operations) throughout the Basin.
2. That as official copy of this Resolution be filed with the Delaware River Basin

Commission, 25 Cosey Road, P. O. Box 7360, West Trenton, NJ 08628-0360

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Committee of Hardwick Township, County of Warren, State of New Jersey held on August 1, 2018.

Green Acres Property: Results of Inspection discussion next Open Space Meeting

Slabtown Creek Park: Concept Plan There was discussion at the last Open Space meeting where they talked about an open trail, hiking, walking. Noted was that the stream along the edge of the park is protected and any disturbance would involve the DEP.

Foreclosed Lots: No change in status

Ted Rodman, Engineer: Stormwater Management - No update at this time

Verizon Wireless(Nodes): Requesting permission to locate in the Township ROW
Mayor Duffy noted that he had requested the location and number of the Nodes along with where they will be placed. It was suggested was that they might be able to use the Cell Tower for the Nodes. So far there has been no response from them.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: September 20, 2017 Business Mtg & Executive Session
October 4, 2017 Business Mtg & Executive Session
October 18, 2017 Work Mtg & Executive Session
November 2, 2017 Business Mtg & executive Session
November 29, 2017 Work Mtg
December 6, 2017 Business Mtg & Executive Session
December 20, 2017 Work Mtg
December 26, 2017 Year End Mtg
May 2, 2018 Business Mtg
June 6, 2018 Business Mtg & Executive Session
June 20, 2018 Work Mtg & Executive Session
July 2, 2018 Business Mtg & Executive Session

A motion was made by Mr. Carrazzone, seconded by Mr. Perry and carried to approve the above minutes as corrected. Motion carried and a voice vote was unanimous.

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.

Mrs. Randazzo, President of the Hardwick Seniors gave the Committee an overview of their activity for last month.

Mrs. Kathy Cooper, 37 Jones Lane talked to the Committee about a driveway issue. With the heavy rain storms, her driveway is being washed out. She spoke to the Township Engineer about this problem and he suggested that she talk to the Committee and DPW Supervisor. The Committee reviewed pictures taken by the Engineer. Mr. Campbell explained the problem and what she needed to do to divert the water to the pipe so that her driveway doesn't get washed out. It seems that she has a pipe and ditch in the front lawn that she needs to clean in order to divert the water off her driveway. This pipe has been there from the previous owner and presently there is no ditch to it.

Mrs. Van Eekhoven, 70 Birch Ridge Road talked to the Committee about an issue she has with the Tax Assessor and other issues.

Mr. Robert Wolff, Retired Fire Warden gave the Committee an update.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Perry: No report tonight

Mr. Carrazzone: Suggested that the Memorial for George H. Fee on September 28 be at 5PM instead of 2pm. The Committee agreed. The Clerk will notify the family of the date and time.

Mayor Duffy: Recognized Happiness is Camping and reminded everyone that they are having the 5k race on August 11; also noted the passing of Elaine Smithson, photographer and wife of Louis Ross.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Carrazzone and carried to adjourn tonight's meeting of the Hardwick Township Committee at 8:27PM

Respectfully submitted, Judith M. Fisher, RMC