

TOWNSHIP OF HARDWICK
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

December 26, 2019

The Year End 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 2:00PM 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: Mayor Kevin Duffy, Committeeman James Perry

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

Absent: Deputy Mayor Alfred Carrazzone, CMFO Christine Rolef

Payment of the Bills:

A motion was made by Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Duffy and carried to authorize the payment of the bills in the amount of \$31,196.27

Roll Call

Ayes: Mr. Perry, Mayor Duffy

Nays: None

Abstentions: None **Absent:** Mr. Carrazzone

RESOLUTION

Motion by Mr. Perry, second by Mr. Duffy to approve **Resolution 2019-52** as presented. Motion carried followed by a roll call vote:

Roll Call

Ayes: Mr. Perry, Mayor Duffy

Nays: None

Abstentions: None **Absent:**, Mr. Carrazzone

2019-52 Cancel Taxes Disabled Veteran Exemption Block 1201, Lot 2.02

WHEREAS, a resolution is required by the Tax Collector to cancel 2019 taxes deemed uncollectible, and

WHEREAS, the following property owner applied for and was granted a **100% disabled veteran exemption by the Tax Assessor effective November 7th, 2019**, therefore the taxes must be canceled of record:

BLOCK	LOT	OWNER	AMOUNT
1201	2.02	Mangold, Evan 168 Stillwater Road	\$ 1,129.15

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 26th day of December, 2019 by the Mayor and Township Committee that the Tax Collector is hereby released from collecting the taxes for the 2019 tax year on the above captioned property.

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 December 26th, 2019.

Judith M. Fisher, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Motion by Mr. Perry, second by Mr. Duffy to approve **Resolution 2019-53** as presented. Motion carried followed by a roll call vote:

Roll Call

Ayes: Mr. Perry, Mayor Duffy

Nays: None

Abstentions: None **Absent:**, Mr. Carrazzone

2019-53 Refund Overpayment 2019 Taxes Block 1201, Lot 2.02

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector advises of an overpayment of taxes for the tax year 2019. The property owner paid the 4th quarter taxes as billed and the Tax Assessor granted a 100% disabled veteran exemption for 2019, effective November 7th, 2019 therefore creating an overpayment of taxes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 26th day of December, 2019 by the Mayor and Township Committee that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to make the refund of taxes as follows:

BLOCK	LOT	OWNER	AMOUNT
1201	2.02	Mangold, Evan 168 Stillwater Road	\$ 1,129.15

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 December 26th, 2019.

Judith M. Fisher, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Motion by Mr. Perry, second by Mr. Duffy to approve **Resolution 2019-54** as presented. Motion carried followed by a roll call vote:

Roll Call

Ayes: Mr. Perry, Mayor Duffy

Nays: None

Abstentions: None **Absent:**, Mr. Carrazzone

2019-54 Refund Overpayment to Lereta Corp Block 1003, Lot 13.10

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector advises of a double payment 4th quarter 2019 taxes. The 4th quarter was paid by Corporate Settlement on 10-23-2019 and by LERETA Corp on 11-2-19. LERETA Corp has requested the refund.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED on this 26th day of December, 2019 by the Mayor and Township Committee that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to make the refund of taxes as follows:

Block	Lot	Refund to	Amount
1003	13.10	LERETA Corp 59 Stillwater Road - Ebbels	\$ 2,130.12

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 December 26th, 2019.

Judith M. Fisher, RMC
Municipal Clerk

OLD BUSINESS:

2020: As of Jan 14, 2020, Windows 7 support will end.

IT has made upgrade recommendations. An email from Mr. Reece, IT Support noted that as of January 14, 2020, Microsoft will no longer provide security updates or support for PCs running Windows 7. Discussion was to upgrade three computers and replace 2. As for the Server, Mr. Perry has contacted Edmunds to see about doing a Cloud Based Software and what their yearly cost would be.

Conservation Advising Services: Proposed Advising Services for 2020 contract.

Mr. Perry moved to approve the Conservation Advising Services contract for 2020 contingent with the Open Space Committee reviewing, seconded by Mr. Duffy. Motion carried followed by a roll call vote:

Roll Call

Ayes: Mr. Perry, Mayor Duffy

Nays: None

Abstentions: None **Absent:**, Mr. Carrazzone

NEW BUSINESS

Happiness is Camping: Raffle Application 2019-01 – 50/50 Drawing December 5, 2020

Mrs. Fisher noted that their paperwork is in order and a check for \$20 was attached to be sent with the application to the Games of Chance.

A motion was made by Mr. Perry to approved the Raffle application for Happiness is Camping, seconded by Mr. Duffy. Motion carried and a voice vote was unanimous.

Sussex-Warren Co-Op – Addendum: Energy Aggregation extended program

An email was sent from Tara Pasca informing the Co-Op participants that Co-Op has an opportunity to both lower the current Sussex-Warren Area Energy Co-Op Government Energy

Aggregation rate beginning June 1, 2020, and, extend the program out at the lower rate until November 30, 2021. The new lower rate that will take effect on June 1, 2020 is \$0.0869/kWh and continue until November 30, 2021. The Lead Agency, Fredon Boro, has given approval to move forward at the new, reduced rate, however they want to make sure that the Municipal Participants wish to continue participating. If the answer is yes, then the Co-Op will send the Addendum to the current contract for execution.

The Committee noted that they would like more information and discussion on this and that the Addendum will not be signed tonight; it will be further discussed at the Work Meeting in January.

Mr. Perry asked about the 2 Resolutions that Knowlton Township adopted regarding brush cutting. Senator Oroho has bills proposed on cutting that require they to be passed but that right now, the League opposes them. There was a brief discussion that will be followed up at the next Work Meeting in January 2020.

DISCUSSION NONE

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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

Seeing there were no public comments, Mr. Perry motioned to closed this portion of the meeting to the public, second by Mr. Duffy. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Mr. Perry had nothing to report on tonight.

Mr. Duffy also had nothing to report on at this time. He did note that 2019 was a tough year and that he hopes that 2020 will be better.

Mr. Perry notes that on January 8, 2020 at 11am there will be a Press Conference that the Governor and Senator Oroho will be attending. The tentative site might be Alina Lodge. There has been no confirmation yet. Discussion will be on the new round for OPIOID funding.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Duffy and carried to adjourn tonight's meeting of the Hardwick Township Committee at 2:23PM

Respectfully submitted
Judith M. Fisher, RMC
Municipal Clerk