

TOWNSHIP OF HARDWICK
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

March 06, 2019

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 6:35PM 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 Carrazzone, Committeeman James Perry
Also present:, Township Attorney Michael Lavery, CMFO Christine Rolef, Township Engineer Ted Rodman and Surveyor Bob Berry
Absent: CPWM Thomas Campbell

Executive Session: RESOLUTION

A motion was made by Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Duffy and carried to adopt the Resolution to go into Closed Session at 6:35PM.

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. Potential Litigation, Attorney/Client: Paulinskill Road

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: 6:35PM

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

Also Present: Township Engineer Ted Rodman, Land Surveyor Bob Berry, Attorney Michael Lavery, Township Clerk Judith Fisher

Time Out: 7:10PM

A motion was made by Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Carrazzone to come out of closed session at 7:10PM. Motion carried and unanimous.

Attorney Mr. Lavery noted that he met in closed session with the Committee and discussed one Potential Litigation/Attorney/Client privilege Information – Paulinskill Road. 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 \$302,763.72.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None

Abstentions: None **Absent:** None

REPORTS

Engineer: No Report Tonight

DPW: No Report Tonight

CFO: No Report tonight

Attorney: No Report tonight

Clerk: No Report Tonight

Grant: No Report Tonight

OEM: No Report tonight

Retired Fire Warden: No Report tonight.

RESOLUTIONS: None

PROCLAMATION: Mayor Duffy read the following Proclamation

National Poison Prevention Week – March 17 – 23, 2019

WHEREAS, Congress designated the third full week in March to be National Poison Prevention Week (NPPW) in 1961 and since then this week has helped to raise national awareness of the dangers of potentially poisonous medicines, household chemicals, and other substances; and

WHEREAS, poison centers across the country will focus the public's attention on identifying poisoning hazards at home as well as learning ways to prevent poisoning emergencies; and

WHEREAS, unintentional poisoning is the leading cause of unintentional injury death in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, drug overdose deaths including prescription pain medicine and heroin remain at epidemic proportions for both New Jersey and the United States. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the majority of drug overdose deaths (more than six out of ten) involve an opioid; and

WHEREAS, a poison is defined as anything that is taken in the wrong amount, in the wrong way or by the wrong person; and

WHEREAS, every poisoning is preventable! From the youngest to the oldest, all people and even pets are at risk; and

WHEREAS, although the majority of reported poison exposures involve children five (5) years old and younger; the majority of poisoning deaths occur in adults aged 20 to 59; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Poison Information and Education System (NJPIES), a division of the Department of Emergency Medicine of the New Jersey Medical School of Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, provides expert advice, drug information, and poison prevention education to NJ residents through the 800-222-1222 Poison Help Hotline; and

WHEREAS, all services are free, confidential, multilingual and available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year even during bouts of Mother Nature; and

WHEREAS, the public can contact a poison expert by calling (1-800-222-1222), chatting (www.njpies.org), or texting (8002221222@njpies.org); and

WHEREAS, consumers must be aware that e-cigarette devices, hookah pipes and liquid nicotine may contain very high doses of nicotine in enticing colors, aromas, and flavors – increasing the likelihood that small children and pets will focus their attention on them. These products pose serious risk of poisoning; and

WHEREAS, poison experts urge residents to use our services as a resource for poison and drug information instead of consulting the internet for information that may not be accurate; and

WHEREAS, we encourage all residents to program the Poison Help Line 800-222-1222 into home, office, and cell phones because a rapid response can make a difference in preventing serious injury and saving lives; and

WHEREAS, the use of poison centers services saves residents both time and money. Most cases are managed in the convenience of the caller's home, requiring no hospital visit; and

WHEREAS, NJPIES is also involved with the state's efforts in homeland defense, counter-terrorism, emergency preparedness and response, bio surveillance, and surveillance for clusters of poisonings and their sources (products, food and beverages, chemicals in the workplace and at home, environmental toxins, drugs and medicine, and animal and insect bites and stings);

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kevin Duffy, Mayor of the Township of Hardwick, do hereby proclaim the week of March 17-23, 2019 as National Poison Prevention Week in New Jersey and encourage all citizens to pledge their commitment to ensuring the safety of themselves, their families, and their community.

Kevin Duffy. Mayor, Township of Hardwick

ORDINANCE: None

OLD BUSINESS: Appointments from Reorganization Meeting

Appointments:

Land Use Board: Alternate #4 and Class IV Vacant

Resolution 2019-07 Open Space Tax **HOLD until the Budget meeting**

OLD BUSINESS

Nixle Community Services Information: This is now up and running at no cost to the residents

County Route 659, Spring Valley Road – Update of Closure

Mayor Duffy reported that Freeholder Jason Sarnoski has reinforced to us that there is funding in their 2019 Budget for repairs. They are presently looking at a long-term solution and that they are willing to work with the Township on this.

NEW BUSINESS

Renewal: Firewall Subscription \$250.00 Annual Support \$125 Service Cost

Motion made by Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Carrazzone and carried to approve the renewal subscription for the Firewall.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None **Absent:** None

WC Pollution Control Financing Authority – Interlocal Agreement

The following Resolution was approved on a motion made by Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Carrazzone and carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

2019-23 Resolution of the Township of Hardwick, County of Warren, State of New Jersey Authorizing the Execution of an Interlocal Agreement By and Between the Township of Hardwick and the Pollution Control Financing Authority of Warren County

WHEREAS, the Township of Hardwick (“Township”) seeks an opportunity for the disposal of bulky waste; and

WHEREAS, the Pollution Control Finance Authority of Warren County (“PCFA”) is willing to accept the disposal of bulky waste from the Township at the Warren County District Landfill; and

WHEREAS, the parties are desirous of entering into an Interlocal Agreement pursuant to the Shared Services and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1, *et seq.* in the form attached hereto.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick, County of Warren, State of New Jersey that the Mayor is hereby authorized and directs the Mayor to execute the aforesaid Agreement with the PCFA as described in said Agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Municipal Clerk is directed to keep a copy of said Agreement on file in the office of the Municipal Clerk.

CERTIFICATION

I, Judith M. Fisher, RMC, Clerk of the Township of Hardwick, County of Warren and State of New Jersey do hereby certify the foregoing to be true and correct copy of a Resolution duly adopted by the Hardwick Township Committee at a meeting of said Committee held on March 6, 2019.

Judith M. Fisher, RMC, Township Clerk

North Warren Court: Letter from Judge Mennen re: Ordinance – offenses against Public Peace RE: First time Marijuana Defendants

Mayor Duffy and Mr. Lavery updated the Committee on this request. Mr. Lavery will draft the ordinance for the April meeting.

Natural Landmark: Applying to the Water Gap – No change in status

Township Engineer: 2019 Contract Professional Services, HOLDING – Budget W/Meeting

Computer Upgrade: Windows 7 to Windows 10 by January 2020, Budget W/Mtg discussion

DISCUSSION:

Soil Importation Ordinance: A draft ordinance was reviewed. At Land Use Board meeting on March 14, this ordinance will be reviewed for comments that will be sent back to the Township Committee.

CenturyLink Fiber: Offer sent to Clerk

Mr. Perry and the Clerk are working on this. For now, the Township will not be making any changes. Mr. Perry will be looking into possible grants that maybe offered.

Bug Committee Meeting - Update The Mayor talked about the invasion of these species and the destruction. They have been seen in both Pennsylvania and New Jersey. For now, it is mostly the Ash trees that they are attacking.

Budget Meeting: New budget meeting date will be Saturday, March 23 at 9AM with the Township Auditor.

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.

Stephanie Ruccereto, 1 Meadow Cliff Lane let the Committee know that DEP visited their property regarding the soil importation. Aerial pictures were taken by them.

Seeing there was no public comments, a motion was then made by Mr. Carrazzone, seconded by Mr. Duffy and carried to close this portion of the meeting to the Public.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Perry talked about the Active Service plaque that is at the Municipal Building. He is asking that if there any families with active service members to contact him with their information. There was a discussion on doing a plaque with the names and Branch of Service

Mr. Carrazzone – No report at this time.

Mayor Duffy – No report at this time

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Mr. Carrazzone, seconded by Mr. Perry and carried to adjourn tonight's meeting of the Hardwick Township Committee at 7:51PM

Respectfully submitted,

Judith M. Fisher, RMC