

TOWNSHIP OF HARDWICK
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

April 17, 2019

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. 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 Richard Wenner, Township Engineer Ted Rodman and CPWM Thomas Campbell

Absent: None

RESOLUTIONS: 2019 BUDGET INTRODUCTION

Motion made by Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Carrazzone and carried to adopt the following **RESOLUTIONS 2019-17 to 2019-19**. Roll call vote will follow

2019-17 Delayed Introduction of the 2019 Municipal Budget

WHEREAS, under provisions of N.J.S.A.40A:4-5, a municipality shall introduce the Local Municipal Budget no later than April 29 of the fiscal year; and,

WHEREAS, the Township of Hardwick has delayed the introduction of the 2019 Municipal Budget past the statutory deadline; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick, Warren County, New Jersey, that the Township of Hardwick hereby petitions the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to allow a delayed introduction of the 2019 Hardwick Township Municipal Budget; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, 101 South Broad Street, P.O. Box 803, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0803.

2019-18 Introduction of the 2019 Municipal Budget

WHEREAS, the Township of Hardwick is holding a meeting on April 17, 2019, for the purpose of introducing the 2019 Municipal Budget and conducting other matters; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick, Warren County, New Jersey, that the Township of Hardwick hereby petitions the Director of the Division of Local Government Services that the 2019 Local Municipal Budget be introduced and approved on April 17, 2019.

2019 HARDWICK TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Surplus anticipated general revenues	\$ 201,996.00
Total Miscellaneous revenue	412,274.00
Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	90,000.00
Local Property Taxes	<u>773,521.00</u>
Total General Revenues	<u>\$1,477,791.00</u>
Total Operations	
Salaries and Wages	\$ 325,545.00
Other Expenses	451,033.00
Capital Improvement Fund	355,000.00
Debt Service	68,820.00
Statutory Expenditures	65,812.00
Reserve for Delinquent Taxes	<u>211,581.00</u>
Total 2019 Municipal Budget	<u>\$1,477,791.00</u>
2019 Municipal Tax Rate (Estimated)	\$0.4917

2019-19 Special Items of General Revenue, Clean Community, Grant Birch Ridge Rd (2)

WHEREAS, the 2019 Local Municipal Budget was introduced on the 17th day of April, 2019; and,

WHEREAS, during the fiscal year 2019 the Township of Hardwick has been allocated a state grant for various programs in the amount of \$188,000.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that petition be made herewith to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services that the 2019 Local Municipal Budget include a special item of revenue under the heading of "**Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of Director of Local Government Services-Public and Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations:**"

Clean Communities Program-2019	\$ 8,000.00
NJ DOT Grant Birch Ridge Road-PY Unappropriated	135,000.00
NJ DOT Grant Birch Ridge Road	<u>45,000.00</u>
	<u>\$ 188,000.00</u>

Roll Call

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

Nays: None

Abstentions: None **Absent:** None

Motion made by Mr. Carrazzone, second by Mr. Duffy and carried to adopt **RESOLUTION 2019-20.**

2019-20 Special Item of Revenue, Alina Lodge, Cell Tower

WHEREAS, the 2019 Local Municipal Budget was introduced on the 17th day of April, 2019; and,

WHEREAS, during the fiscal year 2019 the Township of Hardwick will receive revenue for various other special items in the amount of \$65,000.00

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that petition be made herewith to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services that the 2019 Local Municipal Budget include a special item of revenue under the heading of "**Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of Director of Local Government Services-Other Special Items:**"

Alina Lodge In Lieu Payments	\$ 15,000.00
Cell Tower Revenue	<u>50,000.00</u>
	<u>\$ 65,000.00</u>

Roll Call

Ayes: Mr. Carrazzone, Mayor Duffy

Nays: None

Abstentions: Mr. Perry **Absent:** None

ORDINANCE:

The following ORDINANCES have had first reading at the April 8th meeting. Second Reading and Public Hearing will be at the May 1st meeting of the Committee

2019-02 An Ordinance of the Township of Hardwick, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, Adopting Section 12-2, Importation of Soil and Fill Materials of Chapter XII, Soil and Removal of the Hardwick Township Municipal Code.

2019-03 An Ordinance adopting Offenses Against Public Peace and Amending Chapter III, Police Regulations, of the Hardwick Municipal Code to Include Section 3-9, Offenses Against Public Peace.

OLD BUSINESS:

Desiree Dunn: Proposal – further discussion

Mayor Duffy briefly talked about Ms. Dunn’s proposal noted that she wants to be the Grant Writer but with a stipend. A percentage of the Grant are not awarded. The Township does have a Grant Committee and we should maybe look towards them to see what is out there that the Township could apply for.

Appointments: Land Use Board: Alternate #2 and #3 Vacant

Mayor Duffy does have someone that is interest in one of these openings. He will speak with this person and hopefully have an appointment at the next meeting.

Road Closing/Flooding: County Route 659, Spring Valley Road – Update of Closure

Mayor Duffy reported that Freeholder Jason Sarnoski has reinforced to us that there is \$50,000 funding in their 2019 Budget for a study, but there is no fix to the problem yet.

Mr. Bob Berry is working with the Freeholders and County Engineer. They are presently looking at a long-term solution and that they are willing to work with the Township on this. This road is now opened but only one lane.

NEW BUSINESS

REMINDER – Clean Up Week is schedule for May 6 – May 11. Notices have been placed on the Web, Township Bulletin Board and Building.

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

DISCUSSION:

Fire Insurance Ordinance – Information sent from Blairstown Twp., Mayor Lance The Committee has had a chance to review this information. Sharon Cooper, Township Insurance Agent is in agreement with the Township having an Ordinance on this. The Attorney explained the purpose of doing this. The Committee asked the Attorney to draft the ordinance for 1st reading at the May 1 meeting.

2019- “An Ordinance to Amend and Supplement the Code for the Township of Hardwick to add a Section Entitled “Fire Insurance Claims”

Vacant Property Ordinance: Mayor Duffy talked to Mr. Boesze about this ordinance. He has been very busy with the number of vacant properties in the Township.

Mr. Perry talked about an issue on Deerwood, a blocked driveway. He talked with the neighbor having this problem and noted that it was a neighbor dispute. He suggested that she call and speak with the Zoning Officer, George Boesze. Mayor Duffy noted that George has been there on other issues.

Ted Rodman reported on the following:

1. The Tax Map will be updated to correct Jones Road to show that it is **JONES LANE**
2. **DEP – Youngs Pond** – The dam there need to be repairs and it is the owners responsibility to make them. The pond is located on Mohican Road in Blairstown but if the repairs are not made it can affect Hardwick homes.
3. **DOT Grant** – Sunset Lake Road The Township has been awarded \$156,000 from the State to paving this road. He reminded the Committee that the State Aid is not a grant. The Township will have 2 year to complete this project. The application that Ted put in for totals out to \$473,000 and since the Township was award partial funding of this amount, they are on the hook for the balance.

Ted made the following Options that the Township could do:

- a. request a change of work order. Maybe pave only a third to half the length of the road
 - b. Project is do by 2020, balance of funding in that budget or apply for another grant to finish the project
 - c. turn the money back to State - Committees answer to this was **NO loud and clear**
- Mr. Campbell noted that the short fall was about \$317,000. He asked if the application could be adjusted; probably with no guide rails. Ted noted that this is safety for the road. Tom noted that there were other roads that were done with State monies and this was not addressed then. One of the other items that need to be addressed was the catch basin repairs, of which Tom noted there were no catch basin on Sunset Lake Rd. Ted will recheck the application and he numbers. He will also check with DOT to see if he can amend his paperwork/application. He will update the Committee at the May 1 meeting on his findings.

Stires Farm Lane – Washout The Committee suggested that Tom keep track on his hours and machinery on the clean up work that he has done there so far. The Committee asked that Ted and Tom go out to revisit the area as to what the Township could do to correct the problem.

Mayor Duffy reported that the Zoning Officer, George Boesze informed him that the Water Company is behind on their permit fee for 2018-2019. They still owe the 2018 permit fee of \$2500.

May 3rd there will be a luncheon held by Warren County for Outstanding Senior for 2019. Hardwick nominated Richard Ohl.

Pahaquarry Foundation – We are waiting for this to be finished. It is with the State that needs to do the dissolution of the Corporation. This is what is holding up the final to this long-awaited finale.

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.

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

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 8:10PM

Respectfully submitted,

Judith M. Fisher, RMC