

TOWNSHIP OF HARDWICK  
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

**April 8, 2019 (Monday)**

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 6:41PM 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, and CPWM Thomas Campbell

**Absent:** Township Engineer Ted Rodman

**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 6:43PM.

**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: Anderson, Paulinskill Road and Stires. Shannon 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:** 6:43PM

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:** 7:21PM

A motion was made by Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Carrazzone to come out of closed session at 7:21PM. Motion carried and unanimous.

Attorney Mr. Lavery noted that he met in closed session with the Committee and discussed four items: Attorney/Client privilege Information, Potential Litigation, 70 Birch Ridge Road, Stires, Farm Road, Paulinskill Road, Anderson and Personnel, Employee. 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 \$512,298.92.

**Roll Call**

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

**Nays:** None

**Abstentions:** None     **Absent:** None

**REPORTS**

**Engineer:** Mr. Rodman talked about some confusion on the Tax Map for Hardwick.

Blairstown Township and Hardwick both had a Road name – JONES ROAD. Back in 1988 Hardwick changed the name to JONES LANE. The problem is that our tax maps were not updated with this name change. The Committee authorized Mr. Rodman to have Laura Brill correct this error.

**DPW:** Mr. Campbell talked about Clean Up Week schedule for May 6<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>. The notice was reviewed and approved. It will be posted on the Township Web. He then talked about the

State Aid that was approved for Sunset Lake Road. The Engineer’s application for this project was for over \$400,000 and the Township received only \$160,000. The Township has 2 years to complete the project, but they will have to make up the difference in money. There was a brief discussion on several item on the application that could have been corrected before sending to the State. Summer hire was hired and again it will be Kyle Peck who will start April 22, 2019.

**CFO:** Ms. Rolef noted that the Auditor was in working on the Audit. There is a Bond Note coming due May 1<sup>st</sup>. She has been working with Bond Counsel on this.

**Attorney:** No Report tonight    **Clerk:** No Report Tonight    **Grant:** No Report Tonight  
**OEM:** No Report tonight

**Retired Fire Warden:** Mr. Wolff reported that the Helicopter in now located in Andover for a while. There have been about 30 fires in New jersey so far. Last week about a half-acre burned on Butler Road. Fire might have been caused by the loggers that are cutting trees there. Joe Battersby from FireWise, met with the Firewise group and is working with them on grants.

**RESOLUTIONS: 2019 Budget Introduction**

On a motion made by Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Carrazzone and carried, the following Resolution were approved.

- 2019-17** Delayed Introduction of 2019 Budget
- 2019-18** Introduction of the 2019 Municipal Budget
- 2019-19** Special Item of General Revenue, Clan Community, Grant Birch Ridge Rd (2)
- 2019-20** Special Item of Revenue, Alina Lodge, Cell Tower

Mr. Perry then talked about the DOT Grant and about taking more surplus for Sunset Lake Road DOT project. He suggested taking an additional \$50,000 from surplus and placing this in the Capital Improvement fund for this project. There was a brief discussion and the Committee agreed to make this change. It was then decided to hold the introduction of the 2019 Budget until this change can be made. The CFO will contact the Auditor about this and we will then introduce at the April 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Mr. Perry then motion to rescind the above motion that he made, seconded by Mr. Carrazzone. Motion carried and a voice vote was unanimous.

**RESOLUTION**

Mr. Perry motioned to approve Resolution 2019-07 – Open Space Tax, second by Mr. Carrazzone. Motion carried followed by a roll call vote:

**2019-07 Open Space Tax for 2019**

**WHEREAS**, the provisions of the Township of Hardwick’s open space ordinance allows the township committee to set the open space tax rate annually within a specified range; and,

**WHEREAS**, the township committee desires to set municipal open space tax rate at \$0.02 per \$100 of assessed valuation for the 2019 calendar year.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick that election be made to set the municipal open space tax rate at \$0.02 per \$100 of assessed valuation for the 2019 calendar year.

It is hereby certified that this is a true and accurate copy of a Resolution adopted by the governing body of the Township of Hardwick at a regular meeting held on January 8, 2019.

**Roll Call**

**Ayes:** Mr. Carrazzone, Mr. Perry and Mayor Duffy  
**Nays:** None    **Abstentions:** None    **Absent:** None

Mr. Perry motioned to approve Resolution 2019-21 – Transfers, second by Mr. Carrazzone. Motion carried followed by a roll call vote:

**2019-21 Transfer of 2018 Budget Appropriations**

**WHEREAS**, NJSA 40A:4-59 permits appropriation transfers during the first 3 months of the succeeding year; and;

**WHEREAS**, there are certain appropriations requiring transfers of 2018 appropriation reserves:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, confirmation 2/3 of the full Governing Body; that the following transfers are authorized:

TRANSFER FROM:		TRANSFER TO:	
INTERLOCAL 911 DISPATCH	951.00	FINANCE ADMINISTRATION	325.26
PLANNING BOARD OTHER EXPENSE	22.88	ADMINISTRATION - OTHER EXPENSE	33.59
		BUILDING & GROUNDS - OTHER EXPENSE	142.00
		GAS- NATURAL PROPANE	473.03
	973.88		973.88

Certification

I, Judith M. Fisher, Clerk of the Township of Hardwick, County of Warren do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and accurate copy of a Resolution adopted by the Hardwick Township Committee at a meeting of said Township Committee held on April 8, 2019.

**Roll Call**

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

**Nays:** None **Abstentions:** None **Absent:** None

**PROCLAMATION Older Americans Month - May 2019**

**Whereas**, the month of May is traditionally designated Older Americans Month by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; and

**Whereas**, the theme for Older Americans Month 2019 is **“Connect, Create, Contribute”** emphasizing the importance of contributing to your community. Everyone benefits when everyone can participate. We encourage you to connect, create, and contribute for stronger and more diverse communities.

**Whereas**, Township of Hardwick includes countless older Americans who enrich and strengthen our community; and

**Whereas**, Township of Hardwick is committed to engaging and supporting older adults, their families, and caregivers; and

**Whereas**, we acknowledge the importance of taking part in activities that promote physical, mental, and emotional well-being—no matter your age; and

**Whereas**, Township of Hardwick can enrich the lives of individuals of every age by: promoting home- and community-based services that support independent living; involving older adults in community planning, events, and other activities; and providing opportunities for older adults to work, volunteer, learn, lead, and mentor.

**Now therefore**, Mayor Kevin Duffy of the Township of Hardwick does hereby proclaim May 2019 to be Older Americans Month. Residents are encouraged to take time during this month to acknowledge and recognize older adults as vital members of our community.

Dated this 8th day of April, 2019

Mayor Kevin Duffy, Mayor  
Township of Hardwick

**ORDINANCE:**

Motion made by Mr. Perry, second by Mr. Carrazzone to introduce the following ORDINANCES for 1<sup>st</sup> Reading. Motion carried and a voice vote was unanimous.

**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.**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick, in the County of Warren, New Jersey, find and determine that it is necessary to provide for procedures governing the importation of soil and fill materials within the boundaries of the Township of Hardwick.

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick, in the County of Warren, New Jersey, find and determine that the unregulated and uncontrolled importation of soil and fill materials into the boundaries of the Township of Hardwick poses a threat to the safety, public health, and general welfare of the Township’s residents.

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

**Section 1**

The title section of Chapter 12, Section 12-2 of the Hardwick Township Municipal Code shall read as follows:

“Importation of Soil and Fill Materials”

**Section 2**

Section 12-2 is hereby adopted and shall read as follows:

**§ 12-2.1 Preamble.** The Township Committee finds and determines that the placement of contaminated soil within the boundaries of the Township of Hardwick poses a threat to the safety, public health, and general welfare of the Township’s residents. The adoption and enforcement of this Section does not exempt an applicant from required approvals of the local Soil Conservation District and is meant to act in conjunction with all Soil Conservation District requirements with respect to soil importation.

**§ 12-2.2 Definitions.** As used in this Section:

- a. “Property” shall mean all contiguous lands owned by the same person or entity.

b. "Soil" shall mean and include all forms of earth, whether organic or inorganic, including by way of example, but not by way of limitation, surface or subsurface dirt, stone, rock, gravel, crushed stone, sand, humus, clay, loam, minerals, topsoil, and any mixtures thereof.

c. "Fill Material" shall mean, all forms of reclaimed materials, whether organic or inorganic, including by way of example, but not by way of limitation, quarry process, crushed masonry, recycled concrete aggregate, brick or brick fragments, asphalt millings, dredging materials, and any mixtures thereof or in mixtures with soil.

d. "Applicant" shall mean any person or entity who has filed an application with the Township Clerk pursuant to the provisions of § 12-2.4 herein.

e. "Importation" and "import" shall mean the movement of soil or fill materials onto properties located within the boundaries of the Township of Hardwick from one or more locations outside the Township's boundaries.

f. "Contaminated" shall mean soil or fill material containing one or more contaminants from an unintentional or intentional spilling, leaking, pumping, pouring, emitting, emptying, or dumping of a hazardous substance, hazardous waste, pollutant, or naturally occurring contaminant at a concentration which fails to satisfy any applicable remediation standard as defined by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.

g. *Hazardous* shall mean the presence of one or more contaminants at levels generally considered to pose a threat to human health, whether from short-term or long-term direct exposure, or from consequent degradation of surface or groundwater resources.

**§ 12-2.3 Importation of Contaminated Soil Prohibited.** Importation of contaminated soil or fill materials into the Township of Hardwick is prohibited.

**§ 12-2.4 Permit Requirements; Fees.** a. No person shall import or engage in any preparatory site work to import soil or fill materials onto a site within the Township of Hardwick in quantities of two hundred fifty (250) cubic yards or more without first having procured a permit thereof by the filing of an application for such soil importation with the Zoning Officer. The Application shall be accompanied by a minimum fee of one hundred (\$100.00) dollars plus ten (\$10.00) dollars per thousand cubic yards in excess of one hundred (100) cubic yards. The Applicant shall also deposit an escrow with the Township Clerk in the amount of one hundred fifty (\$150.00) dollars to cover the costs of the Township Engineer's review of the Application pursuant to § 12-2.6. The Township Engineer may require additional escrow provided that Township Engineer's initial review result in a determination for additional engineering review or retention of professional services as described in § 12-2.6 herein.

b. The Application shall disclose the address and location from which the soil or fill materials will be obtained, the owner or representative of the owner of the premises from which the soil or fill materials is to be obtained and the kind and quality of soil and fill materials to be imported.

c. The Application shall include the name(s) and address(es) of the property owner and the stated purpose for importation activity, for example, to level a rocky area for the purposes of establishing a lawn or pasture area.

d. The Application shall include documentation from the soil or fill material supplier(s) certifying that the material imported is free of contaminants.

**§ 12-2.5 Permit Expiration; Renewals.** Permits shall expire ninety (90) days after approval pursuant to subsection 12-2.4. Expired permits may be renewed one time upon the filing of a Renewal Application with the Zoning officer. The Renewal Application shall be accompanied by a minimum fee of one hundred (\$100.00) dollars. Application for renewals shall be approved provided that there are no changes to the scope of the project or to the previously approved source(s) of imported soil and fill materials as described pursuant to § 12-2.4. Material changes to the project, including but not limited to, changes in scope of project or source(s) of imported soil and fill materials, shall result in denial of the Renewal Application. Denials of Renewal Applications shall not prejudice the re-filing of an Application for a Permit pursuant to § 12-2.4.

**§ 12-2.6 Permit Exemption.** Where there is an approved site plan and said site plan approval includes provisions for importation of soil or fill materials, no additional permit or fee shall be required. Permitted construction or repair of septic systems and driveways is explicitly exempted from the requirements of §12-2.3.

**§ 12-2.7 Township Engineer Review; Violations.**

a. The Township Engineer shall review all applications required by § 12-2.4 and if, in the opinion of the Township Engineer, professional review of the application including physical examination or testing of soil or fill materials is required, the Engineer shall forward all pertinent materials to a soil consultant or environmental consultant for review and testing. A certified testing soil laboratory report shall be delivered to the Zoning Officer within thirty (30) days from the date of a completed application during which time the permit shall be considered pending approval with the possibility of denial. The report of the consultant shall be accompanied by an invoice for the services performed. The applicant shall establish an escrow fund in the Township Clerk's office to satisfy the cost of testing and professional review based upon an estimate of the cost involved to be provided by the Township Engineer.

b. If the Township Engineer, in the course of review, determines that Township roads may sustain meaningful “wear and tear” damage due to the passage of trucks carrying the imported materials, the Township’s Public Works Manager shall review the application. If meaningful damage is determined to be likely, the Public Works Manager shall provide a reasonable estimate of excess costs attributable to truck traffic associated with the importation activity. Such estimates shall fairly apportion and distinguish between costs associated with the importation activity and those associated with normal usage of the Township’s roadways including occasional passage of heavy trucks. The applicant shall be solely responsible for costs attributable to the importation activity and shall establish an escrow fund in the Township Clerk’s office sufficient to refund the Township for this expense.

c. If, during the course of soil or fill material importation, the Township Engineer shall determine that a physical examination of the material involved is required to ensure protection of public health and safety, the Township may retain, at its discretion, a soil consultant to examine the imported material. Such examination and shall be at the sole expense of the applicant who shall establish an escrow account to cover the possibility that this cost may be incurred.

d. If it is determined that contaminated soil or fill materials have been imported into the Township, whether unintentionally or intentionally, any ongoing importation activities shall cease immediately and the property owner shall, at the Township’s discretion, be responsible for remediation or removal of the material. If the imported material is determined to be hazardous, remediation and/or removal shall be required. Any such remediation or removal shall be conducted under the supervision of the Township Engineer at the sole expense of the property owner.

e. If the Township Engineer, in the course of review, determines the need for site plan review, the Application shall be referred to the Hardwick Township Planning Board for review pursuant to the provisions of § 13-71 et seq. of the Land Use Ordinance and Approval of the permit shall be stayed pending review of the Application by the Hardwick Township Land Use Board.

**§ 12-2.8 Truck Traffic Limitations On Permitted Importation.** During the school year, which for the purposes of this Ordinance will be September 1 to June 30, truck traffic for the permitted importation of soil or fill materials shall be limited to the hours of 9AM to 3PM Mondays through Fridays inclusive. From July 1 to August 31, truck traffic for the permitted importation of soil or fill materials shall be limited to the hours of 7AM to 6PM Mondays through Fridays inclusive. Traffic for permitted importation of materials is prohibited on Saturdays and Sundays.

**Section 2**

This ordinance shall take effect immediately after passage.

**Section 3**

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 to be unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

**NOTICE**

**NOTICE** is hereby given that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced to pass on first reading at a regular meeting of the Committee of the Township of Hardwick held on April 8, 2019 and ordered published in accordance with the law. Said Ordinance will be considered for final reading and adoption at a regular meeting of the Township Committee to be held on May 1, at 7:00 PM, 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.

Judith Fisher, R.M.C.

Township of Hardwick

Motion made by Mr. Perry, second by Mr. Carrazzone to introduce the following ORDINANCES for 1<sup>st</sup> Reading. Motion carried and a voice vote was unanimous.

**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

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick, in the County of Warren, New Jersey, find and determine that it is necessary to prohibit nuisance creating conduct for the preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of the Township’s residents.

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick, in the County of Warren, New Jersey, find and determine that its necessary to amend the Municipal Code to include prohibition on conduct that disturbs, annoys, or otherwise threaten public peace.

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

**Section 1**

Chapter III, Police Regulations, of the Hardwick Municipal Code is amended to include Section 3-9 and title of said section shall read as follows:

“Offenses Against Public Peace”

**Section 2**

Section 3-9, Offenses Against Public Peace, of Chapter III, Police Regulations, is hereby adopted and shall be read as follows:

**§ 3-9.1**

**Definitions.**

As used in the Section, the following definitions shall apply in the interpretation and enforcement of this Section:

a. Disorderly Assemblage: Any two or more persons gathered together and acting in a boisterous, noisy, riotous, offensive, disorderly or threatening manner toward each other or others or committing any acts which in any way breach or disturb the peace or tend to breach or disturb the peace.

b. Parent or Guardian: Any adult person having care or custody of a minor, whether by reason of blood relationship, the order of any court, or otherwise.

c. Public Place: Any place to which the public has access, including but not limited to any street, highway, road, alley or sidewalk. This definition shall also include the front or neighborhood of any store, shop, restaurant, tavern or other place of business, public grounds, public areas, parks, as well as parking lots or other vacant private property not owned by or under the control of the person charged with violating this chapter or, in the case of a minor, not owned or under the control of the minor's parent or guardian.

**§ 3-9.2**

**Unlawful Acts.**

a. Conduct. All acts constituting lewd, immoral or indecent conduct, unlawful destruction of property, willful injuries to or unlawful interference with persons, hazards to the public health and breaches or disturbances of the peace are prohibited.

b. Placing Obscene Words or Figures on Buildings; Graffiti. No person shall write or cause to be written any lewd, indecent or obscene word or mark whatsoever or draw or cause to be drawn any lewd, indecent or obscene figure upon any house, building, wall, fence or other place in the Township. No person shall deface or damage any building or other structure owned by any person or public entity by placing thereon any graffiti, epigraph, or inscription without the consent of the owner of the building or structure.

c. Disturbing Lawful Assemblies. No person shall at any time or place willfully disquiet, interrupt or disturb any assembly of people met for a lawful purpose, either by making a noise or by rude, disorderly or indecent behavior or profane language, either within the place of meeting or out of it, so near as to disturb the order and solemnity of the meeting.

d. Obstructing or Threatening Persons. No person shall willfully obstruct, molest, hinder, annoy, frighten, threaten, insult or interfere with any other person lawfully upon any public thoroughfare, in any public place, or in any automobile, bus, or other public or private conveyance which is lawfully upon any public thoroughfare.

f. Public Drinking; Open Container. It is unlawful for any person to consume alcoholic beverages in any public place, or to carry open bottles or containers of any alcoholic beverage for consumption in any public place. This shall not apply to persons consuming alcoholic beverage or carrying open bottles or containers of any alcoholic beverage for consumption in a public place where such use or consumption is conducted in compliance with a license permitting such use or consumption.

**§ 3-9.3**

**Violations and Penalties.**

Violations of any of the provisions of Section 3-9 shall, upon conviction, be a disorderly persons offense and punishable by one or more of the following penalties: (1) a fine not exceeding one thousand (\$1,000) dollars; (2) imprisonment for any term not exceeding ninety (90) days; or (3) a period of community services not exceeding ninety (90) days. Separate offenses shall be deemed committed on each during or on which a violation occurs or continues.

**NOTICE**

**NOTICE** is hereby given that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced to pass on first reading at a regular meeting of the Committee of the Township of Hardwick held on April 8, 2019 and ordered published in accordance with the law. Said Ordinance will be considered for final reading and adoption at a regular meeting of the Township Committee to be held on May 1, at 7:00 PM, 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.

Judith Fisher, R.M.C.  
Township of Hardwick

**RESOLUTION**

**2019-22 Recognizing April 2019 as Warren County Community College Month**

**WHEREAS**, the more than thirteen hundred community and technical colleges, public and private, in the United States have contributed enormously to the richness and accessibility of American higher education, nearly half of all undergraduate college students in the Nation today are enrolled in community colleges; and

**WHEREAS**, by providing educational opportunities at costs and locations accessible to all who are qualified, community and technical colleges have greatly enhanced the opportunity for every ambitious student, young or old, to enter a postsecondary school program. As community-based institutions, our schools provide varied programs and offer specialized training for more than one thousand occupations; and

**WHEREAS**, this community is served well by Warren County Community College, and as Warren County Community College has been recognized by Middle States for its exceptional report and process during the March 2018 Self-Study; and

**WHEREAS**, Warren County Community College because of its successful reform agenda, by implementing meaningful educational change, it has reached a 45% graduation rate, highest in New Jersey as well as record retention rates, while simultaneously continuing to reduce remediation; and

**WHEREAS**, Warren County Community College was the only community college deemed uniquely qualified in Northwest New Jersey, to provide free tuition to all households earning under \$45,000 per year, Through the Governor's Community College Opportunity Grants (CCOG); and

**WHEREAS**, in Spring 2019, Warren County Community College is the only college in the Northeastern United States to implement Cengage Unlimited where all online learning materials are at a flat rate of \$140 annually; and, the option to receive each print book at a flat rate of \$7.99. This is estimated to save students at least \$1,200 annually in book expenses; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2017-2018, a robust dual enrollment program with all six Warren County high schools participating, 1,947 high school students (equivalent to 51% of the entire Warren County public high school population) successfully completed at least one dual enrollment course, saving the Warren County taxpayers an equivalent of \$1.8 million in tuition and fee expenses; and

**WHEREAS**, Warren County Community College is a leader in public service relationships. It currently administers Continuing Education programs, at our Phillipsburg satellite location, with a strong history of collaborating with our county human services offices, even facilitating and authoring a strategic plan for all countywide human services; and

**WHEREAS**, Warren County Community College trustees and staff serve the global higher education community on statewide, national, and international boards including, but not limited to: NJCCC Trustee State Chair, AACC Board of Directors, AACC structured pathways Commission Chair, the AAUA Board of Directors, the Chair Academy International Advisory Board, and the Middle States Commission on Higher Education Board; and

**WHEREAS**, in recognition of the important contribution of community and technical colleges to our total educational system, in 1985 the Congress authorized and requested then President Ronald Reagan to issue Proclamation 5418 establishing a National Community College Month.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved that, the Knowlton Township Mayor and Committee recognize April 2019 as **Warren County Community College Month**.

Honorable Kevin Duffy, Mayor

Certification

I, Judith M. Fisher, Clerk of the Township of Hardwick, County of Warren do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and accurate copy of a Resolution adopted by the Hardwick Township Committee at a meeting of said Township Committee held on April 8, 2019.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Appointments: Land Use Board:** Alternate #3 Vacant

**Resignation:** Daniel Rivara, Alternate #2 Effective immediately

The Committee accept with regrets Mr. Rivara resignation.

Motion made by Mr. Perry, second by Mr. Carrazzone. Motion carried and a voice vote was unanimous.

Open Positions on the Land Use Board is now Alternates #2 and #3

**Foreclosed Township Properties:** Update

Committee asked for assessed values from the Assessor.

**Nixle:** is up and running that the resident can sign up for this Community Information Site

**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 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. This road is now opened but only one lane.

**NEW BUSINESS**

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

**Camp Ralph Mason:** Shooting Range Renewal

Application is in along with the \$50.00 fee. Zoning Officer made his inspection and all is in order and recommends renewal.

Mr. Perry motioned to approve their renewal, seconded by Mr. Carrazzone. Motion carried and a voice vote was unanimous.

**Township Engineer 2019 Professional Contract:** There was a request for a 2% increase. After a brief discussion, Mr. Perry motioned to approved this increase, seconded by Mr. Carrazzone. Motion carried followed by a roll call:

**Roll Call**

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

**Nays:** None **Abstentions:** None **Absent:** None

**Desiree Dunn:** FireWise

Mayor Duffy noted that she has sent in her resume for a Grant Writer. He will talk with her to get more details.

**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.

Mr. Wolff talked about the new dock at White Lake and Stand Pipes.

Seeing there was no other 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.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mr. Perry noted that he will not be available for the July 3<sup>rd</sup> Township meeting.

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 8:20PM

Respectfully submitted,

Judith M. Fisher, RMC