

TOWNSHIP OF HARDWICK  
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

**June 19, 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 7:05PM 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

**REPORTS**

**Engineer:** Spoke about Spring Valley Road and the letter that was received from the County Engineer's office dated June 7, 2019. Mayor Duffy brought up several points that were noted in this letter. Due to the nature of this discussion, Mr. Perry moved that the Committee should go into closed session to further discuss, seconded by Mr. Carrazzone. Motion carried and a voice vote was unanimous.

**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 7:09PM.

**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: Spring Valley Road
  - B. Potential Litigation/Attorney Client: 44 Primrose 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:** 7:09PM

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

**Also Present:** Township Engineer Ted Rodman, CPWM Tom Campbell, Attorney Richard Wenner and Township Clerk Judith Fisher

**Time Out:** 7:27PM

A motion was made by Mr. Duffy, seconded by Mr. Carrazzone to come out of closed session at 7:27PM. Motion carried and unanimous.

Attorney Mr. Wenner noted that he met in closed session with the Committee and discussed two Potential Litigation/Attorney Client items: Spring Valley Road and Primrose Road regarding various roadway drainage issues. 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.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Spring Valley Road:** Further Discussion – Done in Closed Session

**Fire Companies: Proposed Ordinance FURTHER DISCUSSION**

2019- An Ordinance of the Township of Hardwick, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, Amending and Supplementing Chapter II "Administration", to Add Section 2-25. Entitled "Reimbursement to Fire Department for Costs.

The Committee held discussion on this proposed ordinance to the July 3<sup>rd</sup> Business Meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Happiness is Camping:** Third Annual 5K Race, August 4 @ 1:00PM

A letter was submitted from Happiness is Camping regarding this 5K Race. Copies of the race route and a current Certificate of Insurance were included. The Committee reviewed. A motion was then made by Mr. Duffy, second by Mr. Carrazzone to permit the closure of a portion of Sunset Lake Road from the Camp driveway to Spring Valley Road, with the understanding that they will be contacting the County Freeholders and NJ State Police for the closure of Spring Valley Road to Millbrook Road during this Race. The Committee also requested that the Camp contact the resident along the Race route that will be affected by this closure. Motion carried and a voice vote was unanimous.

**DISCUSSION**

**Referendum:** Wording on Referendum Question from 1998 (Deadline to File Question, Aug 16) Mr. Perry asked if the Open Space Committee weighed in on this question. The answer right now was no. Mr. Carrazzone felt that this referendum question should be voted on by the residents in the wording changed to include Historic Preservation that was removed on the 1988 Referendum questions. Discussion will be continued at the next meeting. The Committee has until August 16 to get this question to the County Clerk **IF** it is to be on the November Ballot.

Mayor Duffy reported that he met with the State at the Vass House to discuss their transfer of the lease agreement to Parks and Forestry and to change some of the wording in the lease. When this is finalized, the Vass House will be able to run events in order to raise money like they did in the past before the State closed them down. As for the Pahaquarry Foundation, they are in the process of closing their Corporation and it is in the hands of the State and they are just waiting for the final answer which should be happening soon.

**Slabtown Creek Park:** Proposed Rules for Park

Proposed rules from the Open Space Committee were circulated among the Committee members. If there were any changes or additions, it should be set to the Chairperson, Jim McKim. Mr. Campbell will be installing the kiosk hopefully by this weekend.

**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. Rucereto, Sunset Lake Road talked her Soil Importation application that the Engineer needs to approve. Mr. Rodman noted that there were several items that were missing that he will need copies of. He went over this with her. Mr. Campbell CPWM will get a copy of the adopted Ordinance 2019-02 for this file and review. Ordinance 2019-05 and 2019-06 will be on the July 3<sup>rd</sup> Business meeting for 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and adoption.

The Soil Importation application from Mr. Downey was noted and that he has ceased deliveries of soil for now. Mr. Boesze, Zoning Office informed Mr. Rodman that he will need to contact Mr. Downey and make an appointment in order to do his inspection.

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

Mr. Rodman reminded the Committee that 2020 DOT State Aid Application need to be submitted no later than July 19. Several roads were discussed. Mr. Rodman will do his estimate for the July meeting for the Committee to review before they are submitted.

**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 8:04PM

Respectfully submitted,

Judith M. Fisher, RMC