

TOWNSHIP OF HARDWICK  
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

**September 4, 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 6:33PM 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, Deputy Mayor Alfred Carrazzone

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

**Absent:** Committeeman James Perry

**Executive Session: RESOLUTION**

A motion was made by Mr. Carrazzone, seconded by Mr. Duffy and carried to adopt the Resolution to go into Closed Session at 6:34PM.

**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 – Paulinskill Road
  - B. Attorney Client – Personnel, Health Benefits

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:** 6:34PM

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

**Also Present:** CPWM Thomas Campbell, Twp. Attorney Michael Lavery, Township Clerk Judith Fisher

**Absent:** Committeeman Jim Perry

**Time Out:** 6:58PM

A motion was made by Mr. Carrazzone, seconded by Mr. Kevin to come out of closed session at 7:00PM. Motion carried and unanimous.

Attorney Mr. Lavery noted that he met in closed session with the Committee and discussed two items: Potential Litigation – Paulinskill Road and Attorney/Client Information – Personnel, Health Benefits. 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. Carrazzone, seconded by Mr. Duffy and carried to authorize the payment of the bills in the amount of \$226,433.97.

**Roll Call**

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

**Nays:** None

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

**REPORTS**

Ted Rodman, Township Engineer – Sunset Lake Road is schedule for paving the week of September 9. IT should take about 2 – 3 days. Residents of Sunset and Butler Roads will be notified by letters in their mailboxes. The Engineer has asked the State about using the monies for the guide rails to finish the road but there has been no response back from them. Rucereto's on Meadow Cliff Road are finished with what soil was brought in. If they intent on bringing in more soil, they will need to make application again with the Zoning Officer and then comply with

the present Soil Importation Ordinance. Mr. Downey on Butler Road who also brought in soil is done with his project. He had final inspection on August 26<sup>th</sup> and everything was in order. Mike Fee on Paulinskill Road would like to complete the driveway. The permit was paid and issued to Deerpath back in 2006. Mr. Fee was asked to notify the Township of the name change and to get this in writing. Ted will notify him of this.

Tom Campbell, CPWM also talked about the paving on Sunset Lake Road. The road will remain open to the residents asking that they be cautious as they travel this road and obey the workers. There was a breakdown with the mower that has now been repaired; cost was \$225. Blue Sparks was able to weld the piece and it is ok now. Oil and stone on Jones Lane is done. There was a problem with the oil and stone from last year on several of the Township roads that the contractor has made good on this at no cost to the Township. There is an issue with the maintenance of the area around the cell tower on Riverview. Tom asked if another letter could be sent to owners to clean up the area.

**CFO:** The bills and her monthly report were reviewed.

**Attorney:** Mr. Lavery had nothing more than what was discussed in closed session

**Clerk:** Mrs. Fisher reviewed correspondents received

**Grant:** Mrs. Dunn talked about the Terrorism Task Force and Hardwick Day that is scheduled for Sunday, October 20. The Vender/Exhibitor application form is now on the web, cost \$15.00.

**OEM:** No Report tonight

**Retired Fire Warden:** Spoke about the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Smokey the Bear that was held on August 10 at Liberty State Park. The park has closed the roadway to Blue Mtn Lake until November for repairs.

**RESOLUTION**

**Resolution 2019-** Warehouse Development Proposed in White Township  
The Township of Hope sent all the WC Municipalities a copy of this adopted Resolution asking for support. Since Hardwick just received it, Committee requested time to review. It will be back on the September 18 agenda for further discussion.

**ORDINANCE: 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading and Public Hearing**

Motion was made by Mr. Duffy, seconded by Mr. Carrazzone and carried to approve **Ordinance 2019-08** for Second Reading.

**2019-08 AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR ROAD OVERLAY ~ SUNSET LAKE ROAD WITHIN AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDWICK AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE FUNDING THEREOF**

**BE IT ORDAINED** the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick, County of Warren and State of New Jersey, that the following be properly authorized:

**Road Overlay – Sunset Lake Road - \$360,000.00**

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that the financing for the above is as follows:

<b>NJ DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION –</b>	
<b>Local Aid Infrastructure Fund Program</b>	<b>\$156,000.00</b>
<b>CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND</b>	<b>\$204,000.00</b>

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that the period of usefulness of the improvements is in excess of the five (5) year statutory requirement, and that no debt shall be incurred by the Township for this improvement authorization.

The capital budget conforms with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency therewith and the resolution promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full details of the Capital Budget and Capital Program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services as on file with the Municipal Clerk is available for public inspection.

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and publication in accordance with the law.

**NOTICE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above entitled ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick on August 21, 2019 and will be considered for final reading and adoption at the Regular Meeting of the Township Committee held on September 4, 2019 at 7:00PM at the Municipal Building, 40 Spring Valley Road, Hardwick Township, New Jersey.

Mr. Carrazzone moved to open this portion of the meeting to the Public for any questions on this Ordinance, second by Mr. Duffy. Motion carried. Seeing there were no public comments, Mr. Carrazzone then moved to close this portion of the meeting to the Public, second by Mr. Duffy. Mr. Carrazzone then moved to adopt Ordinance 2019-08, second by Mr. Duffy. Motion carried followed by a roll call vote:

**Roll Call**

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

**Nays:** None

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

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Fire Companies:** Proposed Ordinance     **Held over to the September 18 Work meeting**  
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.

**NEW BUSINESS:**     NONE

**DISCUSSION**

**George Boesze, Zoning Officer** – has talked with the Committee about possible Court Time and mileage that might occur this year. This request was discussed and approved his for payment of his time for Court/mileage. Mr. Boesze will keep track of his time/mileage and submit the appropriate voucher to the CFO.

**Donna Van Tassel, CTC:** Request to purchase new printer - Donna had an issue with her printer and since she requested at budget time \$400 for a new printer, the Committee approved the expenditure not to exceed the \$400.

Motion was made by Mr. Carrazzone, seconded by Mr. Duffy to authorize the Tax Collector to purchase a new printer, not to exceed \$400.00. Motion carried and a roll call vote followed:

**Roll Call**

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

**Nays:** None

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

**Slabtown Creek Park:** the 4 new benches ordered from the County are ready for pick up. Road Department will pick them up after the paving projects are completed next week.

**White Lake** – Expansion of the new dock - No updated information on this tonight

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

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

Mrs. Cooper, Risk Manager for Hardwick was happy to give Hardwick a return of surplus from PAIC of \$588.

Mrs. Randazzo, Senior President noted that their next meeting will be held at the Vass Farmstead. They are also doing a project for the Veterans in nursing homes of an over-night bags. They will be making over 100 bags for Christmas.

Steve Sugar, Stillwater Fire brought their new RTV to show the Committee. The purchase was done through donations.

Mr. Wolff talked about White Lake's dock and discussion of a stand pipe. Also noted was a landing site for the helicopter at White Lake. Several drills with Blairstown Fire and other Companies took place recently and they were successful.

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

**Committee Reports:**

Al Carrazzone requested that the Township write a letter to the County requesting a 4-way Stop at the corner of Stillwater Road and Spring Valley Roads. Mrs. Randazzo noted that there have been some close calls there.

Kevin Duffy reported that he attended several meetings today regarding the Rock Wall, Century Link, Service Electric. The meetings were attended by several Mayors, Josh Gottheimer, Park Service.

September 14 & 15 is Millbrook Village Days

September 28 is Preservation Day at White Lake

**Adjournment:**

A motion was made by Mr. Carrazzone, seconded by Mr. Duffy and carried to adjourn tonight's meeting of the Hardwick Township Committee at 7:58PM

Respectfully submitted

Judith M. Fisher, RMC