

TOWNSHIP OF HARDWICK  
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

**January 15, 2020**

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 7:10PM 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:** Mr. Carrazzone, Mr. James Perry, Mayor Kevin Duffy

**Absent:** None

**Also present:** CPWM Thomas Campbell, Ted Rodman, Engineer and Township Attorney Richard Wenner

**Absent:** None

**OLD BUSINESS** From Reorganization Meeting:

**Liaison/Directors 2020** The Committee agreed that this will remain the same as in 2019  
**HARDWICK TOWNSHIP**

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE LIAISON - 2020**

**ALFRED CARRAZZONE**  
DEPUTY MAYOR

**JAMES PERRY**  
COMMITTEEMAN

**KEVIN DUFFY**  
MAYOR

**HARDWICK SENIORS**

**ENGINEERING DEPT.**

**OPEN SPACE ADV. COMM  
AGRICULTURE ADV. COMM.**

**INSURANCE**

**ANIMAL CONTROL  
ACO & LICENSING CLERK**

**DEPT. OF LAW  
MUNICIPAL ATTORNEY**

**TAX DEPARTMENT  
TAX COLLECTOR  
TAX ASSESSOR**

**COAH (Affordable Housing)**

**MUNICIPAL CLERK**

**ENVIRONMENTAL  
FINANCE DEPT.  
AUDITOR & CFO**

**COMM. PUBLIC SAFETY COURT  
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT  
9-1-1  
BOARD OF HEALTH  
FIRE SAFETY  
POLICE/RESCUE**

**PLANNING/LAND USE BD  
ZONING-CODE ENFORCEMENT  
  
DIR. OF PUBLIC WORKS  
ROAD DEPARTMENT  
BUILDING/GROUNDS**

**Resolution 2020-07** Open Space Tax

The Committee will hold adopting this Resolution until they meet with the Township Auditor in February when they begin drafting the 2020 Municipal Budget.

Resolution 2020 will be off the Agenda until the Committee is ready to adopt.

The following Resolution 2020-08 was adopted on a motion made by Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Carrazzone. Motion carried and a voice vote was unanimous.

**Resolution 2020-08 Professional Services for 2020**

WHEREAS, the Township of Hardwick in the County of Warren, State of New Jersey, requires that a resolution authorizing the award if contract for Professional Services without bid be publicly advertised.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick as follows:

1. That Michael B. Lavery, Esq. of the Law Firm of Lavery, Selvaggi, Abromitis & Cohen, 1001 Route 517, Hackettstown, New Jersey 07840 is hereby appointed as the Municipal Attorney for the year 2020
2. That Ardito & Co., LLP, 18 S. 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Stroudsburg, PA, 18360 Registered Municipal Accountants, are hereby appointed Township Auditors for the year 2020
3. That Norton (Ted) Rodman, P. E., P. O. Box 647, Blairstown, New Jersey is hereby appointed as Township Engineer for the year 2020

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these appointments are awarded without competitive bidding as a Professional Service under the provision of the Local Public Contract Law, and

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick is hereby authorized to execute this resolution and advertise the same according to law.

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Judith M. Fisher, Clerk of the Township of Hardwick do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is a true and exact copy adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick on January 15, 2020.

Judith M. Fisher, RMC  
Municipal Clerk

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**2020-** In Support of S2505/A2558 – “Vegetation Management Response Act” – Urging Legislators to pass Bills for Vegetation Management Related to Electric Utility Infrastructure.

**2020-** In Support of S-719/A-2426, the “Reliability, Preparedness, and Storm Response Act”, which Requires Public Utilities to set Benchmarks for Power Restoration During Storm Management and Stipulates Penalties for Failure to Reasonably Comply

Mr. Perry discussed these resolutions with the Committee and then asked that they be held until the League responds to Senator Oroho’s bill. These will be off the agenda until we get a response from the League.

**ORDINANCE: Hold for further discussion**

**2020-** An Ordinance of the Township of Hardwick, County of Warren, State of New Jersey to Require Large Hardened Buildings to Install Radio Booster Equipment to Support Interior Radio Communications with Law Enforcement Officers, Firefighters and Emergency Medical Personnel (Emergency First Responders) when Radio Communications Deficiencies Exist

The Committee discussed this ordinance and it was noted that the Land Use Board has not had a meeting yet to respond. This ordinance will be sent again to the Chairman Mr. McKim to review and respond. Mayor Duffy noted that he was reluctant to pass it to cause undo extra expenses for property owners. The Committee agreed to take it off the agenda until the Land Use Board responds.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Sussex-Warren Area Energy Co-Op Program Update**

Mayor Duffy noted that this is an amendment to the present agreement that will extend it one year. Hope Township has signed the amendment but Knowlton Township has voted to opt out. The Committee briefly discussed and agreed that they needed more information and the Mayor will reach out to the Co-Op for this. More discussion at the February meeting.

**Vass Farmstead Property** - Hardwick Twp. being named the Main Tenant

The new President for the Historical Society is now John Lovell. Mr. Lovell was present tonight to discuss the lease that they have with Fish and Wildlife. The present lease was restrictive. If the Township becomes the lead agency, the question is how to protect the Township. Mr. Lovell suggested that the Committee start the process with the Township Attorney and to start working on re-doing the present lease. Mr. Lovell noted that at the Society’s meetings this will be discussed.

**White Lake Area** – Implications of R&V no longer managing this property

Mayor Duffy noted Ridge and Valley’s contract/agreement was not renewed by the County. The Youth Conservation Corp from Phillipsburg are now the care takers. The Township was never notified of the change and there are several issues that they are concerned about. Mayor Duffy spoke with Corey Tierney about this and he had no answer as to why it was done. It was also noted that this change never went before the Freeholders. It was on their agenda and pulled just before their meeting. Mayor Duffy noted that there have been no communications from the County until tonight’s meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Princeton Education Center** – TWA-1 Form for NJDEP – Needs Governing Body Approval

The Township Engineer explained why the Committee has to approve this form. Princeton Center has been before the Planning/Land Use Board in October and the Board approved their project.

to construct a new bath house.

A motion was then made by Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Duffy to authorize the Mayor to sign the TWA consent form. Motion carried followed by a roll call vote:

**Roll Call:**

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

Nay: None

Absent: None Abstained: None

**Township Engineer:** Contract for Professional Services for 2020

The Committee reviewed Mr. Rodman's contract for 2020. It was noted that there was a 2% increase for this year. His retainer will be \$15,600 and services not included in the retainer will be billed at an hourly rate of \$137.00.

Motion was made by Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Carrazzone to approve the Engineer's 2020 contract and to authorize the Mayor to sign. Motion carried followed by a roll call vote:

**Roll Call:**

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

Nay: None

Absent: None Abstained: None

**Alina Lodge:** Raffle Application RA 2020-01 50/50 Drawing June 13, 2020 1PM at Alina Lodge  
Mr. Perry stepped down from any discussion on this Raffle as he has a conflict.

Mr. Carrazzone motioned to approve this raffle application for Alina Lodge, Seconded by Mr. Duffy  
Motion carried followed by a roll call vote:

**Roll Call:**

Aye: Mr. Carrazzone, Mayor Duffy

Nay: None

Absent: None Abstained: Mr. Perry

**WC Mosquito Extermination Commission:** Authorization to Aerial Mosquito Control

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

**AERIAL MOSQUITO CONTROL**

On behalf of Hardwick Township, we hereby authorize the Warren County Mosquito Extermination Commission to perform aerial application of pesticides for mosquito control over certain areas of Hardwick Township.

We understand that all pesticides and aircraft are those approved for aerial application by both State and Federal Governments. Also, there areas to be treated have high population of mosquitoes, being either a nuisance, a health hazard or both.

The Warren County Mosquito Extermination Commission shall notify the New Jersey State Police department and the municipality prior to each application. In the event of an aerial application for adult mosquitoes, the local news media will be notified prior to each application.

Dated: January 15, 2020

**NJDOT – Knowlton & Hardwick** Requesting meeting to discuss the RockWall Project

Mayor Duffy commented on a meeting that will be requested with the NJDOT. This meeting will provide a forum for candid and transparent sharing of information and hopefully identify some solutions going forward. This meeting will not be open to the public or press but will include the Mayors of Hardwick and Knowlton plus a small number of representatives from a few other consulting parties. If the NJDOT agrees to this proposal, they are asking for some dates and times that will work for the team and they'll together work to make this a reality.

**Computer Upgrading:** IT informed the Committee that by January 14, 202 all the computers need to be upgraded to Windows 10. IT sent a project update that was reviewed. After a brief discussion it was agreed that the Township would purchase 3 new computer, upgrade 2 and hold on purchasing a new Server for now. Mr. Perry has contacted Edmunds to see about using the Cloud for Animal Licensing and the cost for this service.

**Grants: - Desiree Dunn, Grant Writer**

Mrs. Dunn spoke about 3 grants that she is working on. The one for Firewise was due today and submitted. The other 2 grants that might be possible would be for the Vass Farmstead.

**DISCUSSION**

**George Boesze:** Yearly Zoning Report for 2019

Copies were available for the Committee to review.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

A motion was made by Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Carrazzone 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. Perry, seconded by Mr. Carrazzone 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 8:46PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Judith M. Fisher, RMC