

**TOWNSHIP OF HARDWICK
2022 REORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2022
2:00 P.M.**

OPENING ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Township Attorney Richard Wenner, Esq at 2:03 pm. Those present were Committeeman Duffy, Committeeman elect Jacksic, and Committeeman Lovell.

Attorney Wenner read the following statement.

SUNSHINE STATEMENT

“Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act, P.L. 1975, Ch. 231 setting forth the time, date, place and purpose of this Public Meeting through a legal notice published in New Jersey Herald and The Express Times.

OATH OF OFFICE:

Senator Oroho administered the oath of office to Committeeman Re-elect Kevin Duffy & Committeeman Elect Chris Jacksic.

Motion made by Lovell, second by Duffy and carried appointing Kristin Shipps as the Hardwick Township Clerk.

Clerk Shipps took over the meeting at this time and asked for a motion for Mayor of 2022.

Motion made by Lovell, second by Duffy and carried appointing Committeeman Jacksic as Hardwick Townships Mayor for 2022.

Senator Oroho administered the oath of office for Mayor Jacksic.

Mayor Jacksic took over the meeting at this time.

Motion made by Jacksic, second by Duffy and carried appointing Committeeman Lovell the 2022 Deputy Mayor.

APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Jacksic read the appointment for 2022

TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY (Michael Lavery, Esq, Law Firm of Lavery, Selvaggi, Abromitis & Cohen)

Township Committee Liaisons for 2022 will be tabled to a later meeting.

Tax Collector & Tax Search Official

Motion made by Lovell, second by Duffy and approved by roll call vote: Duffy—yes, Lovell—yes, Jacksic—yes to appoint Kerri Womack as Tax Collector & Tax Search

Official effective January 1, 2022 and authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to sign the interlocal agreement with Blairstown Township.

Deputy Tax Collector- there will be not Deputy Tax Collector for 2022.

CMFO/ Treasurer – Christine Rolef with an amendment that Mrs. Rolef is tenure.
Qualified Purchase Agent – Christine Rolef

Auditors/ Accountants will be tabled for a later meeting.

Tax Assessor- David M. Gill, CTA-Tenured

Assessment Search Official- tabled at this time
Affirmative Action Officer - tabled at this time

Registrar- Kristin Shipps
Deputy Registrar- Donna Zilberfarb

Secretary to Local Board of Health tabled at this time
Right to Know Coordinator- tabled at this time
Recycling Coordinator- tabled at this time

Acting Municipal Judge- William G. Mennen
Court Administration – Kayleigh Keegan
Township Prosecutor- Richard Ralph

Municipal Public Defenders- Alternates
John Caleca, III
Scott Wilhelm

Township Engineer & Driveway Opening Official- French & Parrello
Certified Public Works Manager- Thomas Campbell

Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer Georg Boesze

Sanitary Subcode Official- Warren County Board of Health

Animal Control Officer- Alan DeCarolis
Dog Licensing Clerk- Kristin Shipps

Emergency Management Coordinator- Joseph Dunn
Deputy Emergency Mgt. Coordinator- Desiree Dunn
911 Coordinator- tabled at this time

APPOINTMENT OF BOARDS

Land Use/ Planning Board

Class 1– Mayor Jacksic

Class 2- Cynthia Caffrey (Mayor’s Appointment)

Class 3- Kevin Duffy (Committee appointment)

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Alternate #1, #2 & #3 are vacant at this time.

Environmental Committee – tabled at this time
Open Space Advisory Committee- tabled at this time
Agricultural Committee- tabled at this time

Recreation/ Public Events Committee
Desiree Dunn & Bob Wolff

Grant Committee
Mayor Jacksic, Bill Hughes, Bob Wolff
Grant Coordinator- Desiree Dunn

Liaison Needed for the following
Warren County Office of Aging-Laura Randazzo
Clean Communities Coordinator-Rich Schemm
Recreation/ Public Events Coordinator-Desiree Dunn & Bob Wolff

Deputy Mayor Lovell Agreed to be Insurance Liaison.

CONSENT AGENDA

2022-01 Meeting Dates & Place

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 231, Law 1975, known as the Open Public Meeting Act, all meetings of all public bodies wherein formal action, decisions or discussions relating to the public business may take place, are required to be publicly announced and scheduled with adequate posting and advanced notice of other time, date, location and the exact known, the purpose or agenda of each meeting.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick as follows:

1. The following are designated as meetings of the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick at which public business may be formally discussed, decided or acted upon:

<u>PLACE/LOCATION</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>PURPOSE/AGENDA</u>
Municipal Building	6:30P.M.	Executive Session
40 Spring Valley Road	7:00P.M.	Regular Meeting
Hardwick Township		

DATES: 1ST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH

January	5, 2022	REORGANIZATION	July	6, 2022
February	2, 2022		August	3, 2022
March	2, 2022		September	7, 2022
April	6, 2022		October	5, 2022
May	4, 2022		November	2, 2022
June	1, 2022		December	7, 2022

DATES 3rd WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH 7:00P.M.

WORK/AGENDA MEETINGS (ACTION TAKEN AT THESE MEETINGS),
EXECUTIVE SESSION (NO ACTION)

January	19, 2022	July	20, 2022
February	16, 2022	August	17, 2022
March	16, 2022	September	21, 2022
April	20, 2022	October	19, 2022
May	18, 2022	November	16, 2022
June	15, 2022	December	21, 2022

In addition, such other meetings as the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick may require, shall be scheduled, and held but pursuant to and with additional notice as is required by said Statute.

The Township Clerk of the Township of Hardwick is hereby authorized and directed to:

Post and maintain a copy thereof on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building

File a copy of the within resolution with the Township Clerk of the Township of Hardwick

Mail copies to the Express/Times and the New Jersey Herald the Official Papers circulating in Hardwick Township

Do all necessary hereafter to comply with said statute to the end that adequate public notice of all public meetings pursuant to such statute, be given according to law.

Official Newspaper New Jersey Herald
Additional Newspaper Express Times
Depositories for Township Funds
First National Bank of Hope, Hope New Jersey
Lakeland Bank, Fredon Branch
NJ Cash Management Fund, Trenton, New Jersey

2202-02- Tax Assessor

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, has been informed that in certain instances, the Township Attorney and/or Special Tax Counsel may be required to execute, stipulate and make corrections or adjustments resulting from tax appeal complaints filed against the Municipality. The Township Attorney and/or Special Tax Counsel will need further approval to file omitted assessments and farmland roll-back complaints, all in the name of the Township of Hardwick, and

WHEREAS the Warren County Board of Taxation requires a resolution of the Township Committee to authorize such actions by the Township Attorney and/or Special

Tax Counsel retained by the Township which are authorized to act as agents for the Township Committee, and

WHEREAS the Township Committee desires to grant such authority to the Township Attorney and/or Special Tax Counsel.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the aforementioned individuals, individually or collectively, are hereby authorized to file, stipulate, modify, agree upon and otherwise perform the duties which are required to aid the Township Attorney and/or Special Tax Counsel in the above forenamed circumstances which are within the jurisdiction of the Warren County Board of Taxation and the New Jersey Tax Court.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Municipal Clerk is directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Warren County Board of Taxation and the Township Attorney.

2022-03 Idle Fund Investments

WHEREAS, it is desirable that idle funds of the Township of Hardwick, County of Warren be invested in legal investment vehicles at all times; and

WHEREAS, it is occasionally necessary to transfer funds for the purpose of meeting current Township expenses or for the purpose of effecting investments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on the 5th day of January 2022, by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick, in the County of Warren that it does hereby authorize the Chief Financial Officer to request bids and to place orders for the investment of idle funds solely in legally authorized investment vehicles, such investments to the investing institution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above Chief Municipal Financial Officer is hereby authorized to transfer funds by wire solely for the following purpose and subject to all pertinent regulations:

1. To or from Township checking or saving accounts to other Township accounts.
2. To or from Township Checking or saving accounts to or from accounts specified by banks or the State of New Jersey Cash Management Funds solely for the purpose of investing for the account of the Township of Hardwick in the County of Warren.

2022-04 Cash Management

WHEREAS, P. L. 1983, Chapter 8, Local Fiscal Affairs Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-2 has amended to require that each Municipality designate a Cash Management Plan for the deposit of Local Unit monies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on this 5th day of January 2022 by the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick:

A. Designation of Official Depositories:

1. The following financial institutions are designated an Official Depositories:
 - First hope bank
 - Bank of America
 - Lakeland Bank
 - New Jersey Management Fund
2. Designated Official Depositories are required to submit to the Treasurer of the Township Hardwick, County of Warren, a copy of the State of New Jersey, Department of Banking, Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act notification of eligibility which must be filed semiannually in the Department of Banking as of June 30 and December 31 of each year.
3. Designated Official Depositories are required to submit to the Treasurer a copy of Institution's "Annual Report" on an annual basis.

B. Deposit of Funds

All funds shall be deposited within forty-eight (48) hours of receipt in accordance with State Statute.

1. Operating funds shall be deposited into interest bearing accounts to maximize interest earnings
2. Capital and Debt Service Funds may be deposited into interest bearing accounts. Non-interest-bearing accounts shall be regularly monitored for the availability of funds for investment.
3. Trust Funds may be deposited into interest bearing accounts. Non-interest-bearing accounts should be regularly monitored for availability of funds for investment except where either State or Federal laws prohibit the earning of interest on such funds.
4. Payroll and Agency remittance funds shall be maintained in regular checking accounts
5. Change Fund not in excess of fifty dollars (\$50.00) may be established annually for use by the Tax Collector and shall be closed out to the Township Treasurer by fiscal year end.

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C. Designation of Allowable Investment Instruments:

The Township may permit deposits and investment in such depositories as permitted in section 4 of P. L. 1970, Chapter 236 (C.17:9-44).

D. Definition of Protection of Township Deposits:

1. All depositories shall obtain the highest amount possible Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) coverage of all Township deposits.
2. All depositories must conform to all applicable State statutes concerning depositories of public funds including coverage under the NJ Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act.

E. Reporting Procedures:

1. The Treasurer shall prepare for the Township Committee a detailed listing of all investment purchasing in the prior month, specifying the amount, interest percent per annum and maturing date.
2. The treasurer shall prepare a schedule of outstanding investments for the independent Auditors as of December 31 of each year and at other such times required by the Auditors.
3. The Treasurer shall report to the Township Committee on a quarterly basis, the financial conditions of each official depository holding township funds.

F. Maximum Maturity Policy:

Investments shall be limited to maturity not to exceed one year on all operating funds unless a longer maturity is permitted within the provisions of regulation promulgated by either the Federal or State governments.

G. Investment Procedures:

1. Bid for Certificated of Deposits and Repurchase Agreements must be solicited if the amount is \$100,000.00 or greater
2. Telephone bids will be solicited of at least three depositories by the Treasurer or his/her designated staff member
3. The depository shall specify the principal amount of the investment bid on, interest rate and number of days used to calculate the interest to be paid upon maturity. Interest paid shall be from the date the bid was awarded to the date of maturity.
4. All bidders may request the results of the bid after the bid is formally awarded
5. A check or wire transfer of funds will be made available to the winning bidder the same business day the bid is awarded
6. Each quotation shall be documented to record the date and time of quote, the parties in the discussion, the instrument(s), maturities and rates. A bid form from the Township may be used. The winning depository must forward a confirmation letter to the Treasurer within 48 hours of the day the bid is awarded.

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H. Compliance

The Cash Management Plan of the Township of Hardwick, County of Warren shall be subject to the annual audit conducted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:5-4.

2022-05 Cancelling Balances Less Than \$10.00

WHEREAS N.J.S.A. 40A:5-17 allows for the cancellation of property tax overpayments or delinquent amounts of less than \$10.00; and

WHEREAS the Governing Body may authorize the Tax Collector to process, without further action on their part, any cancellation of property tax overpayments or delinquencies (except those representing a full quarter or more of taxes) of less than \$10.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick, County of Warren, State of New Jersey hereby authorizes the Tax Collector to cancel said tax amounts as deemed necessary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Tax Collector, Chief Financial Officer, and the Township Auditor.

2022-06 Rate of Interest for Delinquent Taxes

WHEREAS R.S. 54:4-67 implies that affirmative action on the part of the governing body is required to set the rate of interest on delinquent taxes and assessments.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Township Committee hereby establishes an interest rate of 8% on delinquent taxes for 2020 to be computed quarterly, with a ten (10) day grace period, in addition, the rate so fixed shall not exceed 8% per annum on the first \$1500.00 of the delinquency, and that 18% (as allowed by State Statute) per annum on any amount of delinquency in excess of \$1500.00, with a ten (10) day grace period. An additional penalty of 6% shall be added on delinquencies in excess of \$10,000.00, which are not paid prior to the end of the calendar year. The penalty so fixed shall not exceed 6% of the amount of delinquency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick, County of Warren, State of New Jersey hereby authorizes the Tax Collector to collect the rate of interest on delinquent taxes and assessment as deemed necessary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Tax Collector.

2022-07 OPEN SPACE TAX (HOLD)

2022-08 Professional Services

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 2022
2. That French & Parrello, 43A Newburgh Rd, Suite 100, Hackettstown, New Jersey is hereby appointed as Township Engineer for the year 2022

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.

Amended to remove section 2 (Ardito & Company- Anthony Ardito) and approving the approval of the Lavery Firm and French & Parello

2022-09 AUTHORIZING AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

CONTRACT - MUNICIPAL AUDITOR -Tables

2022-10 Municipal Housing Liaison for 2022

BE IT RESOLVED that is hereby appointed as the Municipal Housing Liaison for the Township of Hardwick, Warren County, New Jersey

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that her appointment will expire December 31, 2022.

2022-11 Tonnage Grant

WHEREAS, the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act, P.L. 1987, c102, has established a recycling fund from which tonnage grant may be made to municipalities in order to encourage local source separation and recycling programs; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent and the spirit of the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act to use the tonnage grants to develop new municipal recycling programs and to continue and to expand existing programs; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection has promulgated recycling regulations to Implement the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act; and

WHEREAS the recycling regulations imposed on municipalities certain requirements as a condition for applying for tonnage grants, including but not limited to, making and keeping accurate, verifiable records of materials collected and claimed by the municipality; and

WHEREAS, a resolution authorizing this municipality to apply for the 2021 Recycling Tonnage Grant will memorialize the commitment of this municipality to recycling and to indicate the assent of the Township of Hardwick to the effort undertaken by the municipality and the requirements contained in the Recycling Act and recycling regulation; and

WHEREAS, such a resolution should designate the individual authorized to ensure the application is properly completed and timely filed.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick that the Township of Hardwick endorses the submission of the recycling tonnage grant application to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and designated Judith Fisher as the recycling coordinator to ensure that the application is properly filed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the monies received from the recycling tonnage grant be deposited in a dedicated recycling trust fund to be used solely for the purposes of recycling.

2022-12 Public Agency Compliance Officer (P.A.C.O)

WHEREAS the Township of Hardwick, County of Warren, State of New Jersey is required to designate a Public Agency Compliance Officer (P.A.C.O.)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick has appointed/designated as the Public Agency Compliance Officer for the Township of Hardwick for the Year 2022.

2022-13 Office Hours for Various Employees for 2022

WHEREAS the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick believes that to provide efficient and cost-effective services for the taxpayers of Hardwick, that the Township Officials should be available for a minimum numbers of hours per week, and that those hours be publicized, and

WHEREAS The Township Committee believes that it is important that the taxpayers may rely on the various municipal officials to be available during their scheduled hours, and

WHEREAS, in order to keep the tax burden to a minimum, it is important to notify the taxpayers that certain services will only be available during certain hours, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick that the Township Committee sets the office hours for the following positions:

Registered Municipal Clerk, Registrar

Hours: - Thursday 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

(With office hours Monday -Wednesday 8 am – 4 pm and Friday 8 am -4pm at Blairstown Municipal Building)

Tax Collector

Hours: Tuesday 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

(with office hours Monday & Wednesday 8 am -5 pm and Tuesday 10:15 am – 4 pm at Blairstown Municipal Building)

Tax Assessor

Hours: Friday 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. or by appointment

Construction Department:

908-362-6663, Ext 223

NJ Dept of Community Affairs (Tuesday & Thursday) 8am – 12pm

Code Enforcement Officer

Hours: Wednesday 9:30am to 12:30pm

Dog Licensing Clerk
Hours:

Same as Township Clerk

Department of Public Works

Hours: Monday - Friday -

7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Clerk Shipps notified that the office hours for the Registered Municipal Clerk will be on Thursday from 10am – 2 pm. Tax Collectors hours will be on Tuesday's from 8 am – 10 am. Clerk Shipps also notified the public that she will be accessible M-F 8 am -4 pm at the Blairstown Municipal Building except for the times that she is in Hardwick. The Tax Collector will be accessible M-W 8 am – 4pm except for times that she is in Hardwick Township.

2022-14 Temporary Budget for 2022

WHEREAS, Title 40A:4-19 known as the Local Budget Law, provides that where any contracts, commitments or payments are to be made prior to the final adoption of the 2021 budget, temporary appropriations be made for the purposes and amounts required in the manner and time therein provided, and;

WHEREAS, the total appropriations in the 2021 budget, less appropriations made for the Capital Improvement Fund, Debt Service, Relief for the Poor (Public Assistance) and Deferred Charges are as follows:

General Fund: \$

AND;

WHEREAS, 26.25% of the total appropriations in the 2021 budget, less the appropriations made for Capital Improvement Fund, Debt Service, Relief for the Poor (Public Assistance), and Deferred Charges are as follows,

General Fund: \$

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick, County of Warren that the temporary appropriations be made in the amount of \$ for the General Fund and that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Chief Financial Officer for recordkeeping.

Motion made by Lovell, second by Duffy and approved by roll call vote: Duffy—yes, Lovell—yes, Jacksic—yes, resolutions 1-6. 8 with amendment and 10-14. Resolutions 2022 07 & 2022-09 were pulled from the consent agenda.

ORDINANCE

Introduction:

2022-01 -To Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A: 4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget up to 1.0% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick in the County of Warren finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2021 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the Hardwick Township Committee hereby determines that a 1.0% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$8,346.47 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

WHEREAS the Hardwick Township Committee hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick, in the County of Warren, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2021 budget year, the final appropriations of the Township of Hardwick shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to \$29,212.65, and that the CY 2021 municipal budget for the Township of Hardwick be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

Motion made by Lovell, second by Duffy and carried to introduce Ordinance 2022-01.

PAYMENT OF BILLS –

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dog Licenses are due by the end of February 2022

Auditors- Financial Review will be on February 7, 2022.,

Budget Meeting with Committee & Auditor - no discussion at this time

COMMENTS

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Deputy Mayor Lovell

Cell Tower Lease

Deputy Mayor Lovell stated that the Sprint Cell Tower lease expires 4/1/22 and the Nextel cell tower lease expired in 11/1/21. Committeeman Duffy stated that the Township Attorney office is working on this matter. Attorney Wenner agreed to look into the matter.

Fire Company Agreements

Both agreements are expiring 12/1/22 and would like the committee to sit down with Stillwater Fire Co & Blairstown Hose company in fall. .

Improvements to Town Hall

Deputy Mayor Lovell thanked the DPW workers for their help in cleaning up the building. Discussion took place regarding putting closets in the hall to use for storage. A proposal has been requested not only to install the closets but to paint the hallway and the meeting room.

Abcode Security

Proposal should be received within the week for an electronic lock security system along with security cameras.

Keys

Deputy Mayor Lovell discussed changing the locks to the building, since it has been several years.

Kiosk for Outside the Municipal Building

Kiosk has been delivered and will be installed. A concrete pad will be needed to be installed.

American Rescue Plan

Deputy Mayor Lovell explained that the township has an obligation for Affordable Housing Units and believed that the American Rescue Plan (ARP) can be used to fulfill those obligations.

ARP can also be used for upcoming upgrades to our server and internet connection.

Health Benefits

Motion made by Lovell, second by Jacksic and carried to have an ordinance drawn up for health benefits. Deputy Lovell explained that a draft ordinance was already drawn up and had there are some comments and changes to be made. Deputy Mayor Lovell agreed to forward the drafted ordinance along with a study that he prepared.

Mayor Jacksic

Mayor Jacksic thanked Committeeman Duffy for his 10 years of service as Mayor.

Tom Campbell- DPW Supervisor

Discussed the issues that are still occurring with Optimum. A meeting with Optimum, Deputy Mayor Lovell, Mr. Campbell and JCP&L will be take place on Friday January 7, 2022 to come up with a plan. Jean Paul Reece Hardwick Township IT will also be present.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Lovell, second by Duffy and carried to adjourn this meeting at 2:44 pm