

**TOWNSHIP OF HARDWICK
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 2022**

This meeting was called to order by Mayor Jacksic at 7:00 pm. Those present were Committeeman Duffy, Deputy Mayor Lovell via phone conference, and Mayor Jacksic. Also present were Clerk Shipps, CFO Rolef, Township Auditor Anthony Ardito and DPW Supervisor Campbell.

FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Jacksic read the following sunshine 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 following the Township’s Annual Reorganization Meeting at which the 2022 meeting schedule was adopted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Paul Avery from Blairstown Rotary requested a donation for this year’s firework display.
Motion made by Lovell, second by Duffy and approved by roll call vote: Duffy—yes, Lovell—yes, Jacksic for the same amount that was donated last year.

Public Hearing/ Adoption

2022 Hardwick Township Municipal Budget

Motion made by Duffy, second by Lovell and carried to go into public hearing.

No public comment

Motion made by Duffy, second by Jacksic and carried to close public hearing.

Township Attorney Cohen stated the Township Auditor Ardito is present at this meeting for the public hearing which there was no public comment.

Motion made by Jacksic, second by Duffy and carried to close public hearing.

Motion made by Duffy, second by Lovell and approved by roll call vote: Duffy—yes, Lovell—yes, Jacksic—yes, the adoption of the 2022 Hardwick Township Municipal Budget.

Consent Agenda

2022-40-A Resolution for Self-Exam of the 2022 Budget

WHEREAS N.J.S.A.40A:4-78b has authorized the Local Finance Board to adopt rules that permit municipalities in sound fiscal condition to assume the responsibility, normally granted to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, of conducting the annual budget examination; and,

WHEREAS N.J.A.C.5:30-7 was adopted by the Local Finance Board on February 11, 1997; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C.5:30-7.2 thru 7.5 the Township of Hardwick has been declared eligible to participate in the program by the Division of Local Government Services, and the Chief Financial Officer has determined that the Township of Hardwick meets the necessary conditions to participate in the program for the 2022 budget year, so now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick that in accordance with N.J.A.C.5:30-7.6a & b, and based upon the Chief Financial Officer's certification, the governing body has found the budget has met the following requirements:

1. That with reference to the following items, the amounts have been calculated pursuant to law and appropriated as such in the budget:
 - a. Payment of interest and debt redemption charges
 - b. Deferred charges and statutory expenditures
 - c. Cash deficit of preceding year
 - d. Reserve for uncollected taxes
 - e. Other reserves and non-disbursement items
 - f. Any inclusions of amounts required for school purposes
2. That the provisions relating to limitation on increases of appropriations pursuant to N.J.S.A.40A:45.2 and appropriations for exceptions to limits on appropriations found at 40A:4-45.3 et seq. are fully met. (Complies with the "CAP" law.)
3. That the budget is in such form, arrangement and content as required by the Local Budget Law and N.J.A.C.5:30-4 and 5:30-5.
4. That pursuant to the Local Budget Law:
 - a. All estimates of revenue are reasonable, accurate and correctly stated;
 - b. Items of appropriation are properly set forth;
 - c. In itemization, form, arrangement and content, the budget will permit the exercise of the comptroller function within the municipality.
5. The budget and associated amendments have been introduced, publicly advertised and adopted in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Local Budget Law, except that failure to meet the deadlines of N.J.S.A.40A:4-5, shall not prevent such certification.
6. That all other applicable statutory requirements have been fulfilled.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

2022-41 A Resolution to Support the Usage and Closure of a Portion of County Route #521 (Stillwater Rd.) and White Lake Parking Lots in Hardwick Township on Monday May 23, 2022 (tentatively) by Becky 2 the Movie, LLC/ Bouldelight Picture for a Film Shoot of Becky 2.

WHEREAS Becky 2 The Movie, LLC has requested permission to use and close a portion of County Route #521 (Stillwater Road) between #149 Stillwater Road and White

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Lake Parking Lots, including the parking lots, on Monday, May 23, 2022, tentatively and intermittently during daytime hours, to film *Becky 2*.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Hardwick, County of Warren, State of New Jersey does hereby support the use of the noted portions of County Route #521 (Stillwater Road) in Hardwick Township for the above mentioned event with the following conditions:

1. All barricades, detours and traffic control signs shall conform to the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.
2. New Jersey State Police shall maintain supervision of all safety and traffic control of the network of roads ensuring the safety of the public.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of the resolution be forwarded to Warren County Commissioners.

Clerk Shipp will be present in the office on Monday May 23rd just in case there are phone calls for complaints.

Motion made by Lovell, second by Jacksic and approved by roll call vote: Duffy—yes, Lovell—yes, Jacksic—yes consent agenda of May 18, 2022.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Voice Over IP Service -no update

NEW BUSINESS

Cancelling June, July, and August Workshop Meeting

Committee agreed to cancel the June workshop meeting.

Deputy Mayor Lovell received a letter from Department of Community Affairs regarding action taken place regarding the East Crisman house fire.

Deputy Mayor Lovell announced that he will be going back to work as the Sussex County Administrator for a couple of months and his duties as a committee member will not interfere.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment

ADJOURNMENT

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Motion made by Duffy, second by Jacksic and carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 pm