

**TOWNSHIP OF HARDWICK
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY JUNE 5, 2023**

OPENING ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jacksic at 5:00 pm those present were Committeeman Lovell, and Deputy Mayor Meuse. Also, present Municipal Clerk Shippis.

FLAG SALUTE

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 2023 meeting schedule was adopted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Motion. made by Meuse, second by Lovell and carried to open public comment.

No public comment

Motion made by Meuse, second by Jacksic and carried to close public comment.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. 2023-36 Appointment of NJDOT I-80 and PennDOT 611 Liaison

WHEREAS since 2017 Hardwick Mayor Kevin Duffy and Knowlton Mayor Adele Starrs had been working together as the primary NJDOT contacts representing municipal regarding NJDOT I-80 matters, and

WHEREAS since May 2019 Chris and Tara Mezzanotte have been providing Knowlton and Hardwick Townships volunteer technical support and stakeholder coordination to Mayor Duffy and Mayor Stars related to such NJDOT I-80 matters, and

WHEREAS Chris Mezzanotte is 35+ year experienced career Heavy and General Highway professional, is Secure Worker Access Consortium certified to view sensitive structural [and airport engineering plans, has expert knowledge in of all areas of bridge, road, rail, soundwall, caisson foundation and rock drilling, site clearing and excavation, and underground utility layout and installation, and extensive experience estimating, designing and managing projects for NJDOT, NYCDOT, NJ Transit, MTA, and LIRR, and.](#)

WHEREAS Mayor Duffy and Mayor Starrs have since retired form municipal office.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Township of Hardwick appoints Chris and Tara Mezzanotte liaisons for NJDOT I-80 matter, so they may officially continue provide support services to Hardwick Township by attending all related meetings and receiving all related documentation and emails until such time as they become no longer available to do so, or Hardwick Township is no longer in need of their services.

2. 2023-37 Resolution in Support of the Warren County Stabilization/ Restoration Project Grant. WHEREAS the Hardwick Historical Society seeks to apply for the 2023 Warren County Stabilization/ Restoration Project Program Grant, and

WHEREAS Budget for renovations is \$30,000 and the Historic Society is seeking \$22,500, and

WHEREAS the grant will help with renovations to the Vass Farmstead including

1. Replace collapsed/rotted Yankee gutters.
2. Build steps from driveway, upgrade walkway to front porch and install pipe railing.
3. Painting - front porch trim and railings.
4. Repair rotted window frames - lower sash, glaze and paint.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Township of Hardwick supports the Hardwick Historical Society to apply for the 2023 Warren County Stabilization. Restoration Project

Motion made by Meuse second by Lovell and approved by roll call vote: Lovell—yes, Meuse—yes, Jacksic—yes Consent Agenda for June 5, 2023.

MAYOR APPOINTMENTS

Land Use Board

Christina Suyker	2-year term, expiring on 12/31/2024, Class IV (Unexpired term for Hann)
Paul Horsey	4-Year Term, expiring 12/31/2026, Class IV (Unexpired term for Fisher)

Mayor Jacksic thanked the new members for joining the Land Use Board.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Personnel Manual

Mayor Jacksic read some corrections that he had. Information will be sent to the attorney to update the manual and for an ordinance to be introduced at a later meeting.

Committeeman Lovell spoke with the township engineer to tell him that there will be no discretionary grant that will be filed. The only project that can be done is guiderails on Paulinskill.

Discussion took place on a meeting that will be held in Blairstown regarding the new floodplain requirements. Mayor Jacksic, Township Engineer Keenan and Zoning Boese will be in attendance for this meeting.

Deputy Mayor Meuse stated that the OEM manual needs to be updated which she is working on.

NEW BUSINESS

No New Business

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tara Mezzanotte – spoke about the new rules that are coming from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP). There is a group from the Paulinkill Water Shed

Association that are NJDEP certified and will be offering to assist the township engineer with the mapping for the stormwater.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Meuse, second by Lovell and carried to adjourn the meeting at 5:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Kristin Shipps