

**TOWNSHIP OF HARDWICK
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 1, 2023**

OPENING ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jacksic at 7:00 pm. Those present were Committeeman Lovell, and Deputy Mayor Meuse. Also, present were DPW Supervisor Campbell, Chief Financial Officer Rolef, Township Attorney Igor Bykov and Municipal Clerk Shipps.

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.”

Sharon Cooper PAIC

Mrs. Cooper provided a background on how the Township became part of Public Alliance Insurance Coverage Fund which started 1997 but the township did not join until 2018. Mrs. Cooper explained that the fund is owned by members and not an insurance company. Mrs. Cooper went over with the committee their premium costs.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public Comment

DEPARTMENT REPORT

DPW Supervisor Tom Campbell-shoulder restoration is being completed on all overlay roads that were done this year.

Mayor Jacksic asked about the Welcome to Hardwick signs and missing and or broken road signs and would like them replaced.

CFO Rolef asked the committee if they will continue with Nisivoccia as the township auditor. CFO Rolef requested to purchase a new laptop for the township. Committee gave her permission to purchase.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. 2023-64 Resolution of the Township of Hardwick, County of Warren, State of New Jersey to Affirm the Township’s Civil Rights Policy with Respect to All Officials, Appointees, Employees, Prospective Employees, Volunteers, Independent Contractors, and Members of the Public that Come into Contact with Municipal Employees, Officials, and Volunteers

2. 2023-65 Resolution of the Township of Hardwick, County Of Warren, State of New Jersey Amending and Supplementing the Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual of the Township of Hardwick To Incorporate Policies Required by the Townships Insurance Carrier.
3. 2023-66 Approving Payment of Vouchers
Motion made by Lovell, second by Meuse and approved by roll call vote: Lovell—yes, Meuse—yes, Jacksic—yes the October 18, 2023 Consent Agenda.

RESOLUTION FOR DISCUSSION

2023-67 – Resolution of the Township of Hardwick, County of Warren and State of New Jersey Awarding the Riverview Cellular Tower Site Lease Contract to Gaelic Communications, LLC

Motion made by Lovell, second by Meuse and approved by roll call vote: Lovell—yes, Meuse—yes, Jacksic—yes resolution 2023-67.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Spring Valley Rd.

Mayor Jacksic spoke to the county, and they are calculating the cost to see if the project will go out for bid.

NEW BUSINESS

JCP&L Mechanical & Lighting Upgrade

Clerk Shipp's received information on an upgrade and passed the information to the committee. Clerk Shipp's was requested to fill out the audit form.

New Computer for Tax Assessor

Rich Motyka is requesting \$325 from the township to buy a new laptop. Committee agreed to him to buy.

ACO Shared Service

Deputy Mayor Meuse forward the contract to Attorney Bykov. Attorney Bykov supplied comments on the contract.

Discussion took place on amending the township ordinance for hiring an ACO or allowing the township to contract with another municipality for ACO services. The committee agreed to amend the ordinance which Attorney Bykov will have prepared for the next meeting for introduction.

After further discussion with comments on the agreement the committee agreed for the mayor to sign the agreement once all corrections have been completed.

CORRESPONDENCE

No Correspondence

TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY

No report

TOWNSHIP CLERK

Clerk Shipps wanted reminded to the public that the Rabies Clinic is on December 2nd at the Blairstown DPW building from 8:30 am – 11: 00 am.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committeeman Lovell

Had no report.

Deputy Mayor Meuse

Read call outs from the Blairstown Hose Company.

Mayor Jacksic

Attended the Blairstown Fall festival which was well attended.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Meuse, second by Lovell and carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Kristin Shipps, RMC