

HARDWICK TOWNSHIP
LAND USE BOARD MINUTES
May 8, 2025

Chairman McKim called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and the flag salute was conducted.

Chairman McKim read the following statement:

“Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act, P.L. 1975, Notice of this meeting was posted on the township website and on the bulletin board of the municipal building at 40 Spring Valley Road.

ROLL CALL:

The following Board Members were present: Fred Butcher, Lori Gold, William Hughes, Jon Liegner, Nichole Meuse, Christina Suyker, Alternate Jim Purpura, and Chairman Jim McKim. Absent: Cynthia Caffrey, Alternate Ty Coronato, Alternate Cindy Keimel, and Mayor Chris Jacksic. Board Secretary Kristin Shipps was also present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

April 10, 2025.

Motion was made by Ms. Suyker and second by Mr. Hughes. Motion carried to approve the minutes of April 10, 2025.

OLD BUSINESS: No old business for discussion.

NEW BUSINESS: No new business for discussion.

MEMORIALIZING RESOLUTIONS:

C Variance- 8 Ahlers Lane, Block 1001, Lot 5.01.

Chairman McKim noted that a correction had been made to the resolution regarding side and backyard requirements, which were incorrectly stated in the earlier version. This resolution memorializes an application that was previously approved.

Motion made by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Ms. Suyker, and carried to approve the memorializing resolution for 8 Ahlers Lane.

OTHER BUSINESS:

A discussion took place regarding Spring Valley Road, which is scheduled to open on May 9, 2025.

CORRESPONDENCE:

May 1, 2025, Kimberly W. Testa

Subject: Comments Re: Open Space and Recreation Plan.

Board Secretary Shipps reported on the status of the Open Space and Recreation Plan:

- The Board previously approved the Plan.
- The State has provided feedback requiring additional procedural steps.
- Another publicly noticed meeting may be required for additional public comment.
- The Plan focuses on preserving the Township's rural character.
- Action is needed to add language to the Plan stating the required public meetings have occurred.

Clerk Shipps stated that the board will hold a second public hearing at the June meeting where the resolution may be adopted.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

**Motion made by Mr. Suyker, seconded by Ms. Meuse, and approved by roll call vote:
Butcher—yes, Caffrey—yes, Gold—yes, Liegner—yes, Hughes—yes, Meuse—yes,
Suyker—yes, Coronato—absent, Keimel—absent, Purpura—yes, Jacksic—yes, McKim—
yes, for the May 8, 2025, bills list.**

PUBLIC SESSION:

No public comment.

ADJOURNMENT:

The motion was made by Mr.

Hughes, seconded by Ms. Meuse, and carried to adjourn tonight's meeting at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Kristin Shipps

Land Use Board Secretary