

**HARDWICK TOWNSHIP LAND USE/PLANNING BOARD  
MINUTES OF JANUARY 8, 2026**

Land Use Board Secretary Shipps called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., and the flag salute was conducted.

Land Use Board Secretary Shipps 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 municipal building bulletin board at 40 Spring Valley Road.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

Board Secretary Kristin Shipps was also present.

**SWEARING IN OF BOARD MEMBERS:**

The following individuals were administered the Oath of Office by Land Use Board Secretary Shipps:

Chris Jacksic	1-year term, expiring on 12/31/2026, Class I
Bob Hann	1-year term, expiring on 12/31/2026, Class II
Jim Purpura	2-year term, expiring on 12/31/27 Alternate 3

**Election of Chairman:**

**Motion made by Mayor Jacksic, second by Mr. Hughes, nominating Mr. Jim McKim as Chairman.**

Hearing no further nominations:

**Vote: All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Election of Vice-Chairman:**

**Motion made by Mayor Jacksic, seconded by Mr. Butcher, nominating Mr. Bill Hughes as Vice-Chairman.**

**Vote: All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.**

Both Chair and Vice Chair were sworn in by Land Use Board Secretary Shipps.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

R.25-1 Resolution Adopting the Annual Meeting Schedule in Compliance with the Open Public Meeting Act (OPMA).

R.25-2 A Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Non-Fair and Open Contract for Professional Services.

**MOTION by Mayor Jacksic, second by Vice Chair Hughes, and approved by roll call vote: Butcher—yes, Gold—absent, Hann—yes, Hughes—yes, Liegner—yes, Meuse—absent, Suyker—yes, Jacksic—yes, McKim—yes, Coronato—absent, Keimel—absent, Purpura—yes, Caffrey—absent to approve Resolution 25-1 and Resolution 25-2.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

November 14, 2025

**Motion made by Mayor Jacksic, seconded by Vice Chair Hughes, and carried to approve the minutes of November 14, 2025, as presented.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None.

**MEMORIALIZING RESOLUTIONS:**

None.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Liaison Update – General Township Matters.

Mayor Jacksic addressed the Board, sharing reflections on his fifth year as Mayor. He expressed gratitude to the Board members and professional staff for their support, dedication, and professionalism throughout the year. Mayor Jacksic announced the appointment of John Lovell as Deputy Mayor and commended the township's positive reputation and continued growth.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

None.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS:**

None.

**PUBLIC SESSION:**

No public present.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion made by Mayor Jacksic, second by Mr. Bucher, and carried to adjourn tonight's meeting at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kristin Shipps, RMC  
Board Secretary/Municipal Clerk

Hardwick Township