

TOWNSHIP OF HARDWICK
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING
JANUARY 7, 2015

The yearly Re-Organization meeting of the Hardwick Township Committee was held on this date at the Municipal Building, 40 Spring Valley Road, Hardwick, New Jersey. This meeting was called to order at 4:08PM by the Township Clerk Judith Fisher who noted that this meeting was being held in compliance with the "Open Public Meetings Act":

In accordance with Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of 1975, notice of this meeting was given by way of notice with the New Jersey Herald and/or the Express-Times, filed in the Municipal Clerk's Office and posted in the Hardwick Municipal Building. Mrs. Fisher then led the Public in the pledge of allegiance.

Roll Call:

Present: Committeeman James Perry, Committeeman Kevin Duffy and Committeeman-Elect Alfred Carrazzone

Absent: None

Also present: CPWM Thomas Campbell, Township Attorney Michael Lavery

Absent: None

OATH OF OFFICE - ALFRED R. CARRAZZONE COMMITTEEMAN 1/1/2015 TO 12/31/2017

Mrs. Fisher, Township Clerk noted that the County Clerk, Patricia Kolb has sent the Certificate of Election for Committeeman ALFRED R. CARRAZZONE. Mr. Carrazzone had received the majority of votes cast in the General Election held in November 2014 for another three year term. At this time, the Oath of Office was administered by Senator Steven Oroho.

BUSINESS: Nomination of a Chairperson/Mayor

A motion was made by Committeeman Carrazzone to nominate Committeeman James Perry for Mayor. There were no other nominations. Motion was then second by Committeeman Duffy. Mr. Perry accepted. Motion carried followed by a roll call vote

Roll Call

Ayes: Committeeman Carrazzone, Committeeman Duffy, Committeeman Perry

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: None

Mr. James Perry was then sworn in as Mayor by Senator Steven Oroho
The Chair was then turned over to Mayor James Perry for the following appointments.

Nomination for Deputy Mayor

A motion was made by Committeeman Duffy to nominate Committeeman Alfred Carrazzone for Deputy Mayor. There were no other nominations. Motion was then second by Committeeman Perry. Mr. Carrazzone accepted. Motion carried followed by a roll call vote.

Roll Call

Ayes: Committeeman Carrazzone, Committeeman Duffy, Committeeman Perry

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: None

Committeeman Alfred Carrazzone was then sworn in as Deputy Mayor by Senator Steven Oroho

APPOINTMENTS

A motion was made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Duffy and carried to approve for the following appointments:

Township Attorney

Michael B. Lavery, Esq.
Law Firm of Lavery, Selvaggi, Abromitis & Cohen
Hackettstown, NJ 07840

Directors/Liaisons to various Departments for 2015: No changes made

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COAH Consultant Shirley Bishop, P.P., LLC
Municipal Housing Liaison Judith M. Fisher

Tax Collector Jean McKenna, CTC, 1/2012 to 12/2015
Tax Search Official Jean McKenna, CTC 1/2012 to 12/2015

Assessment Search Official Judith M. Fisher
Affirmative Action Officer Judith M. Fisher

Registrar Judith M. Fisher, CMR 12/2017
Deputy Registrar Kathy Wunder, CMR 12/2017

Municipal Clerk Judith M. Fisher, RMC, Tenured

Secretary to Local Board of Health Judith M. Fisher
Right to Know Coordinator Judith M. Fisher

Recycling Coordinator Judith M. Fisher

CFO/ Treasurer Amy Maronpot, CFO, Tenured
Auditors/Accountants Ardito & Co., LLP

Tax Assessor David Gill, CTA, Tenured

COURT - APPOINTMENTS HELD

Township Prosecutor Richard Ralph
Municipal Public Defender Kenneth Krause

Township Engineer Norton "Ted" Rodman, PE 1/2014 to 12/2016
Driveway Opening Official Norton "Ted" Rodman, PE
Certified Public Works Mgr. Thomas Campbell, CPWM

Zoning/Code Enforcement George Boesze

Construction official State of New Jersey Department of Community Affairs

Sanitary SubCode Official Warren County Board of Health

Animal Control Officer Alan DeCarolis, ACO
Dog Licensing Clerk Judith Fisher

Emergency Management Coordinator Joseph Dunn 3/2012 to 3/2015
Deputy Emergency OEM David Peck 5/2012 to 5/2015 - HELD
George H. Fee 5/2012 to 5/2015
Desiree Dunn 6/2012 to 6/2015

911 Coordinator Judith Fisher

Roll Call

Ayes: Committeeman Carrazzone, Committeeman Duffy, Mayor Perry

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: None

APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS

Planning Board,

Class I James Perry 12//2015
Class II, Deputy OEM George Fee 12/2015
Mayor Perry appointed George Fee to the Class II position
Class III Kevin Duffy 12/2015

A motion was made by Committeeman Perry, seconded by Committeeman Duffy and carried to appoint Committeeman Duffy to the Class III position.

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The following Class IV appointments were made By Mayor James Perry:

Class IV: Richard Matrisciano	12/17
Class IV: Lori Gold	12/17
Walter Ribitzki	12/17
OPEN, Alternate #1	12/16
John Lovell, Alternate #2	12/15

Board of Adjustment,

A motion was made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Duffy and carried to appoint the following members to the Board of Adjustment:

Louis Rossi	12/17
John Hadden	Held
Alternate #1	12/15 Vacant
Alfia Schemm, Alternate #2	12/16

Environmental Committee, - One Year Appointment Mayor's Appointment HELD

Richard Masticiano, Class IV Member Planning Board
James Perry, Mayor, Class I Planning Board
OPEN

Open Space Advisory Committee,

A motion was made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Duffy and carried to appoint the following members to this Advisory Committee

James Perry	12/2015
John Lovell	12/2016
Jim McKim	12/2016
Fred Butcher	12/2016

Agriculture Advisory Committee Appointments are for One Year

Robert Wolff	12/2015
John Crisman	12/2015
OPEN	12/2015

Recreation/ Public Events 2015 Vacant

Grant Committee, 2015

A motion was made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Duffy and carried to appoint the following members to this Committee:

James Perry, Mayor, Terry Crisman, Bob Wolff, Bill Hughes and John Lovell

Liaison for: A motion made by Committeeman Duffy and seconded by Committeemen Carrazzone and carried for the following appointments .

Warren County on Aging	Held
Clean Communities Coordinator	Richard Schemm
Insurance Liaison	Alfred Carrazzone, Committeeman Judith Fisher, Alternate
Recreation/Public Events Coordinator	Vacant

RESOLUTIONS

A motion was made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Duffy and carried to adopt the **Resolution 2015-01**

Meeting Place	Municipal Building 40 Spring Valley Road
Date	1 st Wednesday each month Executive Session 6:30 PM Regular Meeting 7:00 PM
Date	4 th Wednesday each month Work/Agenda Meeting 7:00 PM

(FORMAL ACTION MAY BE TAKEN AT BOTH MEETINGS)

Depositories for Township Funds

PNC Bank, Blairstown
First National Bank of Hope
Lakeland Bank, Frelinghuysen Branch
NJ Cash Management Fund, Trenton, NJ
Bank of America

A motion was made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Duffy and carried to adopt **Resolution 2015-02**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY AND/OR SPECIAL TAX COUNSEL TO EXECUTE STIPULATIONS, CORRECT ASSESSMENTS IN TAX COURT, FILE ADDED, OMITTED, OMITTED/ADDED ASSESSMENTS, ROLL-BACK TAX COMPLAINTS AND TAX APPEALS. 2015-02

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, has been informed that in certain instances, the Township Attorney and/or Special Tax Counsel may be required to execute, stipulate and make corrections or adjustments resulting from tax appeal complaints filed against the Municipality. The Township Attorney and/or Special Tax Counsel will need further approval to file omitted assessments and farmland roll-back complaints, all in the name of the Township of Hardwick, and

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of Taxation requires a resolution of the Township Committee to authorize such actions by the Township Attorney and/or Special Tax Counsel retained by the Township which are authorized to act as agents for the Township Committee, and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee desires to grant such authority to the Township Attorney and/or Special Tax Counsel.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the aforementioned individuals, individually or collectively, are hereby authorized to file, stipulate, modify, agree upon and otherwise perform the duties which are required to aid the Township Attorney and/or Special Tax Counsel in the above forenamed circumstances which are within the jurisdiction of the Warren County Board of Taxation and the New Jersey Tax Court.

A motion was made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Duffy and carried to adopt **Resolution 2015-03**

AUTHORIZING INVESTMENT OF IDLE FUNDS AND FUND TRANSFER 2015-03

WHEREAS, it is desirable that idle funds of the Township of Hardwick, County of Warren be invested in legal investment vehicles at all times; and

WHEREAS, it is occasionally necessary to transfer funds for the purpose of meeting current Township expenses or for the purpose of effecting investments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on the 2nd day of January 2014, by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick, in the County of Warren that it does hereby authorize the Chief Financial Office to request bids and to place orders for the investment of idle funds solely in legally authorized investment vehicles, such investments to the investing institution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above Chief Municipal Financial Officer is hereby authorized to transfer funds by wire solely for the following purpose and subject to all pertinent regulations:

1. To or from Township checking or saving accounts to other Township accounts.
2. To or from Township Checking or saving accounts to or from accounts specified by banks or the State of New Jersey Cash Management Funds solely for the purpose of investing for the account of the Township of Hardwick in the County of Warren.

A motion was made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Duffy and carried to adopt **Resolution 2015-04**

Cash Management 2015-04

WHEREAS, P. L. 1983, Chapter 8, Local Fiscal Affairs Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-2 has amended to require that each Municipality designate a Cash Management Plan for the deposit of Local Unit monies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on this 2nd day of January 2014 by the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick:

A. Designation of Official Depositories:

1. The following financial institutions are designated an Official Depositories:

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PNC Bank
First Hope Bank
Bank of America
Lakeland Bank
New Jersey Management Fund

2. Designated Official Depositories are required to submit to the Treasurer of the Township of Hardwick, County of Warren, a copy of the State of New Jersey, Department of Banking, Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act notification of eligibility which must be filed semiannually in the Department of Banking as of June 30 and December 31 of each year.
3. Designated Official Depositories are required to submit to the Treasurer a copy of Institution's "Annual Report" on an annual basis.

B. Deposit of Funds

All funds shall be deposited within forty-eight (48) hours of receipt in accordance with State Statute.

1. Operating funds shall be deposited into interest bearing accounts to maximize interest earnings
2. Capital and Debt Service Funds may be deposited into interest bearing accounts. Non-interest bearing accounts shall be regularly monitored for the availability of funds for investment.
3. Trust Funds may be deposited into interest bearing accounts. Non-interest bearing accounts should be regularly monitored for availability of funds for investment except where either State or Federal laws prohibit the earning of interest on such funds.
4. Payroll and Agency remittance funds shall be maintained in regular checking accounts
5. Change Fund not in excess of fifty dollars (\$50.00) may be established annually for use by the Tax Collector and shall be closed out to the Township Treasurer by fiscal year end.

C. Designation of Allowable Investment Instruments:

The Township may permit deposits and investment in such depositories as permitted in section 4 of P. L. 1970, Chapter 236 (C.17:9-44).

D. Definition of Protection of Township Deposits:

1. All depositories shall obtain the highest amount possible Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) coverage of all Township deposits.
2. All depositories must conform to all applicable State statutes concerning depositories of public funds including coverage under the NJ Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act.

E. Reporting Procedures:

1. The Treasurer shall prepare for the Township Committee a detailed listing of all investment purchasing in the prior month, specifying the amount, interest percent per annum and maturing date.
2. The Treasurer shall prepare a schedule of outstanding investments for the independent Auditors as of December 31 of each year and at other such times required by the Auditors.
3. The Treasurer shall report to the Township Committee on a quarterly basis, the financial conditions of each official depository holding township funds.

F. Maximum Maturity Policy:

Investments shall be limited to maturity not to exceed one year on all operating funds unless a longer maturity is permitted within the provisions of regulation promulgated by either the Federal or State governments.

G. Investment Procedures:

1. Bid for Certificated of Deposits and Repurchase Agreements must be solicited if the amount is \$100,000.00 or greater
2. Telephone bids will be solicited of at least three depositories by the Treasurer or his/her designated staff member
3. The depository shall specify the principal amount of the investment bid on, interest rate and number of days used to calculate the interest to be paid upon

maturity. Interest paid shall be from the date the bid was awarded to the date of maturity.

4. All bidders may request the results of the bid after the bid is formally awarded
5. A check or wire transfer of funds will be made available to the winning bidder the same business day the bid is awarded

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6. Each quotation shall be documented to record the date and time of quote, the parties in the discussion, the instrument(s), maturities and rates. A bid form from the Township may be used. The winning depository must forward a confirmation letter to the Treasurer within 48 hours of the day the bid is awarded.

H. Compliance

The Cash Management Plan of the Township of Hardwick, County of Warren shall be subject to the annual audit conducted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:5-4.

A motion was made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Duffy and carried to adopt **Resolution 2015-05**

Cancelling Balances between \$.50 and \$10.00 2015-05

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-17 allows for the cancellation of property tax overpayments or delinquent amounts of less than \$10.00; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body may authorize the Tax Collector to process, without further action on their part, any cancellation of property tax overpayments or delinquencies (except those representing a full quarter or more of taxes) of less than \$10.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick, County of Warren, State of New Jersey hereby authorizes the Tax Collector to cancel said tax amounts as deemed necessary.

A motion was made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Duffy and carried to adopt **Resolution 2015-06**

Rate of Interest for Delinquent Taxes 2015-06

WHEREAS, R.S. 54:4-67 implies that affirmative action on the part of the governing body is required to set the rate of interest on delinquent taxes and assessments.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Township Committee hereby establishes an interest rate of 8% on delinquent taxes for 2015 to be computed quarterly, with a ten (10) day grace period, in addition, the rate so fixed shall not exceed 8% per annum on the first \$1500.00 of the delinquency, and that 18% (as allowed by State Statute) per annum on any amount of delinquency in excess of \$1500.00, with a ten (10) day grace period. An additional penalty of 6% shall be added on delinquencies in excess of \$10,000.00, which are not paid prior to the end of the calendar year. The penalty so fixed shall not exceed 6% of the amount of delinquency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick, County of Warren, State of New Jersey hereby authorizes the Tax Collector to collect the rate of interest on delinquent taxes and assessment as deemed necessary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Tax Collector.

A motion was made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Duffy and carried to hold the adoption of this Resolution **2015-07** to the next meeting

Open Space Tax HOLD

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDWICK, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY RAISING THE OPEN SPACE TAX TO THREE (3) CENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ORDINANCE PREVIOUSLY PASSED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE. 2015-07

WHEREAS, the Township Committee's Open Space Tax was previously set at one (1) cent, and

WHEREAS, a referendum was placed on the ballot authorizing the Township to increase the Open Space Tax from one (1) cent up to three (3) cents, and

WHEREAS, the Open Space Tax referendum passed, and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee passed an Ordinance permitting the Open Space Tax to be set from one (1) cent up to three (3) cents, and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has determined that three (3) cents is the amount to be raised for this year.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick that the Open Space Tax shall be set at three (3) cents for the calendar year January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015.

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A motion was made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Duffy and carried to adopt **Resolution 2015-08**

Professional Services for 2015 2015-08

WHEREAS, the Township of Hardwick in the County of Warren, State of New Jersey, requires that a resolution authorizing the award of contract for Professional Services without bid be publicly advertised.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick as follows:

1. That Michael B. Lavery, Esq. of the Law Firm of Lavery Selvaggi, Abromitis & Cohen, 1500 Route 517, Hackettstown, New Jersey 07840 is hereby appointed as the Municipal Attorney for the year 2015
2. That Ardito & Co., LLP, 18 S. 9th Street, Stroudsburg, PA, 18360 Registered Municipal Accountants, are hereby appointed Township Auditors for the year 2015
3. That Norton (Ted) Rodman, P. E., P. O. Box 647, Blairstown, New Jersey is hereby appointed as Township Engineer for the year 2015

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these appointments are awarded without competitive bidding as a Professional Service under the provision of the Local Public Contract Law, and

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick is hereby authorized to execute this resolution and advertise the same according to law.

A motion was made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Duffy and carried to adopt **Resolution 2015-09**

AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES – MUNICIPAL AUDITOR 2015-09

WHEREAS, the Township of Hardwick has a need to acquire a municipal Auditor as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to provisions of N/J/S/A/ 19:44A-20.5; and,

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has determined and certified in writing that the value of the acquisition will exceed \$17,500; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this contract is one year; and

WHEREAS, ARDITO & CO., LLP has submitted a proposal, indicating they will provide the auditor services for the anticipated fee of \$18,643; and,

WHEREAS, ARDITO & CO., LLP has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certified that ARDITO & CO., LLP has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Township of Hardwick in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit ARDITO & Co., LLP from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and,

WHEREAS, the required certificate for the availability of funds has been filed by the Chief Financial Officer providing that legally appropriated balances are available to cover the amount of the contract as required by N.J.A.C. 5:30-14.5 and that fees for the aforementioned auditing and non-auditing services shall be made available by appropriate inclusion in either an annual municipal budget which includes current, revenue sharing and utility provisions, by budget amendments for Federal program spending or by inclusion in an appropriate bond ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick to authorize the Mayor and Clerk of the Township of Hardwick to enter into a contract with ARDITO & CO., LLP as described here in as auditors on in behalf of the Township of Hardwick for the year 2015; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Business Disclosure Entity Certification and Determination of value be placed on file with this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a notice of this action shall be printed once in a legally designated publication.

Political Contribution Disclosure. This contract has been awarded to Ardito & Co., LLP based on the merits and abilities of Ardito & Co., LLP to provide the goods and services as described herein. This contract was not awarded through a "fair and open" process pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq. As such, the undersigned does hereby attest that Ardito & Co., LLP, its subsidiaries, assigns or principals controlling in excess of 10% of the company has either made a contribution, that is reportable pursuant to the Election Law

Enforcement Commission pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-8 or 19:44A-16 in the one (1) year period preceding the award of the contract that would, pursuant to P.L. 2004, c. 19. affect its eligibility to perform this contract, nor will it make a reportable contribution during the term of the contract to any political party committee in the municipality if a member of that political party is serving in an elective public office of that municipality when the contract is awarded,
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or to any candidate committee of any person serving in an elective public office of the municipality when the contract is awarded.

Exhibit "A" (Mandatory Affirmative Action Language), Exhibit "B" (Employee Information Report), Exhibit "C" (Business Registration Certificate), Exhibit "D" (Business Entity Disclosure Certification), Exhibit "E" (Political Contribution Disclosure Certification), and Exhibit "F" (Insurance) are attached to and made part of his contract.

A motion was made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Duffy and carried to adopt **Resolution 2015-10**

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDWICK, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY SETTING THE OFFICE HOURS FOR TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS FOR 2015

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick believes that to provide efficient and cost effective services for the taxpayers of Hardwick, that the Township Officials should be available for a minimum numbers of hours per week, and that those hours be publicized, and

WHEREAS, The Township Committee believes that it is important that the taxpayers may rely on the various municipal officials to be available during their scheduled hours, and

WHEREAS, in order to keep the tax burden to a minimum, it is important to notify the taxpayers that certain services will only be available during certain hours, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick that the Township Committee sets the office hours for the following positions:

Registered Municipal Clerk, Registrar

Hours: -Tuesday	9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Wednesday	9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Thursday	9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Tax Collector

Hours: Wednesday	5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
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Tax Assessor

Hours: Friday	12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. or by appointment
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Construction Department:

908-362-6663, Ext 224

NJ Dept of Community Affairs

(Tuesday & Thursday) 8am – 12pm

Code Enforcement Officer

Hours: Wednesday	6:30pm to 9:30pm
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Dog Licensing Clerk

Hours:	Same as Township Clerk
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Department of Public Works

Hours: Monday - Friday -.	7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
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Temporary Budget for 2015 \$240,000.00

A motion was made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Duffy and carried to approve the 2015 Temporary Budget in the amount of \$240,000.00.

Roll Call

Ayes: Committeeman Carrazzone, Committeeman Duffy, Mayor Perry

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: None

Ordinance 1st Reading

A motion was made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Duffy and carried to introduce Ordinance 2015-01 for first reading:

ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14) **2015-01**

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A: 4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget up to **1.5%** unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation

and the **3.5%** percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick in the County of Warren finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2015 budget by up to **3.5%** over

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the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the Hardwick Township Committee hereby determines that a **1.5%** increase in the budget for said year, amounting to **\$10,492.17** in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

WHEREAS the Hardwick Township Committee hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick, in the County of Warren, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2015 budget year, the final appropriations of the Township of Hardwick shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by **3.5%**, amounting to **\$24,481.73**, and that the CY 2015 municipal budget for the Township of Hardwick be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced on first reading at a regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick held on January 2, 2015 and ordered published in accordance with the law. Said Ordinance will be considered for final reading and adoption at a regular meeting of the Township Committee to be held on February 4, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the Township Committee may hear this Ordinance at the Municipal Building, 40 Spring Valley Road, Hardwick, New Jersey, at which time all persons interested may appear for or against the adoption of said Ordinance.

Mrs. Fisher noted that 2nd Reading and Public Hearing will be on February 4, 2015 at 7PM or as soon thereafter as possible.

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS

A motion was made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Duffy and carried to authorize the payment of the bills in the amount of \$130,491.88

Roll Call

Ayes: Committeeman Carrazzone, Committeeman Duffy, Mayor Perry

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: None

Announcements

Dog Licensing due no later than March 1, 2015

Auditors - Financial Review , January 27, 2015

Budget Meeting with Auditors - Saturday, February 7, 2015 and if needed, February 14, 2015

Public Comments:

A motion was made by Committeeman Duffy, seconded by Committeeman Carrazzone and carried to open this portion of the meeting for comments from the Public.

There were no public comments

A motion was then made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Duffy and carried to close this portion of the meeting to the Public.

Committee Reports

Committeeman Duffy congratulated Committeeman Carrazzone on his reappointment as Deputy Mayor. He is looking forward to work again with him and Mayor Perry during 2015.

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Committeeman Carrazzone thanked the Committee for appointing him as Deputy Mayor for 2015.

Committeeman Perry reported that he has been working with Mr. George Sous, Representative for PSE&G regarding the contracts for the road repairs. His latest emailed noted that the contracts from PSE&G will be sent ASAP for the Committee's review. He then informed the Committee that it was with great regret that Assemblywoman Alison Littell McHose will be stepping down from her position as Assemblywoman to join Franklin Borough. There is no date as to when this will happen. Committeeman Perry thanked her for all her time and help.

Committeeman Duffy asked about the additional funds the Township should be receiving from PSE&G that were due to the Township when the lines were completed. Committeeman Perry noted that additional information was needed and that the Clerk was working on this.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Duffy and carried to adjourn tonight meeting of the Hardwick Township Committee at 4:39PM

Respectfully submitted,

Judith M. Fisher, RMC, Township Clerk

FWDSL & Associates, LP
5 Cold Hill Road South, Suite 11C
Mendham, NJ 07945

Roll Call

Ayes: Committeeman Carrazzone, Committeeman Duffy, Mayor Perry

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: None

A motion was made by Committeeman Duffy, seconded by Committeeman Carrazzone and carried to adopt the **Resolution 2015-14**

WHEREAS, 2012 bills have been presented for payment this year, which bills were not covered or recorded at the time of transfers between the 2014 Budget Appropriation Reserve in the last two months of 2014; and

WHEREAS there appears to be a surplus in the following account over and above the amount deemed necessary to fulfill the purpose for the reserved appropriations of the year 2014:

From: Planning Board OE	\$ 1,000.00
Personnel training OE	\$ 300.00
Finance OE	\$ 500.00

WHEREAS there appears to be insufficient funds in the following account to meet the demands thereon for the reserved appropriations of the year 2014:

To:	
Fuel Oil OE	\$ 300.00
Gas - Propane	\$ 800.00
Code Enforcement OE	\$ 100.00
Buildings & Grounds OE	\$ 100.00
Admin OE	\$ 500.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED N.J.S. 40A: 4-59 provides that all unexpended balances carried forward after the close of the year are available, until lapsed at the close of the succeeding year, to meet specific claims, commitments or contracts incurred during the preceding fiscal year, and allow transfers to be made from unexpended balances which are expected to be insufficient during the first three months of the succeeding year:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer be and she is hereby authorized and directed to make the above transfers.

Roll Call

Ayes: Committeeman Carrazzone, Committeeman Duffy, Mayor Perry

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: None

ITEMS FROM THE REORGANIZATION MEETING

A motion was made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Duffy and carried to appoint the following to the North Warren Court of Hope:

Township Prosecutor: Richard Ralph
Municipal Public Defender: Kenneth Krause

A motion was made by Committeeman Duffy, seconded by Committeeman Carrazzone and carried to appoint Doreen Roscher to the Warren County Office on Aging.

2015-07 - Open Space Resolution Discussion and adoption will be held until after the Budget Work Meeting on February 7, 2015.

The following will be removed from the agenda at this time:

- Appointments to:
 - Board of Adjustment
 - Agriculture Advisory Committee
 - Environmental Committee
 - Deputy OEM
 - Recreation Committee

ORDINANCES: 2nd Reading and Public Hearing: February 4, 2015

2015-01 Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank

OLD BUSINESS:

Resolutions from Various Townships: Seeking Assistance to Municipalities with Significant Tax-Exempt Properties, seeking legislative remedy via State Legislators and League Discussion tabled from the December 29th meeting.

The Committee reviewed the information before them again and at this time, they agreed to remove this item from the agenda until further information is received from the League.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ted Rodman, Township Engineer: 2015 Professional Service Agreement

The Committee reviewed Mr. Rodman's Agreement and noted that he was asking for an increase to his hourly rate from \$119 per hour to \$124 per hour. The Clerk was asked to contact Mr. Rodman for a clarification on this increase. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Committeeman Carrazzone and second by Committeeman Duffy and carried to approved Mr. Rodman's contract for 2015 pending the clarification on the hourly rate increase. The Clerk was instructed to hold signing the agreement until the additional information is received.

Roll Call

Ayes: Committeeman Carrazzone, Committeeman Duffy, Mayor Perry

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: None

Michael Lavery, Esq.: Professional Service agreement for 2015

The Committee reviewed this agreement submitted by Mr. Lavery. Seeing there were no questions, a motion was made by Committeeman Duffy, second by Committeeman Carrazzone and carried to accept this Professional Agreement and to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign.

Roll Call

Ayes: Committeeman Carrazzone, Committeeman Duffy, Mayor Perry

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: None

WC Mosquito Extermination Commission: Aerial Mosquito Control

The Committee reviewed the letter and form for the aerial applications within our jurisdiction. A motion was then made by Committeeman Carrazzone, second by Committeeman Duffy and carried to approve the form and authorize the Mayor to sign.

WC Dept. of Safety Letter: Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan participation

Our OEM Joseph Dunn and Engineer Ted Rodman attended this meeting on January 22, 2015 and the Committee presently waiting for an update from him.

Discussion:

Service Electric: Update EXECUTIVE SESSION

PSE&G: Project completed, Update of Road Repairs **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Renaming: Paulinskill Road (Lower Section) Ward Road to Blairstown Line

The Attorney has sent a letter to Blairstown and they have not responded yet.

Paulinskill Road: Repair Work, Abandonment of Lower section, Cul-de-sac

Engineer is waiting for the weather to break so that Mr. Berry can complete the survey for the cul-de-sac.

Knowlton Fire Company: Repair of their Fire Truck, Agreement

Mayor Perry reported that the Fire Company needs one of their trucks repaired at a cost of \$30,000. Their problem is how they will pay for this cost. Since Hardwick donations \$5000 a year to them for coverage on a portion of Route 80 and the Park, Mayor Perry is asking the Committee if they would be willing to give the Fire Company the funds to do the repairs. This would be 6 years of donations at \$5000 per year or the \$30,000. The Service agreement that we have with the Fire Company would then need to be amended. These funds would be coming out of the PSE&G money that is to be used for fire coverage. Mayor Perry did noted that Knowlton Township is very appreciative of Hardwick doing this for the Fire Company. Committeeman Carrazzone asked what would happen if after the truck is repaired there were problems. Mr. Wenner, attorney noted that Hardwick would be entitled to a pro-rated refund in the event there were no services to Hardwick for any reason. This will be all spelled out

in the amended written Agreement that the Committee reviewed. Committeeman Duffy at this time requested and executive session to discuss further.

Mr. Campbell updated the Committee on the new truck. The truck has been received but there are several items that are missing. He has contacted the company and they are working on this. Payment will be held until all items are completed. He then updated the Committee on FEMA as we have received notice that they will be paying the \$7000 on the 3 missing PO's that were not paid.

Mr. George Boesze, Zoning Officer talked to the Committee about concerns he has on non-conforming structures. His concerns are on two sections that contradict themselves. The Committee instructed him to contact the Planning Board since they drafted the ordinances and copy the committee on this issue.

Mayor Perry noted that the 100th anniversary of the NJ League of Municipalities and William Dressel retirement banquet is scheduled for May 7th in East Brunswick. Cost is \$130 per ticket. The Clerk has the registration form is anyone if interested in attending.

The Clerk noted that the Blairstown Ambulance Corp is scheduled to come in on February 7th to discuss their budget and progress on their new building. After a brief discussion, the Clerk was asked to see if they could come instead to our February 4th meeting at 7PM.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

A **motion** made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Duffy and carried approving the following minutes as corrected.

Year End Meeting December 29, 2014

Executive Session:

A **motion** was made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Duffy and carried to adopt the Resolution to go into Closed Session at 7:52PM.

Resolution

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Pubic Meeting Act, Chapter 231, P. L 1975 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting under certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick, in the County of Warren and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from that portion of this meeting
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:
 - A. Service Electric: Litigation
 - B. PSE&G: Contractual
 - C. Knowlton Fire Company Truck: Contractual
 - D. Alina Lodge: Contractual

As nearly as can be ascertained, the matter or matters to be discussed at this time will be disclosed to the public when such matters are resolved.

Time In: 7:52PM

Present: Committeeman, Perry, Committeeman Carrazzone and Committeeman Duffy

Also Present: Attorney Richard Wenner and Township Clerk Judith Fisher

Time Out: 8:16PM

A motion made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Duffy and carried to return to regular session.

Mr. Wenner noted that he met in closed session with the Committee where they discussed four matters:

Service Electric: Litigation

PSE&G: Amendments to the agreement

Knowlton Fire Company: Amendments to their Shared Service Agreement

Alina Lodge: Contractual

Mrs. Fisher noted that the record reflected that Committeeman Perry stepped down and was not present in Executive Session to take part in any of the discussion relating to Alina Lodge due to a conflict of interest.

No official action was taken by the Committee at this time. Copies of the minutes will be made available at such time as the Committee determines that there is no harm to the public interest.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

A motion was made by Committeeman Duffy, seconded by Committeeman Carrazzone and carried to open this portion of the meeting for comments from the Public.

There was no public comments

A motion was made by Committeeman Duffy, seconded by Committeeman Carrazzone and carried to close this portion of the meeting to the Public.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Committeeman Perry, seconded by Committeeman Carrazzone and carried to adjourn tonights meeting of the Hardwick Township Committee at 8:17PM

Respectfully submitted,
Judith M. Fisher, RMC
Township Clerk

TOWNSHIP OF HARDWICK
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

February 4, 2015

The monthly meeting of the Hardwick Township Committee was held on this date at the Municipal Building, 40 Spring Valley Road, Hardwick, New Jersey. This meeting was called to order at 6:39PM by the Township Clerk Judith Fisher who noted that this meeting was being held in compliance with the "Open Public Meetings Act":

In accordance with Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of 1975, notice of this meeting was given by way of notice with the New Jersey Herald and/or the Express-Times, filed in the Municipal Clerk's Office and posted in the Hardwick Municipal Building. Mrs. Fisher then led the public in the pledge of allegiance.

Roll Call:

Present: Committeemen James Perry and Alfred Carrazzone

Absent: Committeeman Kevin Duffy

Also present: Township Engineer Ted Rodman, Township Attorney Richard Wenner and CFO Amy Maronpot

Absent: CPWM Thomas Campbell

Executive Session: Not needed tonight

Payment of Bills

A motion was made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Perry and carried to authorize the payment of the bills in the amount of \$823,598.63.

Roll Call

Ayes: Committeeman Carrazzone, Committeeman Perry

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: Committeeman Duffy

Members of the Blairstown Ambulance Corp were present tonight to discuss their 2015 Budget request and to update the Committee on the progress on their new building. They have 36 members, 22 are EMT's and 7 members are from Hardwick. They have 4 running Ambulances and a new 4x4 vehicle that they were able to purchase themselves. They handed out their yearly report for 2014. There were 91 calls in Hardwick with 546 man hours and 1,744 traveled miles. Their request for a donation from Hardwick will be the same as 2014 or \$9128.00. The Committee noted that we have a budget work meeting on Saturday, February 7th and that we will take this request under advisement. Next they talked about their old building on Stillwater Road that is up for sale. They have had several inquirers but nothing solid right now.

The Committee thanked the Ambulance for coming in tonight and that the Clerk will let them know about their requested donation after the budget meeting on Saturday.

Reports

Mr. Rodman, Township Engineer had nothing new to report on at this time

Mr. Campbell, CPWM was absent tonight

Mrs. Maronpot, CFO handed out her monthly report for the Committee's review

Mr. Wenner, Esq., Township Attorney had nothing to report on tonight

Mrs. Fisher, Township Clerk reviewed correspondence.

RESOLUTIONS

A motion was made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Perry and carried to adopt the **Resolution 2015-15**

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING, RECOGNIZING AND HONORING THE SERVICE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS **2015-15**

WHEREAS, recent events throughout our nation have unfortunately demonstrated a reckless disregard for the lives and safety of law enforcement officers by many, including

some public official, who have cavalierly aligned themselves with career criminals and agitators who seek to divide our nation; and

WHEREAS, even worse, much of the news media along with certain public officials and other public figures have perpetuated false narratives that have made law enforcement officers the direct targets of reprisals that have resulted in the assassination of a number of law enforcement officers throughout the country in recent weeks; and

WHEREAS, from combating terror and staking out criminals to patrolling our highways, law enforcement officers maintain stability in our communities, resulting in a more secure nation; and

WHEREAS, law enforcement officers in this state and throughout the nation are routinely called upon to serve and protect their fellow citizens by responding to horrendous events and acting heroically to save the lives of others; and

WHEREAS, it is incumbent upon public officials and the law abiding public to proactively support our law enforcement officers who regularly face threats of violence and danger, and routinely put their lives in jeopardy to defend others potentially resulting in injury, disability, or even death to keep our neighborhoods safe, enforce the rules of law, protect our property, and to respond in times of crisis.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick in the County of Warren, State of New Jersey that they declare their support and solidarity with the men and women who service as law enforcement officers for their distinctive service and dedicated efforts, earning our highest respect and deepest gratitude, which must be recognized and honored for their selfless and heroic service and invaluable contribution to upholding justice, enforcing the rule of law, and protecting the innocent in Hardwick Township, the State of New Jersey and in this nation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Municipal Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to the Governor, the State Legislators representing the Township of Hardwick and the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren.

2015-07 OPEN SPACE Adoption will be held at this time until after the Budget Work Meeting.

ITEMS FROM THE REORGANIZATION MEETING, JANUARY 7, 2015

Appointments to Board of Adjustment (1) Members & Alternate #1

Appointment to Agriculture Advisory Committee (1) Member

Environmental Committee (1) member

Agriculture Committee (1) member

Recreation

The above items will be held to the next meeting

ORDINANCE: 2nd Reading and Public Hearing Notice

Notice is hereby given that the foregoing Ordinance was approved for final adoption by the Hardwick Township Committee at a regular meeting held on February 4, 2015

ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14) 2015-01

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A: 4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget up to **1.5%** unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the **3.5%** percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick in the County of Warren finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2015 budget by up to **3.5%** over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Hardwick Township Committee hereby determines that a **1.5%** increase in the budget for said year, amounting to **\$10,492.17** in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

WHEREAS the Hardwick Township Committee hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick, in the County of Warren, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2015 budget year, the final appropriations of the Township of Hardwick shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by **3.5%**, amounting to **\$24,481.73**, and that the CY 2015 municipal budget for the Township of Hardwick be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced on first reading at a regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick held on January 2, 2015 and ordered published in accordance with the law. Said Ordinance will be considered for final reading and adoption at a regular meeting of the Township Committee to be held on February 4, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the Township Committee may hear this Ordinance at the Municipal Building, 40 Spring Valley Road, Hardwick, New Jersey, at which time all persons interested may appear for or against the adoption of said Ordinance.

A motion was made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Perry and carried to open the public hearing on **Ordinance 2015-01**.

The Ordinance brought no public comment.

A motion was made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Perry and carried to close the public hearing on **Ordinance 2015-01**.

A motion was made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Perry to adopt **Ordinance 2015-01**.

Roll Call

Ayes: Committeeman Carrazzone, Committeeman Perry

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: Committeeman Duffy

OLD BUSINESS:

WC Dept. of Public Safety Letter: Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Participation

NEW BUSINESS:

Knowlton Fire Company: Repair of their fire truck, Agreement, Resolution

Mayor Perry reported that the fire company is in need of getting their truck repaired and presently they do not have the funds. They cover Hardwick's portion of Route 80 and a small portion of the Park. Hardwick does give a yearly donation to them in the amount of \$5000.00. Mayor Perry talked to the Committee about giving the Fire Company a check for \$30,000 for the necessary repairs which would present their donation from Hardwick Township for the next 6 years. The Attorney has drafted a resolution for the Committee's review and adoption tonight if everyone agrees. There was a brief discussion after which the following resolution was adopted.

A motion made by Committee Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Perry and carried to adopted Resolution 2015-18

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDWICK, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AMENDED FIRE SERVICES PROVISION AGREEMENT WITH KNOWLTON TOWNSHIP SUBJECT TO THE INCLUSION OF THE AMENDMENTS RETURNING TERMINATION OF THE AGREEMENT WITH HARDWICK TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS, the Township of Hardwick (“Hardwick”) and the Township of Knowlton (“Knowlton”) have negotiated an agreement for the provision of fire services on behalf of Hardwick; and

WHEREAS, Hardwick desires to execute the agreement subject to an amendment to the contract providing for the prorata refund of certain monies to Hardwick from Knowlton in the event of a termination of the agreement by Knowlton; and

WHEREAS, Knowlton has requested that said prorata refund of monies by Knowlton to Hardwick be applicable only in the event that Knowlton terminates the agreement; and

WHEREAS, Hardwick is agreeable to same.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick, County of Warren and State of New Jersey, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute an amended fire services provision agreement with Knowlton Township subject to the inclusion of the amendments set forth above.

Adopted: February 4, 2015

Roll Call

Ayes: Committeeman Carrazzone, Committeeman Perry

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: Committee Duffy

A motion made by Committee Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Perry and carried to authorize the Mayor to attend the Fire Companies meeting on February 9th, 2015 to have the above Resolution reviewed and signed by them and Knowlton Township Committee before the check is sent.

DISCUSSION:

Ted Rodman, Township Engineer: 2015 Professional Service Agreement

A motion made by Committee Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Perry and carried to authorize the Mayor to sign the Professional Services Agreement for Ted Rodman.

Service Electric: There is no update at this time. Status quo

PSE&G: Project completed, update on road repairs

The settlement agreement has been sent to them for the \$365,000 for the damage that was done to our township roads.

Renaming Paulinskill Road: Lower section Ward Road to the Blairstown Twp. line

A letter has been sent to Blairstown about the renaming of this portion of Ward Road.

Presently we are waiting for a response from them.

Paulinskill Road: Repair work, Abandonment of lower section, cul-de-sac

No Update on either of these projects at this time

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A **motion** made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Perry and carried approved the following minutes as corrected.

January 7, 2015 Reorganization Meeting

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

A motion was made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Perry and carried to open this portion of the meeting for comments from the Public.

There was no public comment.

A motion was then made by Committeeman Perry, seconded by Committeeman Carrazzone and carried to close this portion of the meeting to the Public.

Committee Report:

Committeeman Duffy: absent for tonight’s meeting

Committeeman Carrazzone talked about the Hardwick House restaurant that was destroyed several years ago. DCA sighted it as unsafe and the owners then boarded up the windows and place a chain across the driveway. DCA reported that these measures that were done by the owners did satisfy them to secure the building. Committeeman Carrazzone feels that the structure should be torn down and if done by the Township then a lien placed against the property by the Township. He then discussed Mountainwood Water Company. He asked the Clerk if they were up to date with submitting their application for Water Extraction and the fee. Mrs. Fisher will check and report back at the next meeting.

Committeeman Perry talked about the Transportation Trust Fund that is presently in trouble. The State will probably not be funding it next year. He talked about the various options that the State is suggesting to fund it. He also talked about Yards Creek, of which a portion is located in Hardwick.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Perry and carried to adjourn tonight meeting of the Hardwick Township Committee at 8:02PM

Respectfully submitted,

Judith M. Fisher, RMC
Township Clerk

TOWNSHIP OF HARDWICK
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

FEBRUARY 25, 2015

The monthly work meeting of the Hardwick Township Committee was held on this date at the Municipal Building, 40 Spring Valley Road, Hardwick, New Jersey. This meeting was called to order at 7:08PM by the Township Clerk Judith Fisher who noted that this meeting was being held in compliance with the "Open Public Meetings Act":

In accordance with Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of 1975, notice of this meeting was given by way of notice with the New Jersey Herald and/or the Express-Times, filed in the Municipal Clerk's Office and posted in the Hardwick Municipal Building.

Roll Call:

Present: Committeemen James Perry, Kevin Duffy and Alfred Carrazzone

Absent: None

Also present: Township Engineer Ted Rodman, CPWM Thomas Campbell and Township Attorney Michael Lavery

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS: NONE

REPORTS

Mr. Rodman talked to the Committee on Stormwater Management. He received a call from the State regarding our Ordinance that the Township adopted 2 years ago. The State informed Mr. Rodman during a conference call that our present ordinance does not conform to the States model Ordinance and that ours was never approved. Our adopted Ordinance was sent to the State and we never heard back from them. That was again 2 years ago. The State talked to Ted about scheduling a meeting/conference call to discuss a waiver or relief for the Township. After a brief discussion, the Committee agreed that this was also a Planning Board issue and that this conference call should include members from the Planning Board that worked on the Ordinance. Mr. Rodman has a tentative date of March 9th for this conference call.

Mr. Rodman discussed the Paulinskill Road cul-de-sac. He met with Mr. Andersen, and CPWM Tom Campbell at the site. Mr. Andersen noted that he wants to save several trees. The cul-de-sac would have a 40 foot radius and about 80 feet in diameter. Mr. Andersen was agreeable to this. Mr. Berry, Land Surveyor suggested that the Township do this as an easement since it is on Mr. Andersen's property. Mr. Berry would do the metes and bounds, map and description for abandoning this section of the road which will be sent to the Township Attorney to prepare this easement. A suggestion was made to be sure that there would be no other lots affected by doing this abandonment of Paulinskill Road.

As for the renaming of the lower section of Ward Road, there has been no response from Blairstown Township. The Township Attorney sent a letter to the Committee in Blairstown and we are still waiting for an answer if they would also rename that section in their Township to Ward Road.

Mayor Perry talked to the Committee about the Capital Improvement Fund. Presently at budget time, \$100,000 was placed into it and now there is a question of bring that amount down to \$50,000. The pros and cons were discussed because the 2015 Budget is schedule to be introduced next month.

RESOLUTIONS:

2015-07 Open Space Tax Resolution Discussion is to keep the Open Space Tax to 1 cent. The Clerk will prepare the Resolution for the March 4th meeting.

2015-16 Tonnage Grant Application 2014

2015-17 Appointment of Joseph Dunn, Emergency Management Coordinator

2015 Various Resolutions for 2015 Budget Introduction from Auditor **March 4th Meeting**

Introduction of the 2015 Budget 1st Reading, March 4th Meeting

ORDINANCE: 1st Reading, March 4th Meeting

2015-02 2015 Salary Ordinance

OLD BUSINESS: None at this time

NEW BUSINESS: None at this time

Discussion:

Hope Township: Meeting on March 3rd with State Police to share & exchange information
Suggestions for the Mayor to discuss are speed limit checks, how often do they patrol the roads and maybe getting a quarterly crime statistic report.

Red Mill, LLC: Hardwick House Executive Session

COAH: The Committee briefly discussed whether or not to keep this. Thoughts are to discuss with the COAH Consultant Shirley Bishop and the Planning Board.

Service Electric: Update EXECUTIVE SESSION

PSE&G: Project completed, Update of Road Repairs The agreement was reviewed by the Township Attorney and Committee. The only correction that needs to be made is to exclude the other money from this agreement, everything else is good.

Renaming: Paulinskill Road (Lower Section) Ward Road to Blairstown Line
Discussed earlier in meeting under Engineer Report

Paulinskill Road: Repair Work, Abandonment of Lower section, Cul-de-sac
Discussed earlier in meeting under Engineer Report

Mayor Perry noted that he met last Thursday with Freeholder Ed Smith to discuss the PILT money that the County receives for the Federal Land, Worthington State Park. Also present for this discussion was Mayor Adele Starrs from Knowlton Township. The County receives about \$23,000 for the land and Mayor Perry requested that these funds need to be distributed to the appropriated Municipalities. Freeholder Smith noted that he would check with the County Attorney on if this could be done. Presently Hardwick does received a portion of the PILT money that the County receives. Knowlton and Blairstown do not.

CPWM Tom Campbell asked about the slat reserve and if the Federal Impact money could be used there. The CFO will check with the Auditor on this.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

- January 28, 2015 Work Meeting
- February 4, 2015 Monthly Meeting
- February 7, 2015 Budget Work Meeting

Executive Session:

A motion was made by Committeeman Duffy, seconded by Committeeman Carrazzone and carried to adopt the Resolution to go into Closed Session at 8:37PM.

Resolution

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Pubic Meeting Act, Chapter 231, P. L 1975 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting under certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick, in the County of Warren and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from that portion of this meeting
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:
 - A. Hardwick House: Attorney Client, Litigation
 - B. Service Electric: Pending Litigation
 - C. Alina Lodge: Contractual (Mayor Perry will be excluded from discussions) *****

As nearly as can be ascertained, the matter or matters to be discussed at this time will be disclosed to the public when such matters are resolved.

Time In: 8:37PM

Present: Committeeman, Perry, Committeeman Carrazzone and Committeeman Duffy
Also Present: Attorney Michael Lavery and Township Clerk Judith Fisher

**** Mayor Perry will be excluded from any discussions regarding Alina Lodge

Time Out: 9:11PM

A motion made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Duffy and carried to return to regular session.

Mr. Lavery noted that he met in closed session with the Committee where they discussed three matters:

Hardwick House: Attorney Client, Potential Litigation

Service Electric: Pending Litigation

Alina Lodge: Contractual

Mrs. Fisher noted that the record reflected that Committeeman Perry stepped down and was not present in Executive Session to take part in any of the discussion relating to Alina Lodge due to a conflict of interest.

No official action was taken by the Committee at this time. Copies of the minutes will be made available at such time as the Committee determines that there is no harm to the public interest.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

A motion was made by Committeeman Duffy, seconded by Committeeman Carrazzone and carried to open this portion of the meeting for comments from the Public.

There was no public comments

A motion was made by Committeeman Duffy, seconded by Committeeman Carrazzone and carried to close this portion of the meeting to the Public.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Committeeman Duffy, seconded by Committeeman Carrazzone and carried to adjourn tonight's meeting of the Hardwick Township Committee at 9:12PM

Respectfully submitted,
Judith M. Fisher, RMC
Township Clerk

TOWNSHIP OF HARDWICK
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

MARCH 11, 2015

The monthly meeting of the Hardwick Township Committee was held on this date at the Municipal Building, 40 Spring Valley Road, Hardwick, New Jersey. This meeting was called to order at 4:02PM by the Township Clerk Judith Fisher who noted that this meeting was being held in compliance with the "Open Public Meetings Act":

In accordance with Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of 1975, notice of this meeting was given by way of notice with the New Jersey Herald and/or the Express-Times, filed in the Municipal Clerk's Office and posted in the Hardwick Municipal Building. Mrs. Fisher then led the public in the pledge of allegiance.

Roll Call:

Present: Committeeman James Perry, Committeeman Alfred Carrazzone and Committeeman Kevin Duffy

Absent: None

Also present: Township Engineer Ted Rodman, CPWM Thomas Campbell, Township Attorney Michael Lavery and CFO Amy Maronpot

At this time, Mayor Perry asked for a moment of silence to recognize former Mayor and Committeeman George Kopp who passed recently.

Payment of Bills

A motion was made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Duffy and carried to authorize the payment of the bills in the amount of \$228,799.16.

Roll Call

Ayes: Committeeman Carrazzone, Committeeman Duffy and Mayor Perry

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: None

Reports

Mr. Rodman, Township Engineer updated the Committee on the progress with the cul-de-sac on Paulinskill Road. Mr. Andersen, the property owner has been given a copy of the proposed area in question. He also updated the Committee on the conference call that took place on March 9th with DEP regarding the Stormwater Ordinance that the Committee adopted several years ago. He noted that nothing specific was decided. At the end of the call it was left that DEP would look again at our ordinance and that they would get back with us. Mayor Perry added that DEP really didn't know our concerns and that they probably didn't read our ordinance. It also seems that they were really surprised as to how ready we were and the level of preparedness. No time frame was given to us on when they would get back to us.

Mr. Campbell, CPWM reported that JCP&L talked to him about gaining access to the closed portion of Paulinskill Road. There is a transformer located on this portion of the road that services Alina Lodge and presently has problems. They were told that the roadway is unsafe to travel, but they asked for the barrier to be moved for just one day so that they could make the repairs. The Committee denied this request sighting again that the roadway is unsafe to travel.

Mrs. Maronpot, CFO handed out her monthly report for the Committee's review

Mr. Lavery, Esq., Township Attorney had nothing new to report on at this time.

Mrs. Fisher, Township Clerk reviewed correspondence.

RESOLUTIONS

A motion was made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Duffy and carried to adopt the **Resolution 2015-07**

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDWICK, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY SETTING THE OPEN SPACE TAX TO ONE (1) CENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ORDINANCE PREVIOUSLY PASSED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE.

WHEREAS, the Township Committee's Open Space Tax was previously set at three (3) cent, and

WHEREAS, a referendum was placed on the ballot authorizing the Township to increase the Open Space Tax from one (1) cent up to three (3) cents, and

WHEREAS, the Open Space Tax referendum passed, and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee passed an Ordinance permitting the Open Space Tax to be set from one (1) cent up to three (3) cents, and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has determined that one (1) cent is the amount to be raised for this year.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick that the Open Space Tax shall be set at one (1) cent for the calendar year January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015.

A motion was made by Committeeman Duffy, seconded by Committeeman Carrazzone and carried to adopt the **Resolution 2015-16**

TONNAGE GRANT APPLICATION

WHEREAS, the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act, P.L. 1987, c102, has established a recycling fund from which tonnage grant may be made to municipalities in order to encourage local source separation and recycling programs; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent and the spirit of the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act to use the tonnage grants to develop new municipal recycling programs and to continue and to expand existing programs; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection has promulgated recycling regulations to Implement the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act; and

WHEREAS, the recycling regulations imposed on municipalities certain requirements as a condition for applying for tonnage grants, including but not limited to, making and keeping accurate, verifiable records of materials collected and claimed by the municipality; and

WHEREAS, a resolution authorizing this municipality to apply for the 2014 Recycling Tonnage Grant will memorialize the commitment of this municipality to recycling and to indicate the assent of the Township of Hardwick to the effort undertaken by the municipality and the requirements contained in the Recycling Act and recycling regulation; and

WHEREAS, such a resolution should designate the individual authorized to ensure the application is properly completed and timely filed.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick that the Township of Hardwick endorses the submission of the recycling tonnage grant application to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and designated Judith Fisher as the recycling coordinator to ensure that the application is properly filed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the monies received from the recycling tonnage grant be deposited in a dedicated recycling trust fund to be used solely for the purposes of recycling.

A motion was made by Committeeman Duffy, seconded by Committeeman Carrazzone and carried to adopt the **Resolution 2015-17**

BE IT RESOLVED that on March 11, 2015, Joseph Dunn was appointed as the Emergency Management Coordinator for the Township of Hardwick, County of Warren, State of New Jersey.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Joseph Dunn is a resident of the Township of Hardwick and that his term of office shall expire March 11, 2018.

A motion was made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Duffy and carried to adopt the **Resolution 2015-19**

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDWICK, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY CALLING FOR THE LEGISLATURE AND THE ADMINISTRATION TO ADOPT A NEW, MORE SENSIBLE APPROACH TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING

WHEREAS, on September 26, 2013, the New Jersey Supreme Court decision In re Adoption of N.J.A.C. 5:96 & 5:97 by NJ Council on Affordable Housing, 215 NJ 578 (2013) invalidated the round three regulations adopted by the Council on Affordable Housing (COAH) in 2008 and charged COAH with the responsibility if adopting a third iteration of round three regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court also invited the Legislature and the Governor, to devise a new legislative-based approach to affordable housing in our State and promised to show enormous deference to any new legislative pronouncement; and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court extended the five month deadline it establish in In re Adoption Of N.J.A.C. 5:96 & 5:97 and set May 1, 2014 as the deadline for COAH to adopt new round three regulations; and

WHEREAS, on October 20, 2014 the COAH Board met and unable to adopt new regulations due to a 3-3 vote, creating more uncertainty and turmoil for municipalities; and

WHEREAS, on January 6, 2015 the New Jersey Supreme Court heard augment in a motion brought forth by the Fair Share Housing Center asking the Court to strip COAH of its authority and return implementation of the Fair Housing Act to the Court, thereby potentially exposing municipalities to costly litigation; and

WHEREAS, the confusion and uncertainty that has resulted from costly court actions, prolonged litigation and the lack of reasonable demonstrates the need for a new State housing policy based on good planning, incentivizing participation and the provision of additional affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature and Governor should seize this opportunity to reform the State's housing laws and implement a statewide housing plan predicated on good planning, providing incentives, directing funding to assist municipalities and protect the interests of taxpayers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Hardwick that we urge the Governor and the State Legislature to partner with municipalities and enact legislation to implement a reasonable and rational state affordable housing policy which promotes rational planning, seeks to achieve results with available housing funding and incentives, encourages partnerships, and protect the interest of taxpayers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Governor and Lieutenant Governor of New Jersey, the Commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs, Senator Steven V. Oroho, Assemblyman Parker Space, Assemblywoman Alison Littell McHose, the President of the New Jersey State Senate, the Speaker of the New Jersey General Assembly, New Jersey State League of Municipalities and the New Jersey Conference of Mayors..

RESOLUTION

The following Resolution is on HOLD as the Committee is requesting addition information.

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REGARDING THE RESTORATION OF FUNDING TO STATE PARKS PROGRAMS WHICH WILL SUFFER CUTS DUE TO DIVERSION OF CORPORATION BUSINESS TAX FUNDS DUE TO PUBLIC APPROVAL OF NEW JERSEY BALLOT QUESTION 2

WHEREAS, Hardwick Township, located in Warren County, is the home of many acres of forested State Lands, Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Park, Swartswood State Park and Paulinskill River, a tourist haven for swimming, camping, fishing, canoeing, birding, photography, and other recreational activities; and

WHEREAS, Hardwick Township is depending on these significant, local natural and historic resources in its plan for economic development and growth, highlighting them as a key quality-of-life and eco-tourism assets as we attempt to draw visitors, new residents and new businesses to our Township; and

WHEREAS, there currently exists a greater than \$400 million backlog of repairs, new construction and improvements to existing facilities in state parks and historic sites; and

WHEREAS, numerous Hardwick Township residents, including members of this governing body, have invested significant volunteer time and effort into clean-up of the Paulinskill Watershed by actively participating in, and supporting efforts of, Hardwick Environmental Committee, and others; and

WHEREAS, recent passage of New Jersey Ballot Question 2 will have serious financial impact on state parks and historic sites like Stokes State Forest, severely limiting their ability to fund capital projects, such as building or repairing restrooms, roads, and bridges, since past dedicated funding through the Corporation Business Tax (CBT) has been virtually eliminated; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED The Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick do hereby request that the New Jersey Senate Environment and Energy Committee ensure that the legislation implementing distribution of funds as part of Ballot Question 2 fully restores funding for the programs for capital improvements and stewardship

of state parks and historic sites to the same or greater levels as prior to diversion of funds from the CBT; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick request that new legislation be enacted allowing income from concessions agreements for specific state parks and historic sites be directed into a dedicated account for that specific state park or historic site, so that the income derived from these private concessions on public lands be utilized to repair, enhance or improve the state park or historic site from which the income is generated; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick request that 5% of the funds from the CBT be allocated to stewardship of county and local parks and preserved lands through competitive matching grants similar to Green Acres acquisition and development grants; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick request that no taxpayer funds be allocated to non-profit NGOs for stewardship of lands held by these nonprofit land trusts, since these NGOs and their members already benefit from funds generated by programs they run, and are eligible for private and foundational funding, unlike governmental agencies; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick direct the Municipal Clerk to forward certified copies of this resolution to New Jersey Senate Environment and Energy Committee; New Jersey State Senator Steven Oroho; New Jersey Assembly Members Alison McHose and Parker Space; New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Commissioner Bob Martin; New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Parks and Forestry Director Mark Texel; New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Parks and Forestry Assistant Director John Trontis; New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Parks and Forestry Northern Region Superintendent Steve Ellis; New Jersey League of Municipalities

1st Reading: Introduction of the 2015 Municipal Budget

WHEREAS, the Township of Hardwick is holding a meeting on March 11, 2015, for the purpose of introducing the 2015 Municipal Budget and conducting other matters; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick, Warren County, New Jersey, that the Township of Hardwick hereby petitions the Director of the Division of Local Government Services that the 2015 Local Municipal Budget be introduced and approved on March 11, 2015.

2015 HARDWICK TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Surplus anticipated general revenues	\$ 124,000.00
Total Miscellaneous revenue	292,593.00
Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	96,000.00
Local Property Taxes	<u>563,909.00</u>
Total General Revenues	\$ <u>1,076,502.00</u>

Total Operations	
Salaries and Wages	\$ 282,160.00
Other Expenses	436,505.00
Capital Expenditures	80,000.00
Debt Service	63,500.00
Statutory Expenditures	21,081.00
Reserve for Delinquent Taxes	<u>193,256.00</u>
Total 2015 Municipal Budget	\$ <u>1,076,502.00</u>

2015 Municipal Tax Rate (Estimated) \$0.3563

Committee Discussion

Mayor Perry discussed new information with the Committee regarding the Schools and the County. Right now it looks like the Elementary school tax is unsure, the NW Regional HS might be flat or up about a penny and that the County will again probably remain flat with any tax increase. This year the Township placed \$50,000 in the Capital Improvement Fund and put the same amount in next year. They then talked about Bonds (BANS) and Notes.

A motion was made by Committeeman Perry, seconded by Committeeman Duffy and carried to open this portion of the meeting for comments from the Public on the 2015 Municipal Budget.

Mr. Lovell explained the difference in Bonds and Notes for the Committee. Mrs. Maronpot, CFO explained that the Township presently does Bonds (BANS) through Bond Counsel.

A motion was then made by Committeeman Perry, seconded by Committeeman Carrazzone and carried to close this portion of the meeting to the Public.

The Committee discussed again and agreed to increase the Capital Improvement Fund line the additional \$50,000 bringing it to \$130,000 for 2015.

A motion was made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Duffy and carried to amend the Capital Improvement Fund.

Roll Call

Ayes: Committeeman Carrazzone, Committeeman Duffy, Mayor Perry

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: None

Mrs. Fisher informed the Committee that the 2015 Municipal Budget could not be adopted tonight since they are amending the Capital Improvement Fund. The Auditor would be preparing the Amending Resolution that will need to be introduced at the next meeting and that the public hearing would be continued to then. The April meeting will also need to be moved one week or to April 8th where the Amending Resolution for the Capital Improvement Fund would be introduced.

A motion was made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Duffy and carried to move the April 1st monthly meeting to Wednesday, April 8th at 7PM.

ORDINANCE: 1st Reading

A motion was made by Committeeman Duffy, seconded by Committeeman Carrazzone and carried to introduce Ordinance 2015-02

2015-02 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES OF THE EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDWICK, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY".

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick wishes to adopt an ordinance establishing the salaries and compensation of several employees of the Township in 2015

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick that salary for 2015 for the following employees shall be as follows:

SECTION 1: The annual salaries for the following Township Employees shall be:

Township Committee Members	2,885.99 per annum
Township Clerk	41,564.93 per annum
Chief Financial Officer	17,188.20 per annum
Tax Collector	14,631.61 per annum
Tax Assessor	19,079.86 per annum
Secretary to Board of Adjustment	3,784.75 per annum
	79.80 per extra meeting above 12**
Secretary to Planning Board	6,287.69 per annum
	79.80 per extra meeting above 12**
Recreation Coordinator	861.02 per annum
Animal Control Officer	7,594.58 per annum
Licensing Clerk	1,169.87 per annum
Zoning Official	11,622.29 per annum
911 Coordinator	861.02 per annum
Emergency Management Coordinator	2,135.30 per annum
Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator	1.00 per annum

**EXTRA MEETINGS SHALL BE CONSIDERED ANY MEETING OTHER THAN THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED BUSINESS MEETING

SECTION II: ROAD DEPARTMENT

Road Foremen/Certified Public Works Manager	33.96 per hour
Equipment Operator/Laborer	24.35 per hour

Emergency Truck Driver	18.61 per hour
Extra Help	13.27 per hour
Mechanic Stipend	2,849.62 per annum
On Call Stipend - Road Foreman	1,558.27 per annum
On Call Stipend - Road Laborer	1,558.27 per annum

SECTION III: RECYCLING

Recycling Coordinator	220.15 per annum
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The salaries set forth in this ordinance herein shall be effective and retroactive to January 1, 2015.

Any and all other portions and sections of this ordinance inconsistent with this ordinance which are heretofore passed and adopted are hereby repealed only to their inconsistencies.

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above entitled ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick on March 4, 2015 and will be considered for final reading and adoption at the Regular Meeting of the Township Committee held on April 8, 2015 at 7:00PM at the Municipal Building, 40 Spring Valley Road, Hardwick Township, New Jersey.

ORDINANCE: 1st Reading

A motion was made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Duffy and carried to introduce Ordinance 2015-03

2015-03 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDWICK, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY RENAMING PAULINSKILL ROAD FROM THE INTERSECTION OF PAULINSKILL ROAD AND WARD ROAD TO THE TERMINUS WEST TO THE BORDER WITH BLAIRSTOWN TOWNSHIP, PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40:67-1(k) 2015-03

WHEREAS, a portion of Paulinskill Road has been closed due to damage done by "Superstorm Sandy" and is scheduled to be vacated by the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick believes it is in the best interest of the residents of Hardwick to rename a portion of Paulinskill Road; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:67-1(k) the governing body has the power and authority to provide for the naming and the changing of the names of streets and highways as well as the erection of signs thereon.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick, County of Warren, State of New Jersey that the length of Paulinskill Road from the intersection of Paulinskill Road and Ward Road to the terminus West to the Border with the Township of Blairstown is hereby renamed Ward Road.

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above entitled ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick on March 4, 2015 and will be considered for final reading and adoption at the Regular Meeting of the Township Committee held on April 8, 2015 at 7:00PM at the Municipal Building, 40 Spring Valley Road, Hardwick Township, New Jersey.

OLD BUSINESS:

Reappointment to Board of Adjustment: John Hadden **HOLD**

WC Dept. of Public Safety Letter: Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Participation
The Committee is waiting for an update from OEM Joseph Dunn.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bob Canace, Conservation Advising Services, LLC:

A motion was made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Duffy and carried to approve the following Professional Services Agreement for 2015

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

This Agreement sets forth the terms by which the **TOWNSHIP OF HARDWICK**, a municipal corporation of the State of New Jersey, whose address is 321 Hardwick Street, Stewartsville, New Jersey 08886 ("the Township") retains **CONSERVATION ADVISING SERVICES LLC (Conservation Advising)**, a limited liability corporation pursuant to the laws of the State of New Jersey, whose address is 836 Route 94, Blairstown, New Jersey 07825, to provide the Township with a variety of open space-related consulting services.

WHEREAS, with the creation of a dedicated source of tax revenue ("Open Space Trust") and an Open Space Committee for the acquisition of open space, a need exists to retain the services of an open space preservation consultant whose staff members have technical expertise and experience in the field of open space and farmland preservation and stewardship; and

WHEREAS, Conservation Advising is qualified to provide technical and financial assistance to public and non-profit organization seeking to protect open space for natural, historic, agricultural and recreational purposes and to assist these organizations with the stewardship of open space lands; and

WHEREAS, the Township desires to engage Conservation Advising for the purpose of assisting the Township Committee, the Open Space Committee, and/or the Agricultural Advisory Committee with a variety of open space consulting services, including, but not limited to: landowner negotiations, the preparation of grant applications for land acquisition and stewardship projects, the preparation and revision of open space and/or farmland preservation plans; and the design and implementation of public access, trails, stewardship and restoration projects ("Open Space Consulting Services") as may be required by the Township to effectuate its plans and policies with respect to the preservation, management and use of open space and farmland.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereto agree, intending to be bound by this Agreement, hereby agree as follows:

1. Scope of Services

(a) The parties acknowledge that the Open Space Consulting Services for the Township shall be performed principally by Robert Canace of Conservation Advising

(b) It is further understood that CONSERVATION ADVISING shall perform specific Open Space Consulting Services at the request of, and under the direction of, the Chair of Open Space Committee with the concurrence of the Township Committee.

(c) Any change in the Services and any additional services to be performed or products to be provided by Conservation Advising shall require the prior written consent of the Township and Conservation Advising.

(d) The parties acknowledge and agree that it is their intention that Conservation Advising will begin to provide Services to the Township effective January 2, 2015.

(e) It is understood that all Conservation Advising work will take place at its offices in Blairstown, New Jersey, but that Conservation Advising shall be available on occasion to conduct site visits throughout the Township, or to attend, upon request, Township meetings, including the meetings of the Open Space Committee, at the municipal building or at other Township facilities, or to participate in meetings with individual landowners or Township officials at such other locations as may be requested by the Township.

2. Term. The term of the agreement shall be for a twelve (12) month period commencing on January 2, 2015 and ending on December 31, 2015.

3. Compensation.

(a) Conservation Advising shall be paid an hourly fee of \$75, with a maximum compensation of \$10,000, including all time and travel expenses, to be provided under this Agreement.

(b) Invoices will be submitted by Conservation Advising and processed through the Township Clerk/Administrator's office.

(c) Conservation Advising shall be responsible for submitting a voucher to the Township with specific charges. Method of payment shall comply with the Local Fiscal Affairs Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-16, which prohibits the governing body of any local unit from paying out any of its monies "unless the person claiming or receiving the same shall first present a detailed bill of items or demand, specifying particularly how the bill or demand is made up, with the certification of the party claiming payment that it is correct."

4. Termination. Both the Township and Conservation Advising reserve the right to cancel this Agreement without reason upon thirty (30) calendar days written notice to the other party. However, both parties agree that, upon any such termination, any pending business will be completed to the best of Conservation Advising's abilities, that an orderly

transition of all outstanding projects or activities will be made in cooperation with the Township Clerk, and that the Township will pay Conservation Advising for all services rendered on a pro-rated basis through the final date of service, as otherwise provided in this Agreement.

5. Independent Contractor.

(a) Conservation Advising acknowledges and agrees that it is an independent contractor and that Robert Canace or any other current or future Conservation Advising employee, is not and shall not be considered to be an employee of the Township. No Conservation Advising employee shall have any right to or claim for any worker's compensation, medical, welfare, pension, retirement or other benefits which may now or in the future be offered by the Township, as a result of Services performed under this Agreement.

(b) Conservation Advising is solely responsible for the payment of all unemployment insurance, social security, income and any other taxes on the salaries it pays to the aforementioned individuals, and any other current or future employees of Conservation Advising in connection with the Services provided to the Township under this Agreement. This Paragraph is expressly intended to survive the completion or termination of this Agreement.

(c) Conservation Advising's Federal Employee Identification Number is 46-3921797

6. Confidentiality. The parties agree that the nature of the consulting services to be provided by Conservation Advising to the Township may, at times, involve the exchange of sensitive and confidential information about proposed acquisition projects, strategic priorities, acquisition strategies, purchase prices or property values, or the evaluation of any of these matters by Conservation Advising. Accordingly, the parties agree that all such sensitive and confidential information, as well as any evaluation thereof or recommendation thereon by Conservation Advising, shall remain confidential and shall not be disclosed by either Conservation Advising or Township officials, whether elected or appointed, to any third party, except as may otherwise be required by law. This Paragraph is expressly intended to survive the completion or termination of this Agreement.

7. Ownership of Records. All records, maps, plans and data pertaining to any Township open space issue and any other information utilized or gathered by Conservation Advising on behalf of the Township pursuant to this Agreement shall be considered to be the property of the Township, and shall be provided to the Township as and when requested, or in any event surrendered to the Township by Conservation Advising upon expiration or termination of this Agreement. Conservation Advising may retain copies of any of its work product or related research therefor as it deems appropriate, and agrees not disclose any non-public information without the express consent of the Township.

8. Mandatory Affirmative Action Compliance. During the term of this agreement, the parties agree to comply with the Affirmative Action requirements set forth in N.J.A.C. 17:27, and hereby incorporate by reference the mandatory Affirmative Action language set forth in Exhibit "A" which is attached and made a part of this Agreement.

9. Entire Agreement. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement of the parties and supersedes any and all prior or contemporaneous written or oral negotiations, correspondence, understandings and agreements between the parties respecting the subject matter hereof. No supplement, modification or amendment to this Agreement shall be binding unless executed in writing by both parties.

10. Assignment. This Agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the parties and their respective successors and assigns. Conservation Advising shall not be entitled to assign any of its rights or obligations hereunder without the prior written consent of the Township.

11. Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed by, and construed and enforced in accordance with, the laws of the State of New Jersey applicable to contracts made and to be performed in the State of New Jersey.

DISCUSSION:

Service Electric: Attorney has sent another letter to them noting that the Township has no position. Mayor Perry feels that when the Municipal Building gets cable then we will approve the Ordinance and go forward.

PSE&G: Mayor Perry noted that he spoke with Mr. George Sous and informed him that the agreement had been sent back to him with changes and that he should now have everything he needs. The check from PSE&G should be sent soon for the road repairs.

Renaming Paulinskill Road: Lower section Ward Road to the Blairstown Twp. line
This was done earlier in the meeting by Ordinance 2015-03.

Paulinskill Road: Repair work, Abandonment of lower section, cul-de-sac
This was updated earlier in the meeting under Reports.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: January 28, 2015

A motion was made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Duffy and carried to approve the above minutes as corrected.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

A motion was made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Duffy and carried to open this portion of the meeting for comments from the Public.

A question came up about the Hardwick House that burned down about 4 years ago and has not yet been cleaned up. Mayor Perry noted that the owner and his son were in to a meeting to update us on what they wanted to do. The property is presently off the market and the owner is asking if the Township would be interested in purchasing the property. They would like to work something out that would be mutual to both parties.

Mayor Perry informed the owner that the Township has been receiving complaints about the safety of the building and that it looks unsightly.

Committeeman Duffy questioned that if the Township were not interested in this property then what would the owners do? The area can't be left the way it is. The resolution would be that the Township take action to resolve the problem.

The Township Attorney suggested that this discussion be taken outside of the meeting maybe with the representative from the Committee and a member of the Open Space Committee. This discussion could then be brought back to the Township.

A motion was then made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Duffy and carried to close this portion of the meeting to the Public.

Committee Report:

Committeeman Duffy talked about the great job the DPW did during the last snow storm in keeping the Township roads opened. Thanks

Committeeman Carrazzone ditto the same

Committeeman Perry also a ditto

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Discussion was to be with Don Yurga, Business Administrator from Alina Lodge but he was unable to attend this meeting. Mrs. Fisher will contact him and see if he will be available for the Work Meeting on March 25th.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Duffy and carried to adjourn tonight meeting of the Hardwick Township Committee at 5:32PM

Respectfully submitted,

Judith M. Fisher, RMC
Township Clerk

TOWNSHIP OF HARDWICK
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

APRIL 8, 2015

The monthly meeting of the Hardwick Township Committee was held on this date at the Municipal Building, 40 Spring Valley Road, Hardwick, New Jersey. This meeting was called to order at 6:34PM by the Township Clerk Judith Fisher who noted that this meeting was being held in compliance with the "Open Public Meetings Act":

In accordance with Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of 1975, notice of this meeting was given by way of notice with the New Jersey Herald and/or the Express-Times, filed in the Municipal Clerk's Office and posted in the Hardwick Municipal Building. Mrs. Fisher then led the public in the pledge of allegiance.

Roll Call:

Present: Committeeman James Perry, Committeeman Alfred Carrazzone and Committeeman Kevin Duffy

Absent: None

Also present: CPWM Thomas Campbell, Township Attorney Richard Wenner and CFO Amy Maronpot

Absent: Township Engineer Ted Rodman

Executive Session: Contractual/Negotiations with Alina Lodge & Litigation with Service Electric

A motion was made by Committeeman Duffy, seconded by Committeeman Carrazzone and carried to adopt the Resolution to go into Closed Session at 6:35PM. The Record will reflect that Committeeman Perry will not be present for any discussion on Alina Lodge due to a conflict.

Resolution

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Pubic Meeting Act, Chapter 231, P. L 1975 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting under certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick, in the County of Warren and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from that portion of this meeting
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:
 - A. Contractual Negotiation: Alina Lodge - No Action to be taken and Committeeman Perry will recuse himself from this discussion
 - B. Litigation: Service Electric

As nearly as can be ascertained, the matter or matters to be discussed at this time will be disclosed to the public when such matters are resolved.

Time In: 6:35PM

Present: Committeeman Duffy and Committee Alfred Carrazzone

Also Present: Attorney Richard Wenner and Township Clerk Judith Fisher

Also Present: Don Yurga, Business Administrator for Alina Lodge

At 7:00PM Committeeman Perry joined the Committee in Executive Session for the discussions regarding Service Electric.

Time Out: 7:08PM

A motion made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Duffy and carried to return to regular session.

Mr. Wenner noted that he met in closed session with the Committee where they discussed two matters:

- A. Contractual/Negotiation: Alina Lodge, Payment in lieu of Tax structure
- B. Litigation: Service Electric

No official action was taken by the Committee at this time. Copies of the minutes will be made available at such time as the Committee determines that there is no harm to the public interest.

At this time, Committeeman Duffy moved to authorize the Township Attorney to file an answer to Service Electric's petition to the BPU at his discretion, seconded by Committeeman Carrazzone and carried.

Payment of Bills

A motion was made by Committeeman Duffy, seconded by Committeeman Carrazzone and carried to authorize the payment of the bills in the amount of \$568,683.30.

Roll Call

Ayes: Committeeman Carrazzone, Committeeman Duffy and Mayor Perry

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Absent:

Reports

Mr. Rodman, Township Engineer is attending a meeting in Hope Township tonight. He spoke with the Mayor. He noted that they spoke with Mr. Andersen and Bob Berry about the cul-de-sac on Paulinskill Road. Mr. Anderson now has some concerns about several trees that he now wants left and not taken down. Mr. Berry will now need to remark and survey the area again for the cul-de-sac. Mr. Berry will let the Township know what the additional cost will be.

Mr. Campbell, CPWM reported that we still do not have an answer from FEMA yet on the funds for Paulinskill Road. Clean Up Week is set for May 4 – 9 and will be posted on the web page along with the newspapers. Electronics will be accepted this year at no charge to the residents. Abilities from Washington, NJ will supply a van and personnel is needed. The only exception is that they charge \$20 per TV with tubes. After a discussion with the Committee, it was decided that the residents would not have to pay for this.

Mrs. Maronpot, CFO handed out her monthly report for the Committee's review

Mr. Wenner, Esq., Township Attorney had nothing new to report on at this time.

Mrs. Fisher, Township Clerk reviewed correspondence.

Sarah Shoemaker from the Warren County Health Department was present tonight to talk about the Mayors Wellness Campaign. She talked about a grant that the County received from Robert Wood Johnson and that the County would then be awarding mini-grants to those municipalities who participate.

RESOLUTIONS

2015 - Restoration of Funding to State Parks Programs (Additional Info requested (HOLD))

Proclamation: **OLDER AMERICANS MONTH
MAY 2015**

WHEREAS, the month of May is traditionally designated as Older Americans Month; and

WHEREAS, the theme for Older Americans Month 2015 is "Get into the Act" to honor the 50th anniversary of the Older Americans Act of 1965 and to promote how older adults are taking charge of their health, getting engaged in their communities and making positive impact in the lives of others; and

WHEREAS, the older residents of the Township of Hardwick have made countless contributions and sacrifices to ensure a better life for future generations; and

WHEREAS, injury prevention, safety awareness, and health promotion are vital in helping our older residents remain healthy and active throughout their lives; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Hardwick encourages and supports all efforts that help our older residents take control of their, health, safety and well-being.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Township of Hardwick does hereby proclaims May 2015 to be Older Americans Month in the Township of Hardwick.

Residents of all ages are encouraged to take time this month to recognize our older citizens as vital contributors who enhance every aspect of our community

Dated this 8th day of April, 2015

James J. Perry, Mayor

Proclamation: *Municipal Clerks Week*
May 3 - 9, 2015

Whereas, *The Office of the Municipal Clerk, a time honored and vital part of local government exists throughout the world, and*

Whereas, *The Office of the Municipal Clerk is the oldest among public servants, and*

Whereas, *The Office of the Municipal Clerk provides the professional link between the citizens, the local governing bodies and agencies of government at other levels, and*

Whereas, *Municipal Clerks have pledged to be ever mindful of their neutrality and impartiality, rendering equal service to all.*

Whereas, *The Municipal Clerk serves as the information center on functions of local government and community.*

Whereas, *Municipal Clerks continually strive to improve the administration of the affairs of the Office of the Municipal Clerk through participation in education programs, seminars, workshops and the annual meetings of their state, provincial county and international professional organizations.*

Whereas, *It is most appropriate that we recognize the accomplishments of the Office of the Municipal Clerk.*

Now, Therefore, *I James J. Perry, Mayor of the Township of Hardwick, do recognize the week of May 3 through May 9, 2015, as Municipal Clerks Week and further extend appreciation of our Municipal Clerk Judith Fisher and to all Municipal Clerks for the vital services they perform and their exemplary dedication to the Communities they represent.*

Dated this 8th day of April, 2015

James J. Perry, Mayor

2015-23 Self-Exam Resolution for 2015 Budget

A motion was made by Committeeman Duffy, seconded by Committeeman Carrazzone and carried to adopt the **Resolution 2015-23**

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 2015 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.

Motion: Committeeman Duffy

Second: Committeeman Carrazzone

Committee Polled:

Roll Call

Ayes: Committeeman Carrazzone, Committeeman Duffy, Mayor Perry

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: None

CERTIFICATION

It is hereby certified that this is a true and accurate copy of a Resolution adopted by the governing body of the Township of Hardwick at a meeting held on April 8, 2015.

Judith M. Fisher, RMC
Municipal Clerk

2nd READING AND PUBLIC HEARING: 2015 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

A motion was made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Duffy and carried to open the public hearing on **2015 Municipal Budget**.

The Ordinance brought no public comment.

A motion was made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Duffy and carried to close the public hearing on **2015 Municipal Budget**.

Discussion: Committee talked about amending the Budget to increase the Capital Improvement Fund from \$80,000 to \$130,000. After a brief discussion, it was agreed to amend this Budget. The Township Clerk presented the Committee with Resolution 2015-24 from the Auditor showing this increase. Instruction are that this Resolution needs to be adopted tonight and then published. The Committee would then need to have a Special Meeting three (3) days after the publication date.

Resolution

A motion was made by Committeeman Duffy, seconded by Committeeman Carrazzone and carried to adopt the **Resolution 2015-24**

2015-24 Amending Resolution for Capital Improvement Fund (CIF)

WHEREAS, the 2015 Local Municipal Budget for the year 2015 was approved on 1th day of March, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the public hearing on said Budget has been held as advertised; and

WHEREAS, it is desired to amend said Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick, County of Warren, that the following amendments to the approved budget of 2015

	Committeeman Carrazzone		<u>Abstained:</u> None
Recorded Vote:	Ayes: Committeeman Duffy	Nays – None	<u>Absent:</u> None
	Committeemen Perry		
		<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
6. Amount to be raised by Taxes for Support of Municipal Budget:			
a) Local Tax for Municipal Purposes including Reserves for Uncollected: Taxes		<u>563,909.00</u>	<u>615,993.00</u>
Total Amount to be raised by Taxes for support Of Municipal Budget		<u>563,909.00</u>	<u>615,993.00</u>
7. Total General Revenues		<u>1,076,502.00</u>	<u>1,129,586.00</u>
8. GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS			
(C) Capital Improvements – Excluded from “CAPS”			
Capital Improvement Fund		<u>80,000.00</u>	<u>130,000.00</u>
Total Capital Improvements Excluded from “CAPS”		80,000.00	<u>130,000.00</u>
(H-2) Total General Appropriations from Municipal Purposes Excluded from “CAPS”		<u>177,470.00</u>	<u>227,470.00</u>
(O) Total General Appropriations - Excluded from “CAPS”		<u>177,470.00</u>	<u>227,470.00</u>

(L) Subtotal General Appropriations Items (H-1) & (O)	883,246.00	933,246.00
(M) Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	<u>193,256.00</u>	<u>195,340.00</u>
9. Total General Appropriations	<u>1,076,502.00</u>	<u>1,128,586.00</u>

General Appropriations – Summary of Appropriations

(c) Capital Improvements	<u>80,000.00</u>	<u>130,000.00</u>
(M) Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	<u>193,256.00</u>	<u>195,340.00</u>
Total General Appropriations	<u>1,076,502.00</u>	<u>1,128,586.00</u>

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that two (2) certified copies of this resolution be filed forthwith the Office of the Director of Local Government Services for his certification of the local municipal budget as amended.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this complete amendment, in accordance with provisions N.J.S.A. 40A:4-9, be published in “The New Jersey Herald” in the issue of April 13, 2015, and that said publication contain notice of public hearing on said amendment to be held at the Municipal Building on April 16, 2015 at 7:00 o’clock P.M.

It is hereby certified that this is a true and accurate copy of a Resolution amending the Budget adopted by the governing body of the Township of Hardwick at a Monthly Meeting held on April 8, 2015.

Witness my Hand and the Seal of the Township of Hardwick
 Judith M. Fisher, RMC
 Municipal Clerk

Roll Call

Ayes: Committeeman Carrazzone, Committeeman Duffy, Mayor Perry

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: None

ORDINANCE: 2nd Reading and Public Hearing

Notice

Notice is hereby given that the foregoing Ordinance was approved for final adoption by the Hardwick Township Committee at a regular meeting held on March 4, 2015

2015-02 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES OF THE EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDWICK, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY” .

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick wishes to adopt an ordinance establishing the salaries and compensation of several employees of the Township in 2015

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick that salary for 2015 for the following employees shall be as follows:

SECTION 1: The annual salaries for the following Township Employees shall be:

Township Committee Members	2,885.99 per annum
Township Clerk	41,564.93 per annum
Chief Financial Officer	17,188.20 per annum
Tax Collector	14,631.61 per annum
Tax Assessor	19,079.86 per annum
Secretary to Board of Adjustment	3,784.75 per annum
Secretary to Planning Board	6,287.69 per annum
	79.80 per extra meeting above 12**
Recreation Coordinator	861.02 per annum
Animal Control Officer	7,594.58 per annum
Licensing Clerk	1,169.87 per annum
Zoning Official	11,622.29 per annum
911 Coordinator	861.02 per annum
Emergency Management Coordinator	2,135.30 per annum
Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator	1.00 per annum

**EXTRA MEETINGS SHALL BE CONSIDERED ANY MEETING OTHER THAN THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED BUSINESS MEETING

SECTION II: ROAD DEPARTMENT

Road Foremen/Certified Public Works Manager	33.96 per hour
Equipment Operator/Laborer	24.35 per hour

Emergency Truck Driver	18.61 per hour
Extra Help	13.27 per hour
Mechanic Stipend	2,849.62 per annum
On Call Stipend - Road Foreman	1,558.27 per annum
On Call Stipend - Road Laborer	1,558.27 per annum
SECTION III: RECYCLING	
Recycling Coordinator	220.15 per annum

The salaries set forth in this ordinance herein shall be effective and retroactive to January 1, 2015.

Any and all other portions and sections of this ordinance inconsistent with this ordinance which are heretofore passed and adopted are hereby repealed only to their inconsistencies.

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above entitled ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick on March 4, 2015 and will be considered for final reading and adoption at the Regular Meeting of the Township Committee held on April 8, 2015 at 7:00PM at the Municipal Building, 40 Spring Valley Road, Hardwick Township, New Jersey.

A motion was made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Duffy and carried to open the public hearing on **Ordinance 2015-02**.

The Ordinance brought no public comment.

A motion was made by Committeeman Duffy, seconded by Committeeman Carrazzone and carried to close the public hearing on **Ordinance 2015-02**.

A motion was made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Duffy to adopt **Ordinance 2015-02**.

Roll Call

Ayes: Committeeman Carrazzone, Committeeman Duffy, Mayor Perry

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: None

Notice

Notice is hereby given that the foregoing Ordinance was approved for final adoption by the Hardwick Township Committee at a regular meeting held on March 4, 2015

2015-03 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDWICK, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY RENAMING PAULINSKILL ROAD FROM THE INTERSECTION OF PAULINSKILL ROAD AND WARD ROAD TO THE TERMINUS WEST TO THE BORDER WITH BLAIRSTOWN TOWNSHIP, PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40:67-1(k) 2015-03

WHEREAS, a portion of Paulinskill Road has been closed due to damage done by "Superstorm Sandy" and is scheduled to be vacated by the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick believes it is in the best interest of the residents of Hardwick to rename a portion of Paulinskill Road; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:67-1(k) the governing body has the power and authority to provide for the naming and the changing of the names of streets and highways as well as the erection of signs thereon.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick, County of Warren, State of New Jersey that the length of Paulinskill Road from the intersection of Paulinskill Road and Ward Road to the terminus West to the Border with the Township of Blairstown is hereby renamed Ward Road.

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above entitled ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick on March 4, 2015 and will be considered for final reading and adoption at the Regular Meeting of the Township Committee held on April 8, 2015 at 7:00PM at the Municipal Building, 40 Spring Valley Road, Hardwick Township, New Jersey.

A motion was made by Committeeman Duffy, seconded by Committeeman Carrazzone and carried to open the public hearing on **Ordinance 2015-03**.

The Ordinance brought no public comment.

A motion was made by Committeeman Duffy, seconded by Committeeman Carrazzone and carried to close the public hearing on **Ordinance 2015-03**.

A motion was made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Duffy to adopt **Ordinance 2015-03**.

Roll Call

Ayes: Committeeman Carrazzone, Committeeman Duffy, Mayor Perry

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: None

Mr. Campbell talked to the Committee and the Township Engineer about placing a weight limit on this road from the Alina Lodge driveway (Ward Road) to the Blairstown Township line. There was a brief discussion. The outcome is that the Committee agrees with this suggestion of a weight limit and has asked the Engineer to proceed with this.

A motion was then made by Committeeman Carrazzone and seconded by Committeeman Perry and carried to authorize the Township Engineer Ted Rodman to start the proceeding for placing a weight limit on this section of Ward Road as discussed above. .

OLD BUSINESS:

Reappointment to Board of Adjustment: John Hadden

A motion was made by Committeeman Duffy, seconded by Committeeman Carrazzone and carried to reappoint John Hadden to the Board of Adjustment.

WC Dept. of Public Safety Letter: Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Participation
The Committee is waiting for an update from OEM Joseph Dunn.

NEW BUSINESS:

Spring Clean Up Week: May 4 to May 9, 2015

Advertising in the New Jersey Herald, The Press and the Web page

Office Shredder: Quotes (3) and Maintenance Agreement (Possible Ordinance)

The Clerk presented the Committee with three (3) quotes:

Freedom Business Machines: Kobra 310 TS CC4	\$2234.00
Staples: Fellows 425Ci Cross Cut	\$2099.00
Reliable: Fellows Powershred 2331 Series Shredder	\$2649.99

The Clerk noted that there is no maintenance agreement with Staples or Reliable. Freedom does have a maintenance agreement after 90 days warranty for \$229.00 per year that covers all parts and labor.

A motion was made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Duffy and carried to authorize the purchase of the shredder from Freedom Business Machine for \$2234.00 for the Kobra 310 TS CC4.

Roll Call

Ayes: Committeeman Carrazzone, Committeeman Duffy, Mayor Perry

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: None

The Clerk presented the Committee with the following Capital Ordinance for this purchase:

ORDINANCE: 1st Reading:

A motion was made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Duffy to introduce Ordinance 2015-04

2015-04 CAPITAL ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR A SHREDDER BY THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDWICK, IN THE COUNTY OF WARREN, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$2,300.00 THEREFOR FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND OF THE TOWNSHIP TO PAY FOR THE COST THEREOF.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDWICK, IN THE COUNTY OF WARREN, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The improvement described in Section 2 of this capital ordinance is hereby authorized to be undertaken by the Township of Hardwick, New Jersey as a

general improvement. For the improvement or purpose described in Section 2, there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$2,300.00 from the capital improvement fund of the township.

Section 2. (a) The capital improvement hereby authorized and the purpose for the use of the capital improvement fund is for the purchase of a shredder necessary therefor or incidental thereto.

Section 3. The capital budget of the Township of Hardwick is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. The resolution in the form promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services is on file with the Clerk and is available there for public inspection.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect immediately after final adoption in accordance with applicable law.

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above entitled ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick on April 8, 2015 and will be considered for final reading and adoption at the Regular Meeting of the Township Committee held on May 6, 2015 at 7:00PM at the Municipal Building, 40 Spring Valley Road, Hardwick Township, New Jersey.

Judith M. Fisher, RMC
Township Clerk

Shirley Bishop, COAH Consultant: Professional Services Agreement

A motion was made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Duffy and carried to approve the following Professional Services Agreement:

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT 2015

Agreement made as of April 8, 2015 by and between the Township of Hardwick ("Township") and Shirley M. Bishop, P.P., LLC ("the Consultant") whose address of 100 Overlook Center, Floor 2, Princeton, New Jersey 08540.

WHEREAS, the Township of Hardwick is authorized by Statute to appoint consultants and the Consultant has agreed to continue to serve as the housing consultant to the Township pursuant to law and professional services agreement has been authorized by resolution of the Township.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is agreed as follows:

1. Retainer. The Township retains the Consultant and the Consultant agrees to provide housing consultant services to the Township in accordance with this agreement.
2. Scope of Services: The consultant will assist the Township in addressing its affordable housing obligation.
3. Compensation: The compensation of the Consultant shall be at the rate of \$165.00 per hour. The Consultant shall also be reimbursed for actual out-of-pocket expenses for travel postage, duplication and communication.
4. The Consultant agrees to provide to the Township, at no additional cost, the original work on all projects performed by the Consultant for the Township.
5. The Consultant and the Township agree that this contract may be terminated by either side with 30 days written notice.

James J. Perry, Mayor

Joint Meeting: Planning Board on May 14th @7:30PM with COAH Consultant Ms. Bishop Committeeman Duffy and Committeeman Perry both presently sit on the Planning Board and will be in attendance for this meeting. Committeeman Carrazzone will not be attending and there is be no need for the Clerk to advertise for a Joint Meeting.

Work Meeting: April 22, 2015, possible Cancellation

Mayor Perry will be attending the Conference of Mayors meeting in Atlantic City at this time. It will be up to the Deputy Mayor Alfred Carrazzone to cancel this Work Meeting if it is not needed.

DISCUSSION:

Service Electric: Update Mayor Perry is trying to get a real cost to run the cable to the Municipal Building. He did find out that the cable company would have to absorb most of the cost with the Township paying about 1/3 of the cost.

PSE&G: Project completed, update on road repairs - Mayor Perry reported that the Township has received the final payment of \$101, 000 from the original agreement. We are still waiting for the check for the repair of the roads. He reported that PSEG has ordered the check but nothing has been received as of this date. Mayor Perry will follow up with them.

Renaming Paulinskill Road: Lower section Ward Road to the Blairstown Twp. line This was done earlier in the meeting by Ordinance 2015-03.

Paulinskill Road: Repair work, Abandonment of lower section, cul-de-sac This was updated earlier in the meeting under Reports.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: None at this time

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

A motion was made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Perry and carried to open this portion of the meeting for comments from the Public.

Mr. Lovell talked to the Committee about the September 11th National Trail Alliance, Paulinskill Valley Trail Designation. He has sent similar letter to adjoining Township asking for their support and endorsement for the designation of the Paulinskill Valley Trail as a part of the September 11th National Memorial Trail.

After a brief discussion, the Clerk was asked to draft a letter to Mr. Brinkley, President and CEO for the September 11th National Trail Alliance for the Mayor to sign noting Hardwick's endorsement of the Trail.

A motion was then made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Duffy and carried to close this portion of the meeting to the Public.

Committee Report:

Committeeman Duffy thanked the DPW on the great job on keeping the Township roads opened during the last snow storm.

Committeeman Carrazzone asked about the Maffenbeier property and if there were any information about who was paying the taxes since he is deceased. The Clerk suggested that he contact the Tax Collector to see if she had any information about this.

Another question was about Mountainwood Water Company. He was interested in if they filed their permit application for water extraction and paid the filing fee. The Attorney noted that there is another letter going out to them on this issue. The Clerk noted that they have paid their 2015 filing fee of \$2500 but she is still waiting for the updated application.

Committeeman Perry noted that he will be attending the Conference of Mayor from April 22 to April 24.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Perry and carried to adjourn tonight meeting of the Hardwick Township Committee at 8:26PM

Respectfully submitted,

Judith M. Fisher, RMC
Township Clerk

TOWNSHIP OF HARDWICK
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

APRIL 16, 2015

A Special Meeting of the Hardwick Township Committee was held on this date at the Municipal Building, 40 Spring Valley Road, Hardwick, New Jersey. This meeting was called to order at 7:07PM by the Township Clerk Judith Fisher who noted that this meeting was being held in compliance with the "Open Public Meetings Act":

In accordance with Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of 1975, notice of this meeting was given by way of notice with the New Jersey Herald and/or the Express-Times, filed in the Municipal Clerk's Office and posted in the Hardwick Municipal Building.

Roll Call:

Present: Committeemen James Perry and Alfred Carrazzone, Committeeman Kevin Duffy

Absent:

Also present: Municipal Clerk Judith Fisher, RMC

Absent:

Mayor Perry noted that the purpose of this Special Meeting is for the 2nd Reading and Public Hearing on Resolution 2015-24 Amending the 2015 Municipal Budget

Notice

Notice is hereby given that the foregoing Resolution was approved for final adoption by the Hardwick Township Committee at a special meeting held on April 16, 2015

TOWNSHIP OF HARDWICK
COUNTY OF WARREN
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION 2015-24

WHEREAS, the 2015 Local Municipal Budget for the year 2015 was approved on 1th day of March, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the public hearing on said Budget has been held as advertised; and

WHEREAS, it is desired to amend said Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick, County of Warren, that the following amendments to the approved budget of 2015

<u>Recorded Vote:</u>	Committeeman Carrazzone Ayes: Committeeman Duffy Committeemen Perry	Nays – None	<u>Abstained:</u> None <u>Absent:</u> None
		<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
6. Amount to be raised by Taxes for Support of Municipal Budget:			
a) Local Tax for Municipal Purposes including Reserves for Uncollected: Taxes		<u>563,909.00</u>	<u>615,993.00</u>
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8. GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS			
(C) Capital Improvements – Excluded from "CAPS"			
Capital Improvement Fund		<u>80,000.00</u>	<u>130,000.00</u>
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9. Total General Appropriations		<u>1,076,502.00</u>	<u>1,128,586.00</u>

General Appropriations – Summary of Appropriations

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(M) Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	<u>193,256.00</u>	<u>195,340.00</u>
Total General Appropriations	<u>1,076,502.00</u>	<u>1,128,586.00</u>

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that two (2) certified copies of this resolution be filed forthwith the Office of the Director of Local Government Services for his certification of the local municipal budget as amended.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this complete amendment, in accordance with provisions N.J.S.A. 40A:4-9, be published in “The New Jersey Herald” in the issue of April 13, 2015, and that said publication contain notice of public hearing on said amendment to be held at the Municipal Building on April 16, 2015 at 7:00 o’clock P.M.

It is hereby certified that this is a true and accurate copy of a Resolution amending the Budget adopted by the governing body of the Township of Hardwick at a Special Meeting held on April 16, 2015.

Witness my Hand and the Seal of the Township of Hardwick

Judith M. Fisher, RMC
Municipal Clerk

A motion was made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Duffy and carried to open the public hearing on **Resolution 2015-24**.

The Resolution brought no public comment.

A motion was made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Duffy and carried to close the public hearing on **Resolution 2015-24**.

A motion was made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Duffy to adopt **Resolution 2015-24**.

Roll Call

Ayes: Committeeman Carrazzone, Committeeman Duffy, Mayor Perry

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: None

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Duffy and carried to adjourn tonight meeting of the Hardwick Township Committee at 7:0PM

Respectfully submitted,

Judith M. Fisher, RMC
Township Clerk

TOWNSHIP OF HARDWICK
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

MAY 6, 2015

The monthly meeting of the Hardwick Township Committee was held on this date at the Municipal Building, 40 Spring Valley Road, Hardwick, New Jersey. This meeting was called to order at 6:39PM by the Township Clerk Judith Fisher who noted that this meeting was being held in compliance with the "Open Public Meetings Act":
In accordance with Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of 1975, notice of this meeting was given by way of notice with the New Jersey Herald and/or the Express-Times, filed in the Municipal Clerk's Office and posted in the Hardwick Municipal Building.

Roll Call:

Present: Committeeman James Perry, Committeeman Alfred Carrazzone and Committeeman Kevin Duffy

Absent: None

Also present: Township Attorney Michael Lavery, CFO Amy Maronpot and Township Engineer Ted Rodman

Absent: CPWM Thomas Campbell

Executive Session:

A motion was made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Duffy and carried to adopt the following Resolution to go into Closed Session at 6:39PM.

Resolution

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Pubic Meeting Act, Chapter 231, P. L 1975 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting under certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick, in the County of Warren and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from that portion of this meeting
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:
 - A. Potential Litigation – The Hardwick House
 - B. Attorney-Client Privilege – Mountainwood Spring Water Company

As nearly as can be ascertained, the matter or matters to be discussed at this time will be disclosed to the public when such matters are resolved.

Time In: 6:39PM

Present: Committeeman Duffy, Committee Alfred Carrazzone and Mayor Perry

Also Present: Attorney Michael Lavery and Township Clerk Judith Fisher

Time Out: 6:58PM

A motion made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Duffy and carried to return to regular session.

Mr. Lavery noted that he met in closed session with the Committee where they discussed two matters:

- A. Potential Litigation: The Hardwick House
- B. Attorney-Client Privilege – Mountainwood Spring Water Company

No official action was taken by the Committee at this time. Copies of the minutes will be made available at such time as the Committee determines that there is no harm to the public interest.

Payment of Bills

A motion was made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Duffy and carried to authorize the payment of the bills in the amount of \$470,693.77.

Roll Call

Ayes: Committeeman Carrazzone, Committeeman Duffy and Mayor Perry

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: None

At this time, the Boy Scouts Color Guard from Troop 140 presented the Colors and then led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Perry then introduced Mr. Richard Moran, WWII Veteran and Adventurer. He then read a short "bio" of Mr. Moran's accomplishments, noting that at age 92, he is one of the oldest living veteran from WWII. Many Dignitaries were present to honor Mr. Moran with various Proclamations and Resolutions. Present was a Delegate from Congressman E. Scott Garrett's Office, Senator Steve Oroho, Trooper Leader from Boy Scout Troop 140 and the Warren County Freeholders.

Mayor Perry then presented Mr. Moran the Key to the Township. Pictures were taken and there was a short break for refreshments.

Reports

Mr. Rodman, Township Engineer was present tonight and talked to the Committee about a weight limit on Ward Road from Alina Lodge driveway to the Blairstown Township line. This suggestion is coming from our CPWM Mr. Campbell. Our Code Book does have a section for Weight Limits, but presently there is nothing in it yet. Committeeman Duffy questioned enforcement and then the cost for bringing this section of the road up to standard. There was a brief discussion and was then suggested that it be brought back up at our work meeting on May 27 when Mr. Campbell would be present.

Mr. Campbell, CPWM was absent for tonight's meeting

Mrs. Maronpot, CFO handed out her monthly report for the Committee's review

Mr. Lavery, Esq., Township Attorney had nothing new to report on at this time.

Mrs. Fisher, Township Clerk reviewed correspondence.

Ms. Jackie Espinozo from JCP&L was present to discuss the barriers at the end of Paulinskill Road. There is a transformer that services Alina Lodge and the Workers have no access to the lines. She suggested a gate instead of the barriers so that if need be the transformer and the lines could be serviced. The Mayor pointed out that the barriers were placed were because the road is unsafe to travel and that we are presently in the process of abandoning that section of the road. When the road is abandoned, that section of the road will revert back to Alina Lodge. At that time, maybe the Lodge would install a gate. Mayor Perry did note that the Lodge is talking about expanding but that since he works there, he is not part of any decision or discussion as to what happens.

There was a suggestion to check with our Risk Manager, Mr. Jim Gilmore about this issue and to see what his suggestions might be.

Mr. Rodman, Township Engineer informed the Committee that Mr. Andersen on Paulinskill Road has agreed to the turn-around after making several changes. Mr. Berry is now working on the amended description that will be sent to the Engineer and then the Attorney to draft the needed ordinance for abandoning that section of Paulinskill Road and making the cul-de-sac.

Mayor Perry reported that he was contacted by Camp Mason requesting a Cross Walk on Birch Ridge Road from the Camp to the House. The Engineer noted that there is nothing in our Code Book for this. The Attorney would need to draft an ordinance. The Committee questioned the reason for this and also enforcement of the same. During discussions, it was noted that their business time is 2 months out of the year. It was suggested to send this verbal request back to the Camp for background information as to why they are requesting this.

Joseph Dunn, OEM Coordinator was present tonight to update the Committee on the WC Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Bob Wolff, Retired Fire Warden reported that there have been over 200 wild fires so far this season. The Fire Tower has been opened and active. There was a discussion about the Stand Pipe for White Lake that was turned down. Mayor Perry noted that he has talked with someone on this and that they will look into it further. They did not understand why it was turned down.

Mrs. Laura Randazzo, the new President of the Hardwick Seniors thanked the Committee for the donation of \$750.00. She also talked about the Clean Communities monies and Mayor Perry explained how it works and that it is given once a year in the amount of \$250.00 for road side cleanup. There are several Senior's that walk and pick up roadside trash that would qualify for them to receive the money.

RESOLUTIONS

2015-25 Reappointment of George Fee, Deputy OEM **HOLD**

ORDINANCE: 2nd Reading and Public Hearing Notice

Notice is hereby given that the foregoing Ordinance was approved for final adoption by the Hardwick Township Committee at a regular meeting held on April 8, 2015

2015-04 CAPITAL ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR A SHREDDER BY THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDWICK, IN THE COUNTY OF WARREN, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$2,300.00 THEREFOR FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND OF THE TOWNSHIP TO PAY FOR THE COST THEREOF.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDWICK, IN THE COUNTY OF WARREN, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The improvement described in Section 2 of this capital ordinance is hereby authorized to be undertaken by the Township of Hardwick, New Jersey as a general improvement. For the improvement or purpose described in Section 2, there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$2,300.00 from the capital improvement fund of the township.

Section 2. (a) The capital improvement hereby authorized and the purpose for the use of the capital improvement fund is for the purchase of a shredder necessary therefor or incidental thereto.

Section 3. The capital budget of the Township of Hardwick is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. The resolution in the form promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services is on file with the Clerk and is available there for public inspection.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect immediately after final adoption in accordance with applicable law.

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above entitled ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick on April 8, 2015 and will be considered for final reading and adoption at the Regular Meeting of the Township Committee held on May 6, 2015 at 7:00PM at the Municipal Building, 40 Spring Valley Road, Hardwick Township, New Jersey.

Judith M. Fisher, RMC
Township Clerk

A motion was made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Duffy and carried to open the public hearing on **Ordinance 2015-04**.

The Ordinance brought no public comment.

A motion was made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Duffy and carried to close the public hearing on **Ordinance 2015-04**.

A motion was made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Duffy to adopt **Ordinance 2015-04**.

Roll Call

Ayes: Committeeman Carrazzone, Committeeman Duffy, Mayor Perry

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: None

OLD BUSINESS:

WC Dept. of Public Safety Letter: Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Participation
OEM Joseph Dunn updated that Committee on this earlier in the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Shirley Bishop, COAH Consultant: Meeting with Planning Board on May 14th @7:30PM

DISCUSSION:

Service Electric: Update

Mayor Perry reported that he is also working with Service Electric on getting a cost for running the line to the Municipal Building to improve our internet connection. He has also been talking with Century Link to see what they could do.

PSE&G: Agreement on Road Repairs

The agreement has been sent out twice to them. It was confirmed that it was finally received. The check has been cut and the Township should be receiving it soon.

Paulinskill Road: Repair work, Abandonment of lower section, cul-de-sac

This was updated earlier in the meeting under Reports.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

A **motion** made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Duffy and carried approved the following minutes as corrected.

Monthly Meeting: February 4, 2015

Monthly Meeting: March 11, 2015

Monthly Meeting: April 8, 2015

Special Meeting: April 16, 2015

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

A **motion** was made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Perry and carried to open this portion of the meeting for comments from the Public.

Mrs. Evelyn Fasano asked about the new property on Spring Valley Road that the Township recently purchased through Green Acres and also questioned the salary for a Recreation Coordinator.

Mayor Perry responded to the question on the Park noting that the Township's portion was about \$8,000 and that these funds came from the Open Space Tax. As for the Recreation Coordinator there is a salary there but that there is presently no one in that position. The money just keeps this line item open for future use if needed.

A **motion** was then made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Duffy and carried to close this portion of the meeting to the Public.

Committee Report:

Committeeman Duffy reminded everyone of Clean Up week May 4th to May 9th

Committeeman Carrazzone had no report at this time

Committeeman Perry recognize the groups/Organizations the came to do the Roadside Clean

Adjournment:

A **motion** was made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Duffy and carried to adjourn tonight meeting of the Hardwick Township Committee at 8:44PM

Respectfully submitted,

Judith M. Fisher, RMC
Township Clerk

TOWNSHIP OF HARDWICK
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

MAY 27, 2015

The monthly work meeting of the Hardwick Township Committee was held on this date at the Municipal Building, 40 Spring Valley Road, Hardwick, New Jersey. This meeting was called to order at 7:02PM by the Township Clerk Judith Fisher who noted that this meeting was being held in compliance with the "Open Public Meetings Act":

In accordance with Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of 1975, notice of this meeting was given by way of notice with the New Jersey Herald and/or the Express-Times, filed in the Municipal Clerk's Office and posted in the Hardwick Municipal Building.

Roll Call:

Present: Committeemen James Perry, Kevin Duffy and Alfred Carrazzone

Absent: None

Also present: Township Engineer Ted Rodman and Township Attorney Richard Wenner

Absent: CPWM Thomas Campbell

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS: NONE

Dr. Fogelson, Superintendent for the North Warren Regional High School was present tonight to present to the Committee their 2015-2016 school budget. He noted that their enrollment is down; their projected enrollment for 2015-2016 school year is 894.

Mrs. Molly Petty, Board of Education administrator for the Blirstown Elementary School was also present tonight to present to the Committee their 2015-2016 school budget. The enrollment for the elementary school is at 530, of which there are 95 student from Hardwick attending.

A motion was then made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Duffy and carried to open this portion of the meeting to the Public for any questions on the School Budget presentations.

Mrs. Randazzo, President for the Hardwick Seniors asked Dr. Fogelson and Mrs. Petty if the Seniors were still going to be invited to their school programs. They will be looking it this and getting back to them.

A motion was made by Committeeman Duffy, seconded by Committeeman Carrazzone and carried to close this portion of the meeting to the public.

The Committee thanked Dr. Fogelson and Mrs. Petty for coming in tonight.

REPORTS

ENGINEER, DPW, CFO, TWP ATTORNEY, TWP CLERK, OEM, RETIRED FIRE WARDEN

Mr. Rodman, Township Engineer talked about a project that he and CFO Mrs. Maronpot are working on. Asset Management Consultants sent a request for Release of Funds on several Escrows that the Township is holding. The Escrow Accounts that are being researched are Nextel and Sprint. Mrs. Maronpot will be contacting Asset Management letting them know that their request is being researched and she will also request a copy of their Power of Attorney from Nextel and Sprint.

As for Paulinskill Road, Mr. Andersen has agreed to the cul-de-sac and the present drawing. The Township Attorney will draft the necessary papers and prepare the ordinance for the June 3rd meeting. Mr. Rodman submitted the Surveyors Bob Berry's final bill for \$600.00. This will be submitted to the CFO for payment at the June 3rd meeting.

Weight Limits for Ward Road were discussed and Mr. Rodman noted that the County Engineer sent him information to review.

Ward Road paving will be done through the Co-Op by Tilcon. Mr. Rodman will be contacting them to get a date and to set up a pre-construction meeting before work is started.

RESOLUTIONS:

2015- Authorizing the Purchase of Energy Generation Services for Public Use on an Online Auction Website

2015- Supporting the Transparent Tax Act of 2015 (Discussion)

2015-26 Reappointment of Desiree Dunn, Deputy OEM

2015-25 Reappointment of George Fee, Deputy OEM (Discussion)

ORDINANCES: NONE AT THIS TIME

OLD BUSINESS:

OEM Joseph Dunn: Letter of Intent for WC Hazard Mitigation Plan (Discussion and Signature)

NEW BUSINESS:

2015 Report of Audit: Resolution and Group Affidavit

Open Space Committee: Suggested name of the acquired property on Spring Valley Road

Planning Board Letter: COAH

Their letter was discussed about doing a vacant lot assessment. Question was asked about the expense and where the fund would come from to do this. The cost would come out of the COAH funds. The estimate cost was projected at \$5000 to \$8000. The Report to the State needs to be filed by July 8.

The Committee reviewed information sent be our COAH Consultant Shirley Bishop. Dr. Robert Burchell is willing to be a Municipal Expert to determine the Municipalities Fair Share Obligation. He would present many of the Municipalities that are having the same problem as Hardwick. His estimated cost is \$50,000 to \$100,000. Those Municipalities that sign up to use him would need to commit \$1000 to \$2000 each depending on how many sign up. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Committeeman Duffy, seconded by Committeeman Carrazzone and carried to hire Dr. Robert Burchell as our Municipal Expert to determine the Municipalities Fair Share Obligation, with a commit of \$1000 to \$2000 per Municipalities subject to a Certification of Funds from Hardwick's CFO.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Committeeman Carrazzone, Committeeman Duffy, Mayor Perry

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: None

DISCUSSION

Conservation Services, Bob Canace: Hepburn/Martin Land Preservation Project

The Committee reviewed the information submitted by Mr. Canace. The Township Attorney will prepare the necessary resolution/ordinance for the June meeting.

Ward Road: Weight Limit Discussed earlier under Engineer Report

Service Electric/Century Link: Update

Mayor Perry noted that he has been talking with both companies about our internet service.

PSE&G: Agreement signed and check received for \$365,000 road repair work

Paulinskill Road: Repair Work, Abandonment of Lower Section, Cul-de-sac

Discussed earlier under Engineer Report

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Monthly Meeting May 6, 2015

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

A motion was made by Committeeman Duffy, seconded by Committeeman Carrazzone and carried to open this portion of the meeting for comments from the Public.

There was no public comments

A motion was made by Committeeman Duffy, seconded by Committeeman Carrazzone and carried to close this portion of the meeting to the Public.

Mayor Perry talked about doing a proclamation for Dr. Fogelson who is retiring this month.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Committeeman Duffy, seconded by Committeeman Carrazzone and carried to adjourn tonight's meeting of the Hardwick Township Committee at 8:32PM

Respectfully submitted,

Judith M. Fisher, RMC
Township Clerk

TOWNSHIP OF HARDWICK
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

June 3, 2015

The monthly meeting of the Hardwick Township Committee was held on this date at the Municipal Building, 40 Spring Valley Road, Hardwick, New Jersey. This meeting was called to order at 6:35PM by the Township Clerk Judith Fisher who noted that this meeting was being held in compliance with the "Open Public Meetings Act":
In accordance with Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of 1975, notice of this meeting was given by way of notice with the New Jersey Herald and/or the Express-Times, filed in the Municipal Clerk's Office and posted in the Hardwick Municipal Building.

Roll Call:

Present: Committeeman James Perry, Committeeman Kevin Duffy

Absent: Committeeman Alfred Carrazzone

Also present: Township Attorney Michael Lavery, CFO Amy Maronpot and Township Engineer Ted Rodman and CPWM Thomas Campbell

Absent: None

Executive Session:

A motion was made by Committeeman Duffy, seconded by Committeeman Perry and carried to adopt the following Resolution to go into Closed Session at 6:36PM.

Resolution

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Pubic Meeting Act, Chapter 231, P. L 1975 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting under certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick, in the County of Warren and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from that portion of this meeting
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:

A. Attorney-Client Privilege – Contractual Acquisition of Potential Property

As nearly as can be ascertained, the matter or matters to be discussed at this time will be disclosed to the public when such matters are resolved.

Time In: 6:36PM

Present: Committeeman Duffy, Committeeman Perry

Also Present: Bob Canace, Ridge and Valley conservation, Attorney Michael Lavery and Township Clerk Judith Fisher

Time Out: 7:09PM

A motion made by Committeeman Duffy, seconded by Committeeman Perry and carried to return to regular session.

Mr. Lavery noted that he met in closed session with the Committee where they discussed one matter:

A. Contractual, Possible acquisition of property with Hardwick Township Open Space and Ridge and Valley Conservation (RVC)

No official action was taken by the Committee at this time. Copies of the minutes will be made available at such time as the Committee determines that there is no harm to the public interest.

A motion was made by Committeeman Duffy, seconded by Committeeman Perry and carried to authorize the Township to proceed with RVC with the purchase of the Hepburn/Martin Land Preservation Project for the amount discussed in Executive Session tonight and to authorize the Township Attorney to prepare the necessary Ordinance for this purchase.

Payment of Bills

A motion was made by Committeeman Duffy, seconded by Committeeman Perry and carried to authorize the payment of the bills in the amount of \$164,676.80. Mrs. Fisher noted that the following bills were pulled from the bill list per Mrs. Maronpot, CFO:

Sprint – Escrow \$2457.46, Sprint – Escrow \$481.68, Omnipoint – Escrow \$559.11 and Dr. Comune – Escrow \$627.00.

Roll Call

Ayes: Committeeman Duffy, Committeeman Perry

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: Committeeman Carrazzone

Reports

Mr. Rodman, Township Engineer was present tonight and talked about Escrow accounts that he and Mrs. Maronpot are working on. The Township has been contacted by an Agency that is inquiring on these accounts where there are funds that can be returned. According to Mr. Rodman and Mrs. Maronpot, there is more research that needs to be done and they hope to have this done by the next meeting. Mrs. Maronpot will send a letter to this Agency noting this. Mr. Rodman talked about Paulinskill Road noting that Mr. Berry has provide the cul-de-sac map that will need to be attached to the easement ordinance. Next was a discussion on the paving of Ward Road with the DOT Grant money. The original quote from last year has increased and according to Mr. Rodman the Township will need to add about another \$100,000 to complete the proposed project. The paving will be done by Tilcon through the Co-Op and after July 4th. As for the shoulder restoration, this will have to be done by the Township as it was not part of the original quote. Discussed next was the weight limit on Ward Road. Mr. Rodman reported that this requires approval by the State and that it would also need a request by the Township with backup information as to why requested.

Mayor Perry then brought up Camp Mason's verbal request for a cross walk. This was discussed at the last meeting and the outcome was that the township needed more information. Some of the Township's concerns were enforcement and maintenance.

Mr. Campbell, CPWM updated the Committee on our request from FEMA for the damage from Hurricane Sandy. FEMA has finally approved our alternate project.

Mrs. Maronpot, CFO handed out her monthly report for the Committee's review. She also commented on the Audit Report for 2014 noting that there will not be a Correction Action Plan as there were no Comments or Recommendations noted.

Mr. Lavery, Esq., Township Attorney had nothing new to report on at this time.

Mrs. Fisher, Township Clerk reviewed correspondence.

RESOLUTIONS

A motion was made by Committeeman Duffy, seconded by Committeeman Perry and carried to adopt the **Resolution 2015-25**

2015-25 Reappointment of George Fee, Deputy OEM

BE IT RESOLVED that on June 3, 2015, George Fee was appointed as the Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator for the Township of Hardwick, County of Warren, State of New Jersey.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that George Fee is a resident of the Township of Hardwick and that his term of office shall expire June, 2018.

A motion was made by Committeeman Duffy, seconded by Committeeman Perry and carried to adopt the **Resolution 2015-26**

2015-26 Reappointment of Desiree Dunn, Deputy OEM

BE IT RESOLVED that on June 3, 2015, Desiree Dunn was appointed as the Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator for the Township of Hardwick, County of Warren, State of New Jersey.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Desiree Dunn is a resident of the Township of Hardwick and that his term of office shall expire June 3, 2018.

BE IT RESOLVED that on June 3, 2015, Desiree Dunn was appointed as the Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator for the Township of Hardwick, County of Warren, State of New Jersey.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Desiree Dunn is a resident of the Township of Hardwick and that his term of office shall expire June 3, 2018.

A motion was made by Committeeman Duffy, seconded by Committeeman Perry and carried to adopt the **Resolution 2015-27**

Roll Call

Ayes: Committeeman Duffy, Committeeman Perry

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: Committeeman Carrazzone

2015-27 Tax Lien Redemption – Maffenbeier

A motion was made by Committeeman Duffy, seconded by Committeeman Perry and carried to adopt the **Resolution 2015-27**

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector of the Township of Hardwick has been paid the amount necessary to redeem with interest calculated in accordance with the New Jersey Statues on property known on the Tax Map and in the Tax Duplicate as the following municipal lien:

Block 901, Lot 11	14 Primrose Road
Tax Sale Certificate #14-00009	
Certificate Redemption amount:	\$7,835.60
Block 1202, Lot 1	12 Old Orchard Road
Tax Sale Certificate #14-00013	
Certificate Redemption amount:	\$8,842.39
Block 1201, Lot 1 Q0041	12 Old Orchard Road
Tax Sale Certificate #14-00014	
Certificate Redemption amount:	\$664.24

Assessed to : Maffenbeier, John Estate of
PO Box 800
Newton, NJ 07860

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 3rd day of June, 2015 that the Tax Collector is authorized to issue a check for \$17,342.23, plus \$29,400.00 in premiums for a total of \$46,742.23 to the lien holder:

Romany Investments, LLC
3 Roosevelt Road
White House Station, NJ 08889

A motion was made by Committeeman Duffy, seconded by Committeeman Carrazzone and carried to adopt the **Resolution 2015-28**

Roll Call

Ayes: Committeeman Duffy, Committeeman Perry

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: Committeeman Carrazzone

2015-28 Tax Lien Redemption - Maffenbeier

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector of the Township of Hardwick has been paid the amount necessary to redeem with interest calculated in accordance with the New Jersey Statues on property known on the Tax Map and in the Tax Duplicate as the following municipal lien:

Block 901, Lot 2 Q0041	159 Stillwater Road
Tax Sale Certificate #14-00007	
Certificate Redemption amount:	\$1,175.55
Block 901, Lot 9 Q0041	26 Primrose Road
Tax Sale Certificate #14-00008	
Certificate Redemption amount:	\$543.00
Block 1201, Lot 1	7 Old Orchard Road
Tax Sale Certificate #14-00011	
Certificate Redemption amount:	\$197.37
Block 1201, Lot 1 Q0041	7 Old Orchard Road
Tax Sale Certificate #14-00012	
Certificate redemption amount:	\$1,066.62

Assessed to : Maffenbeier, John Estate of
PO Box 800
Newton, NJ 07860

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 3rd day of June, 2015 that the Tax Collector is authorized to issue a check for \$2,982.54, plus \$1,000.00 in premiums for a total of \$3,982.54 to the lien holder:

Anthony Malinowski
3 Roosevelt Road
White House Station, NJ 08889

A motion was made by Committeeman Duffy, seconded by Committeeman Perry and carried to adopt the **Resolution 2015-30**

2015-30 Authorizing the Purchase of Energy Generation Services for Public Use

WHEREAS, the Hardwick Township has determined to move forward with the EMEX Reverse Auction in order procure electricity for the Hardwick Township; and

WHEREAS, the Local Unit Technology Pilot Program and Study Act (P.L. 2001, c. 30) (the "Act") authorizes the purchase of energy generation service for public use through the use of an online auction service; and

WHEREAS, the Hardwick Township will utilize the online auction services of EMEX, LLC, an approved vendor pursuant to the Act, waiver number EMEX LLC-1, located at www.energymarketexchange.com; and

WHEREAS, EMEX, LLC is compensated for all services rendered through the participating supplier that a contract is awarded to; and

WHEREAS, the auction will be conducted pursuant to the Act; and

WHEREAS, the following Companies have enter bids on Wednesday, June 3, 2015 as follows:

Major Energy	\$0.0792/kWh for 24 months
Champion Energy Service	\$0.0845/kWh for 24 months
Tri Eagle	\$0.0905/kWh for 24 months
Energy.ML	\$0.0933/kWh for 24 months
Plymouth Rock	\$0.0934/kWh for 24 months
Hudson Energy	\$0.0934/kWh for 24 months

BE IT RESOLVED, that the low bidder is Major Energy at \$0.0792/kWh for 24 months and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Committee has award the bid to Major Energy for 24 months at \$0.0792/kWh

A motion was made by Committeeman Duffy, seconded by Committeeman Perry and carried to authorize Mayor Perry to execute the agreement/contract with Major Energy for \$0.0792/kWh for the next 24 months.

A motion was made by Committeeman Duffy, seconded by Committeeman Perry and carried to adopt the **Resolution 2015-31**

2015-31 Awarding Contract for Road Resurfacing to Tilcon New York, Inc.

WHEREAS, The Township of Hardwick is a member of the Morris County Cooperative Pricing System and wishes to utilize the contract for Road Resurfacing for Resurfacing of Ward Road; and

WHEREAS, Tilcon New York, Inc., Wharton, NJ has been awarded Contract #6 for Road Resurfacing through the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council of which the township of Hardwick is an active participant; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Hardwick, County of Warren, and State of New Jersey that road resurfacing services, including the raising of catch basins, for Ward Road is awarded to Tilcon New York, Inc., 625 Mt. Hope Road, Wharton, New Jersey 07885, in the amount not to exceed \$229,275.00

2015 Supporting the Transparent Tax Act of 2015

Mayor Perry reported that this resolution is presently in the Assembly and as information came out, we will wait to see before adopting.

ORDINANCE: 1st Reading

A motion was made by Committeeman Duffy, seconded by Committeeman Perry and carried to introduce Ordinance 2015-05

2015-05 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDWICK, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, VACATING A PORTION OF A ROADWAY KNOWN AS "PAULINSKILL ROAD"

WHEREAS, there exists in the Township of Hardwick ("Township") a public roadway known as Paulinskill Road; and

WHEREAS, there has been a request to have the Township vacate a portion of said roadway in accordance with the description set forth in Schedule A, annexed hereto; and

WHEREAS, the matter has been referred to the Township Engineer who has recommended that the Township proceed with the vacation since the portion of the roadway proposed to be vacated is not needed by the Township for public purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee does hereby determine that the aforementioned roadway as set forth in the description attached hereto as Schedule "A" is no longer needed for public purposes; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:67-1(b) and -19 authorizes the municipality to release and extinguish the public's rights arising from a dedication of a roadway; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION A

1. The rights of the public and the Township in and to a portion of Paulinskill Road as described in the attached Schedule "A" are hereby extinguished and vacated; however, expressly reserved and excepted from vacation are all rights and privileges now possessed by public utilities, as defined in R.S.48:2-13, and by any cable television company, as defined in the "Cable Television Act," P.L.1972, c. 186 (C.48:5A-1 et seq.), to maintain, repair and replace their existing facilities in, adjacent to, over or under the street to be vacated.
2. At least one week prior to the time fixed for the consideration of this Ordinance for final passage, a copy thereof, together with a notice of the introduction thereof and the time and place when and where the Ordinance will be further considered for final passage, shall be mailed to every person whose land may be affected by this Ordinance so far as may be ascertained. Said notices shall be mailed by the Township Clerk in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40:49-6.
3. The Township Clerk shall, within sixty (60) days of the effective date of this Ordinance, file a copy of this Ordinance certified by her under the seal of the municipality, to be a true copy thereof, together with proof of publication thereof, in the office of the Clerk of the County of Warren in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40:67-21.

SECTION B

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistencies.

SECTION C

If any article, section, subsection, paragraph, phrase or sentence is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional or invalid, said article, section, subsection, paragraph, phrase or sentence shall be deemed severable.

SECTION D

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final publication as provided by law.

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above entitled ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick on June 3, 2015 and will be considered for final reading and adoption at the Regular Meeting of the Township Committee held on July 1, 2015 at 7:00PM at the Municipal Building, 40 Spring Valley Road, Hardwick Township, New Jersey.

Judith M. Fisher, RMC
Township Clerk

ROBERT E. BERRY
SURVEYORS

PO BOX 95, VILLAGE CENTER, HOPE, NJ 07844 (908) 459-5562

Schedule

May 19, 2015 File HK-W-2488
ROAD
VACATION
PORTION OF PAULINSKILL
ROAD
HARDWICK TOWNSHIP, WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

DESCRIPTION of intent to release and extinguish the public rights within a section of the 33-foot-wide right of way known as Paulinskill Road, said roadway being severely damaged by river flooding of the Paulins Kill during hurricane season of 2011 and 2012, the portion of roadway to be vacated being described as follows:

BEGINNING at a set magnetic spike in the centerline of the 33-foot-wide right of way known as Paulinskill Road near the easterly edge of the paved intersection of the southern-most portion of a public road known as Ward's Road. This portion Of Ward's Road being set forth as a 22-foot-wide right of Way by deed from Irene T. Hurlbut and Stephen Hurlbut, her husband, to the Township of Hardwick, dated November 22, 1937, and recorded in the Warren County Clerk's Office in Deed Book 287, page 117, and runs;

THENCE: (1) leaving Ward's Road and running in an easterly direction along the center of the traveled way of the 33-foot-wide right of way known as Paulinskill Road, which right of way being measured 16.50 feet each way from the center of its traveled way, and running near the northerly side of the Paulins Kill and passing southerly from a tract

of land known as Lot 8, Block 1103, being lands as set forth by conveyance from Geraldine Delaney to Little Hill Foundation Inc., a New Jersey corporation, dated January 20, 1969, and recorded in the Warren County Clerk's Office in Deed Book 1036, page 94. Lot 8 being more particularly described as Tract 4 of a certain deed from Heinrich Rudolph and Therese Rudolph, his wife, and Wilhelm Rudolph and Alma Rudolph, his wife, to Thomas F. Delaney and Geraldine Delaney, his wife, dated April 7, 1961, and recorded in the Warren County Clerk's Office in Deed Book 440, page 781. At a point 238 feet more or less from the beginning of this description the roadway passes the site of a former river bridge over which passed a public road from Casper Shavers Mill in Hardwick Township to the Great Road leading from Jacob Rice's to the Log Gaol in Frelinghuysen Township as per road return dated October 6, 1781, recorded in Sussex Book A, page 117. A 4.80 chains or 316.8 feet portion of said road leading to the bridge is located on the Hardwick side of the Paulins Kill and will also be vacated by means of this instrument. Also at 545 feet more or less from the

beginning of this description the northerly edge of Paulinskill Road passes the now-vacated road leading through lands of Little Hill Foundation to Squires Corner, said vacation being set forth in the aforementioned 1937 deed regarding the realignment of Ward's Road;

THENCE: (2) leaving Lot 8, Block 1103, and running along the center of Paulinskill Road in an easterly direction along the northerly edge of the Paulins Kill and along the southerly edge of Lot 7, Block 1104, being set forth as tract 1 in the aforementioned deed to Little Hill

Foundation, to a point where said road is intersected by the northeast line of Lot 7, Block 1104, and the southwest line of adjoining Lot 9, Block 1103, located along the northerly side of the road and the southwest line of Lot 7, Block 1104, located along the southerly side of the road. Both Lot 9, Block 1103, and Lot 7, Block 1104, being set forth by deed by James Lang and Mary Lang, his wife, to Richard W. Anderson dated August 26, 1998, and recorded in the Warren County Clerk's Office in Deed Book 1589, page 122;

THENCE: (3) leaving lands of Little Hill Foundation Inc. and running along the center of the traveled way within the 33-foot-wide right of way to be vacated through lands of Richard W. Anderson known as Lot 9, Block 1103, and Lot 7, Block 1104, to a point in the southerly line of a cul-de-sac easement marking the termination of the proposed vacation of a portion of Paulinskill Road. Said point of termination being 82.2 feet more or less distant southerly along the center of the roadway from its intersection with a prolongation of the first course reversed of a deed to adjoining lands of Robert E. and Elise Lawler as set forth in Deed Book 1733, page 261. Said adjoining lands of Lawler being known as Lot 9.02,

Block 1103.

The total length of the above-described vacated portion of Paulinskill Road being 3,911 linear feet more or less or 0.74 mile.

The above description being drawn by Robert E. Berry, Land Surveyor.



A motion was made by Committeeman Duffy, seconded by Committeeman Perry and carried to introduce Ordinance 2015-06

2015-06 ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF HARDWICK, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF AN EASEMENT ON LOT 9 BLOCK 1103.

Section 1

WHEREAS, the Township of Hardwick ("Township") is in the process of vacating a portion of Paulinskill Road which vacation will result in the need for a cul-de-sac at the terminus of the public portion of Paulinskill Road to provide for the egress of vehicular traffic; and

WHEREAS, Richard W. Anderson, owner of Lot 9 Block 1103, has offered to grant an easement as more particularly described in the attached Schedule A to be used as cul-de-sac as set forth above; and

WHEREAS, the Township is desirous of accepting said easement for such purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick, County of Warren and State of New Jersey, that the Township of Hardwick is hereby authorized to accept the easement as described in the attached Schedule A for the total sum of one dollar (\$1.00).

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Mayor and the Clerk of the Township of Hardwick, conditioned first upon review and approval of the Township Attorney, are hereby authorized to execute all necessary documents to obtain said easement.

Section 2 - Severability

The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

Section 3 - Repealer

Any ordinances or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed as to their inconsistencies only.

Section 4 - Effective Date

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above entitled ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick on June 3, 2015 and will be considered for final reading and adoption at the Regular Meeting of the Township Committee held on July 1, 2015 at 7:00PM at the Municipal Building, 40 Spring Valley Road, Hardwick Township, New Jersey.

Judith M. Fisher, RMC
Township Clerk

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Schedule

May 19, 2015 File HKW-2488
EASEMENT

DESCRIPTION of a cul-de-sac easement located along the westerly side of a 33-foot-wide right of way known as Paulinskill Road, said easement located on lands of Richard W. Anderson known as Lot 9, Block 1103, Hardwick Township,

Warren County, New Jersey. Said easement to be granted to the Township of Hardwick to provide a turnaround at the southwesterly end of the portion of Paulinskill Road which remains subject to the rights of the public, after which the Township of Hardwick extinguishes the rights of the public within that portion of Paulinskill Road leading southwesterly from the here-described easement area to the intersection of Paulinskill Road and Ward's Road. Said easement being described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point in the easterly right of way line of a 33-foot-wide right of way known as Paulinskill Road, said point being South 9 degrees 05 minutes 03 seconds West 92.74 feet distant from a found pipe which marks the beginning point of a certain deed to adjoining lands known as Lot 9.02, Block 1103, from Ronald J. Davis to Robert E. Lawler and Elise A. Lawler, his wife, dated February 15, 2001, and recorded in the Warren County Clerk's Office in Deed Book 1733, page 261, and runs;

THENCE: (1) leaving the easterly right of way line of Paulinskill Road and crossing said road along the easterly end of the about-to-be-vacated portion of Paulinskill Road, and entering lands of Richard W. Anderson known as Lot 9, Block 1103, as set forth in Deed Book 1589, page 122, North 54 degrees 54 minutes West 48.50 feet to a point of curvature;

THENCE: (2) running along the westerly edge of the cul-de-sac by a curve curving to the right an arc length of 117.81 feet a radius of 37.50 feet a central angle of 180 degrees to a point of reverse curvature;

THENCE: (3) by another curve curving to the left and re-entering the Paulinskill Road right of way an arc length of 39.27 feet a radius of 25.00 feet a central angle of 90 degrees to a point at or near the westerly edge of the pavement area within Paulinskill Road;

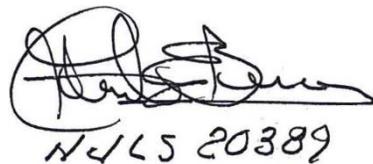
THENCE: (4) crossing the pavement area of Paulinskill Road South 54 degrees 54 minutes East 23.50 feet to a point in the easterly right of way line of Paulinskill Road

THENCE: (5) running along the easterly sideline of said road South 35 degrees 06 minutes West 100.00 feet to the point and place of beginning

CONTAINING 6,568 square feet or 0.15 acre.

SAID easement area inclusive of lands within the Paulinskill right of way, of which the underlying title is in fee to Richard W. Anderson by Deed Book 1589, page 122.

THE above description being drawn by Robert E. Berry, Land Surveyor, in accordance with a survey dated May 11, 2015.



OLD BUSINESS:

OEM Joseph Dunn: Letter of Intent for WC Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Participation

Mr. Dunn prepared this letter and is requesting that the Township approve and authorize the Mayor to sign.

A motion was made by Committeeman Duffy, seconded by Committeeman Perry and carried to authorize Mayor Perry to sign.

NEW BUSINESS:

2014 Report of Audit: Resolution 2015-29 and Group Affidavit

Copies of the Audit were available for the Committee. The Recommendations and comments were reviewed by the Committee noting that there was none.

A motion was made by Committeeman Duffy, seconded by Committeeman Perry and carried to adopt Resolution 2015-29

Resolution 2015-29

GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION OF THE ANNUAL AUDIT 2015-29

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A 40a:5-4 requires the governing body of every unit to have made an annual audit of its books, accounts and financial transactions; and

WHEREAS, the Annual Report of Audit for the year 2014 has been files by a Registered Municipal Accountant and with the Municipal Clerk pursuant to N.J.S.A 40A:5-6, and a copy has been received by each member of the governing body; and

WHEREAS, R.S. 52:27BB-34 authorizes the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey to prescribe reports pertaining to the local fiscal affairs; and

WHEREAS, the Local Finance Board has promulgated N.J.A.C. 5:30-6-5, a regulation requiring that the governing body of each municipality shall, by resolution, certify to the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey that all members of the governing body have reviewed, as a minimum, the sections of the annual audit report entitled "Comments and Recommendations"; and

WHEREAS, the members of the governing body have personally reviewed, as a minimum, the Annual Report of Audit, and specifically the sections of the annual Audit entitled "Comments and Recommendations", as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, such resolution of certification shall be adopted by the Governing body no later than forty-five days after the receipt of the annual audit, pursuant to N.J.A.C 5:30-6-5; and

WHEREAS, all members of the governing body have received and have familiarized themselves with, at least, the minimum requirements of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey, as stated aforesaid and have subscribed to the affidavit, as provided by the Local Finance Board; and

WHEREAS, failure to comply with the regulations of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey may subject the members of the local governing body to the penalty provisions of R.S. 52:27BB-52 to wit"

R.S. 52:27BB-52: A local officer or member of a local governing body who, after a date fixed for compliance, fails or refuses to obey an order of the director (Director of Local Government Services), under the provisions of this Article, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, may be fined not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisoned for not more than one year or both, in addition shall forfeit his office.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick, hereby state that it has complied with N.J.A.C 5:30-6-5 and does hereby submit a certified copy of this resolution and the required affidavit to said Board to show evidence of said compliance.

Open Space Committee: Suggested name of the acquired property on Spring Valley Road Mayor Perry asked that we table any discussion until Committeeman Carrazzone is present. The Mayor then talked about several suggestions that a few residents have for the area. This will be discussed at the next meeting when Committeeman Carrazzone is present.

COAH: 1st Draft of Certification that will accompany the Declaratory Judgment Action. This draft was submit by Ms. Bishop for review. Mayor Perry asked that the Attorney to prepare the Declaratory Judgment Action for the July meeting for review. The deadline for file this action is July 8th.

The Committee discussed an email from Ms. Bishop noting that there has been some interest in creating a consortium of Municipalities to retain Dr. Burchell who is employed by Rutgers University. A cost for this service was discussed. Ms. Bishop noted that as soon as a Shared Services Agreement and Rutgers Agreement are finalized, it will be sent to the designated attorney for Execution and also for a deposit of \$2000.00. She anticipates that the deposit will be suffice to pay the cost of a report from Dr. Burchell, an analysis of challenges to his report and a rebuttal report.

A motion was made by Committeeman Duffy, seconded by Committeeman Perry and carried to hire Dr. Burchell with a deposit of \$2000.00 and the necessary contract to review and sign.

DISCUSSION:

Conservation Services, Bob Canace: Hepburn/Martin Land Preservation Project This was discussed in closed session earlier tonight

Service Electric: Update Nothing new to add

PSE&G: Agreement on Road Repairs

Noted was that a check for \$365,000 has been received to repair the damaged roads. As of today's date there are no funds outstanding from PSE&G.

Paulinskill Road: Repair work, Abandonment of lower section, cul-de-sac
This was updated earlier in the meeting under Reports.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

A **motion** made by Committeeman Duffy, seconded by Committeeman Perry and carried approved the following minutes as corrected.

Monthly Meeting: May 6, 2015

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

A **motion** was made by Committeeman Duffy, seconded by Committeeman Perry and carried to open this portion of the meeting for comments from the Public.

There was no public comment.

A **motion** was then made by Committeeman Duffy, seconded by Committeeman Perry and carried to close this portion of the meeting to the Public.

Committee Report:

Committeeman Duffy thanked the DWP for the great job they did during clean up week this year.

Committeeman Carrazzone was absent for tonight's meeting

Committeeman Perry congratulated Committeeman Duffy's win in the June 2 Primary Election.

Executive Session:

A motion was made by Committeeman Duffy, seconded by Committeeman Perry and carried to adopt the following Resolution to go into Closed Session at 8:12PM.

Resolution

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Pubic Meeting Act, Chapter 231, P. L. 1975 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting under certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick, in the County of Warren and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from that portion of this meeting
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:
 - a. Personnel Issues: Shared Services Agreement

As nearly as can be ascertained, the matter or matters to be discussed at this time will be disclosed to the public when such matters are resolved.

Time In: 8:12PM

Present: Committeeman Duffy, Committeeman Perry

Also Present: Attorney Michael Lavery and Township Clerk Judith Fisher

Time Out: 8:31PM

A motion made by Committeeman Duffy, seconded by Committeeman Perry and carried to return to regular session.

Mr. Lavery noted that he met in closed session with the Committee where they discussed one matter:

A Personnel Matter regarding a potential Serviced Services Agreement with the Clerk No official action was taken by the Committee at this time. Copies of the minutes will be made available at such time as the Committee determines that there is no harm to the public interest.

Adjournment:

A **motion** was made by Committeeman Duffy, seconded by Committeeman Perry and carried to adjourn tonight meeting of the Hardwick Township Committee at 8:32PM

Respectfully submitted,
Judith M. Fisher, RMC
Township Clerk

TOWNSHIP OF HARDWICK
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

July 1, 2015

The monthly meeting of the Hardwick Township Committee was held on this date at the Municipal Building, 40 Spring Valley Road, Hardwick, New Jersey. This meeting was called to order at 6:37PM by the Township Clerk Judith Fisher who noted that this meeting was being held in compliance with the "Open Public Meetings Act":
In accordance with Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of 1975, notice of this meeting was given by way of notice with the New Jersey Herald and/or the Express-Times, filed in the Municipal Clerk's Office and posted in the Hardwick Municipal Building.

Roll Call:

Present: Committeeman James Perry, Committeeman Alfred Carrazzone and Committeeman Kevin Duffy

Absent: None

Also present: Township Attorney Michael Lavery, CFO Amy Maronpot and Township Engineer Ted Rodman and CPWM Thomas Campbell

Absent: None

Executive Session:

A motion was made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Duffy and carried to adopt the following Resolution to go into Closed Session at 6:38PM.

Resolution

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Pubic Meeting Act, Chapter 231, P. L 1975 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting under certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick, in the County of Warren and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from that portion of this meeting
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:
 - A. Personnel/Attorney-Client Privilege
 - B. As nearly as can be ascertained, the matter or matters to be discussed at this time will be disclosed to the public when such matters are resolved.

Time In: 6:38PM

Present: Committeeman Duffy, Committeeman Carrazzone and Committeeman Perry

Also Present: Attorney Michael Lavery and Township Clerk Judith Fisher

Also Present: Mayor Adele Starrs, Knowlton Township and Debbie Shipps, Committeewoman Knowlton Township

Time Out: 7:12PM

A motion made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Duffy and carried to return to regular session.

Mr. Lavery noted that he met in closed session with the Committee where they discussed one matter:

- A. Personnel/Attorney-Client Privilege

No official action was taken by the Committee at this time. Copies of the minutes will be made available at such time as the Committee determines that there is no harm to the public interest.

Payment of Bills

A motion was made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Duffy and carried to authorize the payment of the bills in the amount of \$148,786.09.

Roll Call

Ayes: Committeeman Duffy, Committeeman Carrazzone and Mayor Perry

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: None

Reports

Mr. Rodman, Township Engineer was present tonight that he is waiting for a date from Tilcon for the pre-construction meeting for the paving of Ward Road. This paving project is being done through the Transportation Trust Fund that was awarded to Hardwick last year.

Mr. Rodman informed the Committee that Camp Ralph Mason will be doing an addition to their dining hall. They will be filing a site plan before the Planning Board. They have filed an application with the Dept. of Environmental Protection, Div. of Water Quality for a Treatment Works Approval (TWA) and the Warren County Health Dept. for their approval on this addition. Mr. Rodman presented the Committee with the Statement of Consent (TWA) which certifies that the project as proposed conforms to the requirements of all municipal ordinances.

A motion was then made by Committeeman Carrazzone and seconded by Committeeman Duffy and carried to authorize the Mayor to sign form WOM-003 – Statement of Consent for a Treatment Works Approval.

On the Agenda later is discussion with the CEO Keith Vanderzee for Camp Ralph Mason about a cross walk on Birch Ridge Road. The Committee asked Mr. Rodman for his input on this. He suggested that a traffic study would need to be done to justify the need. The Township's responsibility would be for the maintenance, painting and signs. The Committee would also need to do an ordinance, since one does not exist in the Code Book. Mr. Campbell, CPWM also noted that the width of Birch Ridge Road where they want the cross walk is not wide enough. Mr. Vanderzee is not present, so the Committee will hold further discussion to later in the meeting.

Mr. Campbell, CPWM was present tonight and updated the Committee on paving that was done on Gaisler Road, Sand Pond Road and Hardwick Road. Ward Road was prepped out for paving that will be done under the NJ Transportation Trust Fund. Rocks were also cleared on the lower half of Ward Road. Over the weekend, a tree fell on the new salt shed. Insurance company has been notified and he is presently waiting for Kistler Building to come and give us an estimate on repairing.

Update on FEMA is that they are still working on 3 roads, Birch Ridge, Primrose and Slabtown Creek where they owes us about \$7200. They recently contacted Mr. Campbell needing the GPS readings for the roads in order to close out the open files. This was taken care of and sent to FEMA.

The ordinance 2015-06 to Accept the Easement for Block 1103, Lot 9 has been passed by the Committee and adopted tonight. This is needed before any work can begin on the cul-de-sac. The final paperwork needed is the signed easement from Mr. Andersen.

Final report is that Birch Ridge Road has been paved with funding from the Budget, \$100,000 and an additional \$10,000 from the PSEG money. There was an issue near the intersection of Birch Ridge and Millbrook Road. The owner had a Landscaper come in to plant trees/shrubs. They left debris on the newly paved road. Mr. Campbell spoke with the Landscaper who apologized and did come back to clean the road. There were a few scuff marks, but the debris was cleaned up.

Mrs. Maronpot, CFO handed out her monthly report for the Committee's review. Mrs. Maronpot noted that she received an email from Edmunds & Associates asking the Township if they would be interested in making a commitment of \$250 to sponsor the 2015 Guts and Glory Race that will take place on August 16, 2015 in Ocean City, NJ. If Hardwick does participate in this sponsorship, we would receive a \$250 credit against the 2016 computer software support agreement or any outstanding invoice from Edmunds. The Committee asked that the Auditor be contacted to get his approval on doing this and that the Clerk place this also on the August agenda for Committee approval then.

Next Mrs. Maronpot noted that the request to return escrow funds is still being researched. She had requested that the requesting company send their Power of Attorney, which they did. After the Township Attorney review it, he informed Mrs. Maronpot that it had expired as of December 31, 2014. She contacted them requesting a new POA and she is still waiting.

Mr. Lavery, Esq., Township Attorney reported that the Ordinance for the purchase of the Hepburn/Martin property was sent to Mr. Canace to review. Mr. Canace is reviewing and will get back to the Attorney on any changes.

As for COAH, Mr. Lavery noted that on behalf of the Township he will be filing only the complaint, Declaratory Judgement action and not the Certificate. This will be filed no later than July 8th.

Mrs. Fisher, Township Clerk reviewed correspondence.

RESOLUTIONS

A motion was made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Duffy and carried to adopt the **Resolution 2015-32**

2015-32 Chapter 159 Alcoholic Ed Rehab Enforcement Fund

ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET OF TOWNSHIP OF HARDWICK

PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-87 (CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1948)

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for an equal amount, and

WHEREAS, the Township has received funding for \$58.93 from the State of New Jersey, Department of the Treasury and wishes to amend its 2015 Budget to include this amount as revenue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the

Budget of the year 2015 in the sum of \$58.93 which item is now available as a revenue from:

Miscellaneous Revenues

Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written

Consent of the Director of Local Government Services:

Public and Private Revenues Offset with Appropriation

Alcohol Ed Rehab Enforcement Fund

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$58.93 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations

(a) Operations Excluded from 5% Caps

Public and Private Revenues Off-Set by Revenue

Alcohol Ed Rehab Enforcement Fund OE

Alcohol Ed Rehab Enforcement Fund

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Clerk forward two copies of this resolution to the Director of Local Government Services.

A Proclamation by the Mayor of Hardwick Township Supporting the Mayors Wellness Campaign July 1, 2015

Whereas, Fifty-five percent of New Jersey residents are obese or overweight, and

Whereas, Medical expenses for treating problems related to obesity in our state total billions annually, and

Whereas, New Jersey has reported the highest incidence in the nation in obesity among low-income kids aged 2-5 years, and

Whereas, The current generation of children in America may have shorter life expectancies than their parents, and

Whereas, The Mayors Wellness Campaign supports Mayors as champions of community health, and

Whereas, The goal of the campaign is to improve health, reduce health care costs related to obesity, and make New Jersey a national leader in community-based health interventions, and

Whereas, The Mayors Wellness Campaign seeks to foster active living and healthy lifestyles by providing communities the structure and resources to implement healthy community initiatives, and

Whereas, The Mayors Wellness Campaign will work to implement a comprehensive program of outreach, education and technical assistance activities to combat obesity and inactivity issues for Hardwick Township, now therefore be it

Whereas, Hardwick Township cares deeply about all of its citizens and the future

health of its children

Resolved, That I, James J. Perry, Mayor, ask that all residents of this community join me in supporting the Mayors Wellness Campaign, and be it further

Resolved, That I encourage the residents of Hardwick Township to participate in Mayors Wellness Campaign activities to promote exercise, eating properly and living healthier and better lives.

A motion was made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Duffy and carried to adopt the **Resolution 2015-33**

2015-33 Bond Anticipation Note

Resolution of the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick, in the County of Warren, New Jersey, covenanting to comply with the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, applicable to the exclusion from gross income for Federal Income Tax purposes of interest on obligations issued by the Township of Hardwick and authorizing the Mayor, Township Clerk, Chief Financial Officer, and other Township Officials to take such action as they may deem necessary or advisable to effect such compliance and designating a \$713,300 Bond Anticipation Note, dated July 10, 2015, payable July 8, 2016, as a "Qualified Tax-Exempt Obligation" pursuant to Section 265 (b) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

ORDINANCE: 2nd Reading and Public Hearing Reading Notice

Notice is hereby given that the foregoing Ordinance was approved for final adoption by the Hardwick Township Committee at a regular meeting held on July 1, 2015

2015-05 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDWICK, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, VACATING A PORTION OF A ROADWAY KNOWN AS "PAULINSKILL ROAD"

WHEREAS, there exists in the Township of Hardwick ("Township") a public roadway known as Paulinskill Road; and

WHEREAS, there has been a request to have the Township vacate a portion of said roadway in accordance with the description set forth in Schedule A, annexed hereto; and

WHEREAS, the matter has been referred to the Township Engineer who has recommended that the Township proceed with the vacation since the portion of the roadway proposed to be vacated is not needed by the Township for public purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee does hereby determine that the aforementioned roadway as set forth in the description attached hereto as Schedule "A" is no longer needed for public purposes; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:67-1(b) and -19 authorizes the municipality to release and extinguish the public's rights arising from a dedication of a roadway; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION A

1. The rights of the public and the Township in and to a portion of Paulinskill Road as described in the attached Schedule "A" are hereby extinguished and vacated; however, expressly reserved and excepted from vacation are all rights and privileges now possessed by public utilities, as defined in R.S.48:2-13, and by any cable television company, as defined in the "Cable Television Act," P.L.1972, c. 186 (C.48:5A-1 et seq.), to maintain, repair and replace their existing facilities in, adjacent to, over or under the street to be vacated.
2. At least one week prior to the time fixed for the consideration of this Ordinance for final passage, a copy thereof, together with a notice of the introduction thereof and the time and place when and where the Ordinance will be further considered for final passage, shall be mailed to every person whose land may be affected by this Ordinance so far as may be ascertained. Said notices shall be mailed by the Township Clerk in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40:49-6.
3. The Township Clerk shall, within sixty (60) days of the effective date of this Ordinance, file a copy of this Ordinance certified by her under the seal of the municipality, to be a true copy thereof, together with proof of publication thereof, in the office of the Clerk of the County of Warren in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40:67-21.

SECTION B

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistencies.

SECTION C

If any article, section, subsection, paragraph, phrase or sentence is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional or invalid, said article, section, subsection, paragraph, phrase or sentence shall be deemed severable.

SECTION D

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final publication as provided by law.

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above entitled ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick on June 3, 2015 and will be considered for final reading and adoption at the Regular Meeting of the Township Committee held on July 1, 2015 at 7:00PM at the Municipal Building, 40 Spring Valley Road, Hardwick Township, New Jersey.

Judith M. Fisher, RMC
Township Clerk

A motion was made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Duffy and carried to open the public hearing on **Ordinance 2015-05**.

Mrs. Lawler, 40 Paulinskill Road noted her concerns that her utilities come from the other side. Access to this is needed. She is afraid that when the cul-de-sac is in and Alina Lodge puts in the gate that there will not be access. The Attorney noted that the utilities have easements that run with the land. He suggested that she get for Mr. Lavery a copy of her Title Search so that he can review and then send Mr. Andersen a letter regarding the access to the utilities in the area.

A motion was made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Duffy and carried to close the public hearing on **Ordinance 2015-05**.

A motion was made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Duffy and carried to continue the public hearing on **Ordinance 2015-05** to Wednesday, August 5, 2015 meeting.

ORDINANCE 2015-06 2nd Reading and Public Hearing

Notice

Notice is hereby given that the foregoing Ordinance was approved for final adoption by the Hardwick Township Committee at a regular meeting held on July 1, 2015

2015-06 ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF HARDWICK, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF AN EASEMENT ON LOT 9 BLOCK 1103.

Section 1

WHEREAS, the Township of Hardwick ("Township") is in the process of vacating a portion of Paulinskill Road which vacation will result in the need for a cul-de-sac at the terminus of the public portion of Paulinskill Road to provide for the egress of vehicular traffic; and

WHEREAS, Richard W. Anderson, owner of Lot 9 Block 1103, has offered to grant an easement as more particularly described in the attached Schedule A to be used as cul-de-sac as set forth above; and

WHEREAS, the Township is desirous of accepting said easement for such purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick, County of Warren and State of New Jersey, that the Township of Hardwick is hereby authorized to accept the easement as described in the attached Schedule A for the total sum of one dollar (\$1.00).

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Mayor and the Clerk of the Township of Hardwick, conditioned first upon review and approval of the Township Attorney, are hereby authorized to execute all necessary documents to obtain said easement.

Section 2 - Severability

The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

Section 3 - Repealer

Any ordinances or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed as to their inconsistencies only.

Section 4 - Effective Date

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above entitled ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick on June 3, 2015 and will be considered for final reading and adoption at the Regular Meeting of the Township Committee held on July 1, 2015 at 7:00PM at the Municipal Building, 40 Spring Valley Road, Hardwick Township, New Jersey.

Judith M. Fisher, RMC
Township Clerk

A motion was made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Duffy and carried to open the public hearing on **Ordinance 2015-06**.

The Ordinance brought no public comment.

A motion was made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Duffy and carried to close the public hearing on **Ordinance 2015-06**.

A motion was made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Duffy to adopt **Ordinance 2015-06**.

Roll Call

Ayes: Committeeman Carrazzone, Committeeman Duffy, Mayor Perry

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: None

ORDINANCES: 1st Reading

A motion was made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Duffy and carried to introduce Ordinance **2015-07**

CAPITAL ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR REIMBURSEMENT FOR PAVING AND IMPROVEMENTS TO BIRCH RIDGE ROAD IN THE TOWNSHIP BY THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDWICK, IN THE COUNTY OF WARREN, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$100,000.00 THEREFOR FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND OF THE TOWNSHIP TO PAY FOR THE COST THEREOF.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick, in the County of Warren, New Jersey (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) as follows:

Section 1. The improvement described in Section 2 of this capital ordinance is hereby authorized to be undertaken by the Township of Hardwick, New Jersey as a general improvement. For the improvement or purpose described in Section 2, there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$100,000.00 from the capital improvement fund of the township.

Section 2. (a) The capital improvement hereby authorized and the purpose for the use of the capital improvement fund is improvements to Birch Ridge Road necessary therefor or incidental thereto.

Section 3. The capital budget of the Township of Hardwick is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. The resolution in the form promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services is on file with the Clerk and is available there for public inspection.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect immediately after final adoption in accordance with applicable law.

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above entitled ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick on July 1, 2015 and will be considered for final reading and adoption at the Regular Meeting of the Township Committee held on August 5, 2015 at 7:00PM at the Municipal Building, 40 Spring Valley Road, Hardwick Township, New Jersey.

Judith M. Fisher, RMC
Township Clerk

A motion was made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Duffy and carried to introduce Ordinance **2015-08**

CAPITAL ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR PAVING AND IMPROVEMENTS TO VARIOUS ROADS WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP, BY THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDWICK, IN THE COUNTY OF WARREN, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$365,000.00 THEREFOR FROM THE PSE&G RESERVE FUND OF THE TOWNSHIP TO PAY FOR THE COST THEREOF.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick, in the County of Warren, New Jersey (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) as follows:

Section 1. The improvement described in Section 2 of this capital ordinance is hereby authorized to be undertaken by the Township of Hardwick, New Jersey as a general improvement. For the improvement or purpose described in Section 2, there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$365,000.00 from the PSE&G fund of the township.

Section 2. (a) The capital improvement hereby authorized and the purpose for the use of the capital improvement fund is for the purchase of paving and improvements of various roads within the township necessary therefor or incidental thereto.

Section 3. The capital budget of the Township of Hardwick is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. The resolution in the form promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services is on file with the Clerk and is available there for public inspection.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect immediately after final adoption in accordance with applicable law.

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above entitled ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick on July 1, 2015 and will be considered for final reading and adoption at the Regular Meeting of the Township Committee held on August 5, 2015 at 7:00PM at the Municipal Building, 40 Spring Valley Road, Hardwick Township, New Jersey.

Judith M. Fisher, RMC
Township Clerk

OLD BUSINESS:

COAH: Certification that will accompany the Declaratory Judgement action, Deadline July 8th This was discussed under Attorney Report earlier in the meeting.

Open Space Committee: Suggested name of the acquired property on Spring Valley Road The results from the survey that was done last year resulted in 2 suggested names:

1. Spring Valley Park
2. Slabtown Creek Park

A motion was made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Duffy and carried to open this portion of the meeting to the public.

The input from the public was to name the park: **Slabtown Creek Park**

A motion was made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Duffy and carried to close it to the public.

A motion was made by Committeeman Duffy, seconded by Committeeman Perry and carried to name the acquired park: **SLABTOWN CREEK PARK.**

NEW BUSINESS:

Pass It Along: 4th Annual Bike Tour, September 12th 7:00am and 1:00pm

The 4th Annual Pass It Along Bike Tour will be held on Saturday, September 12, 2015. Tour will consist of 12 mile, 14 mile and 56 mile ride commencing and ending at the Long Pond School in Andover Township. All proceeds raised by this event will support Pass It along, a non-profit organization which provides youth leadership and community service opportunities throughout Sussex and Warren Counties. Roads in Hardwick that will be used are Stillwater Road, Spring Valley Road and East Crisman. The Organization has notified the NJ State Police and the Organization, Pass It Along, provided the Township their a Certificate of Insurance.

A motion was made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Duffy and carried approved this event.

Range Permit Renewals: Camp Ralph Mason and Camp No Be Bosco

Mrs. Fisher noted that the Zoning Officer George Boesze has made his field inspection on the two applications submitted for a Shooting Range Permit and they were approved. The fee of \$50.00 for the permit has been paid to the Township Clerk from each Camp.

A motion was made by Committeeman Duffy, seconded by Committeeman Carrazzone and carried approving the issuance of the Shooting Range permit to Camp Ralph Mason and Camp No Be Bosco.

DISCUSSION:

Camp Ralph Mason: Keith Vanderzee, CEO Discussion of a Cross Walk

Mr. Vanderzee was a no show for our meeting tonight.

NJ Resource Conservation & Development Council: Bill Gold achieved River-Friendly Certification on his property. (Possible presentation of award at one of our meetings)

The Committee reviewed this request and agreed to have Bill Gold present at one of our meetings for the presentation of this award.

Mrs. Fisher will contact them asking if they are available for our meeting on August 5th at 7:00PM

Service Electric & Century Link: Update

Mayor Perry suggested that they be invited to our next meeting, August 5th and that the Township residents be notified if both Companies are able to attend the August Township meeting.

Ward Road: Weight Limit (Discussion continued)

Mr. Rodman noted that the law on weight limits was amended June 2008. Approval is needed from both the State and the adjoining Township, Blairstown. Mr. Campbell noted that the purpose of requesting this is to stop delivery trucks from using the lower half of Ward Road going along the Kill to Route 94 in Blairstown. Thoughts are that this can't be done. The Township Attorney, Mr. Lavery will look into this.

Paulinskill Road: Repair Work Discussed earlier in the meeting under Reports.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

A **motion** made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Duffy and carried approved the following minutes as corrected.

Monthly Meeting: June 3, 2015

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

A **motion** was made by Committeeman Duffy, seconded by Committeeman Carrazzone and carried to open this portion of the meeting for comments from the Public.

Mr. Lovell from Paulinskill Road suggested that Camp Mason hire their own Engineer to do the survey for a cross walk and to provide escrow that if the Camp does not uphold the provision of the Ordinance, the Township would then have something to fall back on.

A **motion** was then made by Committeeman Duffy, seconded by Committeeman Carrazzone and carried to close this portion of the meeting to the Public.

Committee Report:

Committeeman Duffy thanked the Road Department for all their work that have been doing on getting the roads ready for paving.

Committeeman Carrazzone thanked the Township Clerk for all the work she does for the Township. We are lucky to have a good Clerk that is here to help and answer questions from the Committee and residents of the Township.

Committeeman Perry congratulated Committee Duffy on this Primary Election win on June.

Adjournment:

A **motion** was made by Committeeman Duffy, seconded by Committeeman Carrazzone and carried to adjourn tonight meeting of the Hardwick Township Committee at 8:31PM

Respectfully submitted,
Judith M. Fisher, RMC
Township Clerk

TOWNSHIP OF HARDWICK
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

August 5, 2015

The monthly meeting of the Hardwick Township Committee was held on this date at the Municipal Building, 40 Spring Valley Road, Hardwick, New Jersey. This meeting was called to order at 6:37PM by the Township Clerk Judith Fisher who noted that this meeting was being held in compliance with the "Open Public Meetings Act":

In accordance with Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of 1975, notice of this meeting was given by way of notice with the New Jersey Herald and/or the Express-Times, filed in the Municipal Clerk's Office and posted in the Hardwick Municipal Building.

**** Please note that in the absence of Mayor James Perry this meeting was Chaired by Deputy Mayor Alfred Carrazzone.

Roll Call:

Present: Committeeman Alfred Carrazzone and Committeeman Kevin Duffy

Absent: Committeeman James Perry

Also present: Township Attorney Michael Lavery, CFO Amy Maronpot and Township Engineer Ted Rodman and CPWM Thomas Campbell

Absent: None

Executive Session:

A motion was made by Committeeman Duffy, seconded by Committeeman Carrazzone and carried to adopt the following Resolution to go into Closed Session at 6:38PM.

Resolution

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Pubic Meeting Act, Chapter 231, P. L 1975 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting under certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick, in the County of Warren and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from that portion of this meeting
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:
 - A. Potential Litigation/Contractual with Alina Lodge
 - B. Attorney/Client Contractual Hepburn/Martin Property Acquisition
 - C. Attorney/Client Privileged/Contractual Maffenbeier Property
 - D. Personnel Township Employee – DPW
 - E. Contractual/Potential Litigation – Service Electric
 - F. Potential Litigation – Dr. Commune Escrow

As nearly as can be ascertained, the matter or matters to be discussed at this time will be disclosed to the public when such matters are resolved.

Time In: 6:38PM

Present: Committeeman Duffy, Committeeman Carrazzone

Also Present: Attorney Michael Lavery and Township Clerk Judith Fisher

Time Out: 7:25PM

A motion made by Committeeman Duffy, seconded by Committeeman Carrazzone and carried to return to regular session.

Mr. Lavery noted that he met in closed session with the Committee where they discussed six matter:

- A. Potential Litigation/Contractual with Alina Lodge
- B. Attorney/Client Contractual Hepburn/Martin Property Acquisition
- C. Attorney/Client Privileged/Contractual Maffenbeier Property
- D. Personnel Township Employee – DPW
- E. Contractual/Potential Litigation – Service Electric
- F. Potential Litigation – Dr. Commune Escrow

No official action was taken by the Committee at this time. Copies of the minutes will be made available at such time as the Committee determines that there is no harm to the public interest.

Payment of Bills

A motion was made by Committeeman Duffy, seconded by Committeeman Carrazzone and carried to authorize the payment of the bills in the amount of \$801,704.52.

Roll Call

Ayes: Committeeman Duffy, Committeeman Carrazzone

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: Mayor James Perry

Reports

Mr. Rodman, Township Engineer that work will start tomorrow on the paving of Ward Road through funds from the Transportation Trust Fund. Employees from Alina Lodge and the residents have been notified of the possible delays during the paving. The weight limit on the lower half of Ward Road was again discussed. Ted reminded that Committee that Blairstown Township must also agree to the placing of a limit on that portion of the road. Ted and CFO Mrs. Maronpot have been working on a request from Asset Management Consultants for the release of escrow funds. To date, a request for Asset Management to send us an update Power of Attorney has not been received.

Mr. Campbell, CPWM updated that Committee on paving. With the PSEG money, 3 miles of road have been paved along with shoulder work. Six tons of asphalt and about 150 tons of quarry process that was donated from PSEG was used to complete this project. Ward Road is being prepped for paving and next week the DPW will be out patching road and oil and stone various township road.

Mrs. Maronpot, CFO handed out her monthly report for the Committee's review.

Mr. Lavery, Esq., Township Attorney had nothing to report on at this time.

Mrs. Fisher, Township Clerk reviewed correspondence.

RESOLUTIONS

A motion was made by Committeeman Duffy, seconded by Committeeman Carrazzone and carried to adopt the **Resolution 2015-34**

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-66.3d which provides that third quarter property taxes shall not be subject to interest until the later of: August 1; or, the ten-day grace period, as authorized by a resolution of the governing body; or the twenty-fifth calendar day after the tax bills were mailed; and,

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector mailed the 2015 Final/2016 Preliminary tax bills on July 24, 2015; and, the due date for the third-quarter payment is August 19, 2015.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 5th day of August, 2015 by the Mayor and Township Committee that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized and empowered, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-66.3d to hold interest charges until after August 19, 2015.

Resolution 2015-35 Refund Overpayments for Calendar Year 2015 is **on hold** at the request of the Tax Collector.

A motion was made by Committeeman Duffy, seconded by Committeeman Carrazzone and carried to adopt the **Resolution 2015-36**

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDWICK, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE **MUNICIPAL SHARED SERVICES DEFENSE AGREEMENT**

WHEREAS, the Township of Hardwick, Warren County has filed or anticipates filing a Declaratory Judgment Action in the Superior Court of New Jersey Warren County in furtherance of the Supreme Court's March 10, 2015 decision captioned In re Adoption of N.J.A.C. 5:96 & 5:97 by N.J. Council on Affordable Housing, 221 N.J. 1 (2015) (the "Supreme Court Decision"); and

WHEREAS, Fair Share Housing Center ("FSHC"), through the services of David Kinsey, has prepared what it considers to be the statewide fair share numbers (the "FSHC Numbers") for use by the 15 vicinage Mt. Laurel Judges to calculate a municipality's affordable housing obligation pursuant to the Supreme Court Decision; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Hardwick desires to participate in the preparation of a statewide fair share analysis to be undertaken by Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey (“Rutgers”), through Dr. Robert W. Burchell, Principal Investigator, and various other experts employed by Rutgers in order to establish a rational and reasonable methodology (the “Burchell Fair Share Analysis”) for determination of a municipality’s obligation to provide a realistic opportunity through its land use ordinances for its fair share of the region’s affordable housing needs in accordance with the Mount Laurel Doctrine as set forth in In the Matter of the Adoption of N.J.A.C. 5:96 and 5:97 by the New Jersey Council on Affordable Housing, 221 N.J. 1 (2015) (“Decision”) and prior decisions of the Courts of New Jersey, and the Fair Housing Act, N.J.S.A. 52:27D-301 et. seq.; and

WHEREAS, Rutgers, utilizing Dr. Burchell as the Principal Investigator and author has agreed to prepare the Burchell Fair Share Analysis within 90 days of being retained to establish his view of the proper way to determine each municipality’s fair share obligation; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Burchell estimates the cost to prepare the initial Burchell Fair Share Analysis will be \$70,000; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that there will be a need for Dr. Burchell to analyze any challenges to his conclusions and prepare a rebuttal report to said challenges which is not included in the \$70,000; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that if each municipality contributes \$2,000, there will be sufficient monies to pay the cost to prepare the initial Burchell Fair Share Analysis, to analyze any challenges to the Initial Fair Share Analysis and to Prepare A Rebuttal Report given the number of municipalities that have expressed an interest in retaining Burchell; and

WHEREAS, a Municipal Shared Services Defense Agreement (hereinafter MSSDA”), has been prepared (a) so that monies can be collected to enter into an agreement with Rutgers (hereinafter “the Rutgers Agreement”) and so that Burchell, along with various other experts from Rutgers, can perform the tasks described above and (b) so that the rights and responsibilities of each municipality that wishes to sign the agreement to retain Rutgers are defined; and

WHEREAS, the MSSDA provides that the Law Offices of Jeffrey R. Surenian and Associates, LLC (“Surenian”) will serve as the administrative entity to sign the Rutgers agreement on behalf of the municipalities that signed the MSSDA and paid the \$2,000 fee; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative given the time constraints for municipalities that wish to retain Burchell to sign the MSSDA and pay the \$2,000 fee so that Burchell can conduct the necessary analysis; and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding the foregoing, it is possible that the MSSDA may need to be changed as a result of ongoing negotiations with the Rutgers agreement following execution of the MSSDA and the payment of the \$2,000 fee; and

WHEREAS, in such an event, any member that objects to the changes that Rutgers may require shall have the opportunity to relinquish membership in the Municipal Group and to receive back the \$2,000 payment as more specifically set forth in the MSSDA.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Committee of the Township of Hardwick, as follows:

1. The terms and conditions of the MSSDA attached hereto are hereby approved, ratified and confirmed.
2. The amount of \$2,000 is hereby authorized to be expended by the Township of Hardwick for Rutgers through Dr. Robert Burchell, Principal Investigator to prepare the Burchell Fair Share Analysis.
3. A certification of funds authorizing the aforesaid expenditure has been signed by the Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Hardwick and is appended hereto.
4. The Mayor be and is hereby authorized to execute the aforesaid MSSDA to memorialize the participation of the Township of Hardwick in the preparation of the Burchell Fair Share Analysis and to take any and all actions reasonably required to effectuate said Agreement.
5. The Township of Hardwick hereby authorizes Jeffrey R. Surenian, Esq. to execute on behalf of the Township of Hardwick the Research Agreement with Rutgers to initiate and complete Burchell Fair Share Analysis and to do such other actions to effectuate the purposes of said Research Agreement.
6. If further changes to the MSSDA are needed as a result of finalizing the Rutgers Agreement, within ten (10) days of notification by Surenian of the changes, the Township of Hardwick will inform Surenian if it objects to the changes and wishes to withdraw from the Municipal Group and obtain a refund of the \$2000 it paid.
7. This Resolution shall take effect immediately

Roll Call:

Ayes: Committeeman Duffy, Committeeman Carrazzone

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: Mayor James Perry

A motion was made by Committeeman Duffy, seconded by Committeeman Carrazzone and carried to adopt the **Resolution 2015-37**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDWICK ATTORNEY AND OTHER TOWNSHIP PROFESSIONALS TO PREPARE AND FILE A DECLARATORY JUDGMENT ACTION FOR THIRD ROUND MT. LAUREL COMPLIANCE AND IMMUNITY AND AUTHORIZING OTHER TOWNSHIP PROFESSIONALS AND OFFICIALS TO TAKE SUCH ACTIONS AS MAY BE APPROPRIATE TO IMPLEMENT AN UPDATE TO THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDWICK HOUSING PLAN ELEMENT OF THE MASTER PLAN AND FAIR SHARE PLAN FOR THIRD ROUND MT. LAUREL COMPLIANCE, TO UNDERTAKE A SURVEY OF ALL VACANT AND UNDEVELOPED LAND IN THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDWICK BY BLOCK AND LOT, TO CONDUCT AN ANALYSIS OF THE TOWNSHIP'S HOUSING STOCK, AND TO CONDUCT SUCH OTHER STUDIES AS MAY BE DETERMINED NECESSARY.

WHEREAS, the Township of Hardwick submitted its Petition for Substantive Certification on December 30, 2008, which was deemed administratively complete by COAH on February 11, 2009; and

WHEREAS, April 2, 2009 was the deadline for public comment; and

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2015 the New Jersey Supreme Court issued an order eliminating the administrative processes afforded municipalities by the Fair Housing Act N.J.S.A. 52:27D-301 *et. seq.*, effective June 8, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Supreme Court provided for a thirty day window after June 8, 2015, during which time many municipalities will be able to file declaratory judgment actions in Superior Court to obtain, in practical effect, a judicial version of the substantive certification they had either received or applied for under N.J.S.A. 52:27D-313; and

WHEREAS, throughout and notwithstanding the period of uncertainty over new Third Round Rules, the Township of Hardwick has continued efforts to provide for low and moderate income housing opportunities in the Township.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick, County of Warren, and State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. Township Attorney Michael B. Lavery, along with members of his firm, is authorized to prepare and file a Declaratory Judgment action in the Superior Court on behalf of the Township seeking a judgment of compliance with the Township's Third Round affordable housing obligation and also seeking an order of immunity from Mt. Laurel builder remedy lawsuits during the process of adopting and filing the Housing Plan Element and Fair Share Plan with the Court as well as during the period of Court review of the Township's plan and all implementing ordinances.

2. Township Attorney Michael B. Lavery, Township Planner Shirley Bishop, and Township Engineer Ted Rodman, along with members of their respective firms are authorized to take such as actions as may be appropriate to further both the preparation and implementation of the updated Housing Plan Element of the Township of Hardwick Master Plan and Fair Share Plan for Third Round Mt. Laurel Compliance, to undertake a survey of all vacant and undeveloped land in the Township of Hardwick by block and lot, to conduct an analysis of the Township's housing stock, and to conduct such other studies as may be determined necessary.

3. Proposals for these plans and studies shall be submitted in advance for review and approval by the Township Committee and/or the Planning Board.

4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

A motion was made by Committeeman Duffy, seconded by Committeeman Carrazzone and carried to adopt the **Resolution 2015-38**

CHAPTER 159 – PSEG SUSQUEHANNA Settlement

ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET OF TOWNSHIP OF HARDWICK PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-87 (CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1948)

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any

Municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for an equal amount, and

WHEREAS, the Township has received funding for \$365,000.00 from the PSE&G wishes to amend its 2015 Budget to include this amount as revenue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the Budget of the year 2015 in the sum of \$365,000.00 which item is now available as a revenue from:

Miscellaneous Revenues

Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written

Consent of the Director of Local Government Services:

Public and Private Revenues Offset with Appropriation

PSEG Susquehanna settlement Fund

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$365,000.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations

(a) Operations Excluded from 5% Caps

Public and Private Revenues Off-Set by Revenue

PSEG Susquehanna settlement Fund OE

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the CFO electronically file a copy of this resolution to the Director of Local Government Services.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Committeeman Duffy, Committeeman Carrazzone

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: Mayor James Perry

ORDINANCE: 2nd Reading and Public Hearing Reading Notice

Notice is hereby given that the foregoing Ordinance was approved for continued public hearing to the August 5, 2015 meeting and final adoption by the Hardwick Township Committee at a regular meeting held on July 1, 2015

2015-05 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDWICK, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, VACATING A PORTION OF A ROADWAY KNOWN AS "PAULINSKILL ROAD"

WHEREAS, there exists in the Township of Hardwick ("Township") a public roadway known as Paulinskill Road; and

WHEREAS, there has been a request to have the Township vacate a portion of said roadway in accordance with the description set forth in Schedule A, annexed hereto; and

WHEREAS, the matter has been referred to the Township Engineer who has recommended that the Township proceed with the vacation since the portion of the roadway proposed to be vacated is not needed by the Township for public purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee does hereby determine that the aforementioned roadway as set forth in the description attached hereto as Schedule "A" is no longer needed for public purposes; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:67-1(b) and -19 authorizes the municipality to release and extinguish the public's rights arising from a dedication of a roadway; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION A

1. The rights of the public and the Township in and to a portion of Paulinskill Road as described in the attached Schedule "A" are hereby extinguished and vacated; however, expressly reserved and excepted from vacation are all rights and privileges now possessed by public utilities, as defined in R.S.48:2-13, and by any cable television company, as defined in the "Cable Television Act," P.L.1972, c. 186 (C.48:5A-1 et seq.), to maintain, repair and replace their existing facilities in, adjacent to, over or under the street to be vacated.
2. At least one week prior to the time fixed for the consideration of this Ordinance for final passage, a copy thereof, together with a notice of the introduction thereof and the time and place when and where the Ordinance will be further considered for final passage, shall be mailed to every person whose land may be affected by this
3. Ordinance so far as may be ascertained. Said notices shall be mailed by the Township Clerk in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40:49-6.

4. The Township Clerk shall, within sixty (60) days of the effective date of this Ordinance, file a copy of this Ordinance certified by her under the seal of the municipality, to be a true copy thereof, together with proof of publication thereof, in the office of the Clerk of the County of Warren in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40:67-21.

SECTION B

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistencies.

SECTION C

If any article, section, subsection, paragraph, phrase or sentence is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional or invalid, said article, section, subsection, paragraph, phrase or sentence shall be deemed severable.

SECTION D

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final publication as provided by law.

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above entitled ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick on June 3, 2015 and will be considered for final reading and adoption at the Regular Meeting of the Township Committee held on July 1, 2015 at 7:00PM at the Municipal Building, 40 Spring Valley Road, Hardwick Township, New Jersey.

Judith M. Fisher, RMC
Township Clerk

A **motion** was made by Committeeman Duffy, seconded by Committeeman Carrazzone and carried to open the continuation of the public hearing on **Ordinance 2015-05**.

The Ordinance brought no public comment.

A **motion** was made by Committeeman Duffy, seconded by Committeeman Carrazzone and carried to close the public hearing on **Ordinance 2015-05**.

A **motion** was made by Committeeman Duffy, seconded by Committeeman Carrazzone and carried to adopt **Ordinance 2015-05**.

ORDINANCES: 2nd Reading and Public Hearing

Notice

Notice is hereby given that the foregoing Ordinance was approved for final adoption by the Hardwick Township Committee at a regular meeting held on August 5, 2015

CAPITAL ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR REIMBURSEMENT FOR PAVING AND IMPROVEMENTS TO BIRCH RIDGE ROAD IN THE TOWNSHIP BY THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDWICK, IN THE COUNTY OF WARREN, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$100,000.00 THEREFOR FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND OF THE TOWNSHIP TO PAY FOR THE COST THEREOF. 2015-07

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick, in the County of Warren, New Jersey (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) as follows:

Section 1. The improvement described in Section 2 of this capital ordinance is hereby authorized to be undertaken by the Township of Hardwick, New Jersey as a general improvement. For the improvement or purpose described in Section 2, there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$100,000.00 from the capital improvement fund of the township.

Section 2. (a) The capital improvement hereby authorized and the purpose for the use of the capital improvement fund is improvements to Birch Ridge Road necessary therefor or incidental thereto.

Section 3. The capital budget of the Township of Hardwick is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. The resolution in the form promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services is on file with the Clerk and is available there for public inspection.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect immediately after final adoption in accordance with applicable law.

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above entitled ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick

on July 1, 2015 and will be considered for final reading and adoption at the Regular Meeting of the Township Committee held on August 5, 2015 at 7:00PM at the Municipal Building, 40 Spring Valley Road, Hardwick Township, New Jersey.

Judith M. Fisher, RMC
Township Clerk

A **motion** was made by Committeeman Duffy, seconded by Committeeman Carrazzone and carried to open the continuation of the public hearing on **Ordinance 2015-07**.

The Ordinance brought no public comment.

A **motion** was made by Committeeman Duffy, seconded by Committeeman Carrazzone and carried to close the public hearing on **Ordinance 2015-07**.

A **motion** was made by Committeeman Duffy, seconded by Committeeman Carrazzone and carried to adopt **Ordinance 2015-07**.

**ORDINANCE: 2nd Reading and Public Hearing Reading
Notice**

Notice is hereby given that the foregoing Ordinance was approved for final adoption by the Hardwick Township Committee at a regular meeting held on August 5, 2015

CAPITAL ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR PAVING AND IMPROVEMENTS TO VARIOUS ROADS WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP, BY THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDWICK, IN THE COUNTY OF WARREN, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$365,000.00 THEREFOR FROM THE PSE&G RESERVE FUND OF THE TOWNSHIP TO PAY FOR THE COST THEREOF. 2015-08

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick, in the County of Warren, New Jersey (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) as follows:

Section 1. The improvement described in Section 2 of this capital ordinance is hereby authorized to be undertaken by the Township of Hardwick, New Jersey as a general improvement. For the improvement or purpose described in Section 2, there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$365,000.00 from the PSE&G fund of the township.

Section 2. (a) The capital improvement hereby authorized and the purpose for the use of the capital improvement fund is for the purchase of paving and improvements of various roads within the township necessary therefor or incidental thereto.

Section 3. The capital budget of the Township of Hardwick is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. The resolution in the form promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services is on file with the Clerk and is available there for public inspection.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect immediately after final adoption in accordance with applicable law.

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above entitled ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick on July 1, 2015 and will be considered for final reading and adoption at the Regular Meeting of the Township Committee held on August 5, 2015 at 7:00PM at the Municipal Building, 40 Spring Valley Road, Hardwick Township, New Jersey.

Judith M. Fisher, RMC
Township Clerk

A **motion** was made by Committeeman Duffy, seconded by Committeeman Carrazzone and carried to open the continuation of the public hearing on **Ordinance 2015-08**.

The Ordinance brought no public comment.

A **motion** was made by Committeeman Duffy, seconded by Committeeman Carrazzone and carried to close the public hearing on **Ordinance 2015-08**.

A **motion** was made by Committeeman Duffy, seconded by Committeeman Carrazzone and carried to adopt **Ordinance 2015-08**.

ORDINANCE: 1st Reading

A motion was made by Committeeman Duffy, seconded by Committeeman Carrazzone and carried to introduce Ordinance **2015-09**

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDWICK, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY FROM CHRISTINE HEPBURN AND KENNETH MARTIN IDENTIFIED AS A PORTION OF BLOCK 401 LOTS 1, 32 AND 32.01 AND AN EASEMENT ON A PORTION OF BLOCK 401 LOT 1, A PORTION OF BLOCK 401 LOT 3 AND ALL OF LOTS 5.04, 5.05 AND 5.06 IN BLOCK 601 ON THE TAX MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDWICK 2015-09

SECTION I

WHEREAS, the Township is desirous of purchasing the above Property with Ridge & Valley Conservancy known as Block 401 Lots 1, 32 and 32.01 and an easement on a portion of Block 401 Lot 1, a portion of Block 401 Lot 3 and all of Lots 5.04, 5.05 and 5.06 in Block 601, from Christine Hepburn and Kenneth Martin, at a price of Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$350,000); and

WHEREAS, the Ridge and Valley Conservancy has sought and received grants for the above purchase from the Warren County Open Space Trust Fund, The Nature Conservancy and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Green Acres to fund the purchase of this property; and

WHEREAS, a proposed Contract for the sale of said real estate has been prepared; and

WHEREAS, the Ridge and Valley Conservancy has obtained appraisals for these properties; and

WHEREAS, the purchase prices are within the range of the value fixed by the appraisals; and

WHEREAS, the Township is desirous of entering into said Contract, and to effectuate the purchase of the same, contingent on receiving the necessary grants.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick, Warren County, New Jersey, that the Township is hereby authorized to purchase and obtain an easement on the above-referenced property from Christine Hepburn and Kenneth Martin for the total sum of Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$350,000), conditioned upon the Conservancy receiving full funding for said purchase from the Nature Conservancy, the Warren County Open Space Trust Fund and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Green Acres, it being further understood that the Township shall commit \$42,000.00 from the Township Open Space Trust Fund and shall allocate \$141,000.00 from the Township's Green Acres Planning Incentive Grant.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the Mayor and Clerk of the Township of Hardwick are hereby authorized to execute all necessary documents, including the Contract of Sale, to purchase said properties in partnership with Ridge and Valley Conservancy.

SECTION II

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistencies.

SECTION III

If any article, section, subsection, paragraphs, phrase or sentence is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional or invalid, said article, section, subsection, paragraph, phrase or sentence shall be deemed severable.

SECTION IV

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final publication as provided by law.

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced and passed by the Township Committee on the first reading at a meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick, held on August 5, 2015, and will be considered for a second reading and final passage at a regular meeting of the Township Committee to be held on September 2, 2015, at 7:00 p.m., at the Municipal Building, located at 40 Spring Valley Road, Hardwick, New Jersey, at which time and place any persons desiring to be heard upon the same will be given the opportunity to be so heard.

Judith Fisher, RMC
Township Clerk

OLD BUSINESS:

Edmunds & Associates: Request to sponsor Guts Glory - \$250 Commitment
Township would receive a \$250 credit against the 2016 software support agreement

Mrs. Maronpot asked the Committee if they were interested in being a sponsor. Her only question is that this would be a charitable donation and she doesn't know if the Auditors would approve. But that she will ask them.

A motion was then made by Committeeman Duffy and seconded by Committeeman Carrazzone and carried to commit \$250, subject to the approval of the Township Auditors.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Committeeman Duffy, Committeeman Carrazzone

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: Mayor James Perry

NEW BUSINESS:

Freedom Business Machine: Maintenance Agreement for Kobra 310 TS CC4 Shredder
\$229.00/year, covers labor and all parts except for the oil.

A motion was made by Committeeman Duffy, seconded by Committeeman Carrazzone and carried to approve to maintenance agreement for the Kobra 310 shredder.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Committeeman Duffy, Committeeman Carrazzone

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: Mayor James Perry

DISCUSSION:

Camp Ralph Mason: Keith Vanderzee, CEO Discussion of a Cross Walk

Mr. Vanderzee was not present for tonight's meeting.

Mrs. Fisher spoke with Mr. Vanderzee earlier in the day and informed him that at the July meeting of the Committee it was suggested that the Camp hire their own Engineer to do the survey for the cross walk and when this is completed that he let us know so that this item can be placed back on the agenda for further discussion.

Service Electric & Century Link: Update

This was discussed in Executive session earlier in the meeting. No action was taken by the Committee

Ward Road: Weight Limit (Discussion continued)

Approval is needed from both the State and the adjoining Township, Blirstown. Mr. Campbell noted that the purpose of requesting this is to stop delivery trucks from using the lower half of Ward Road going along the Kill to Route 94 in Blirstown. This was also discussed earlier in the meeting under Engineer's Report.

Paulinskill Road: Repair Work FEMA has finally approved this project.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

A **motion** made by Committeeman Duffy, seconded by Committeeman Carrazzone and carried approved the following minutes as corrected.

Work Meeting February 25, 2015

Work Meeting May 27, 2015

Monthly Meeting July 1, 2015

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

A **motion** was made by Committeeman Duffy, seconded by Committeeman Carrazzone and carried to open this portion of the meeting for comments from the Public.

Mr. Joseph Liccese, 29 Spring Valley Road asked about the Hepburn/Martin property location, Hardwick House, Road Vacation/Paulinskill Road. He also noted that he was cutting the grass at the Cemetery. This property belongs to the Historical Society. The Old Schoolhouse property has now revert back to the owner, Tom and Barbara Ahlers.

Mr. Frank Mull, 208 Millbrook Road asked about the Hardwick House.

A motion was then made by Committeeman Duffy, seconded by Committeeman Carrazzone and carried to close this portion of the meeting to the Public.

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Committee Report:

Committeeman Duffy thanked the Road Department for all their work on the roads.

Committeeman Carrazzone had nothing to report on at this time.

Committeeman Perry absent for tonight's meeting.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Committeeman Duffy, seconded by Committeeman Carrazzone and carried to adjourn tonight meeting of the Hardwick Township Committee at 8:11PM

Respectfully submitted,

Judith M. Fisher, RMC
Township Clerk

TOWNSHIP OF HARDWICK
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

September 2, 2015

The monthly meeting of the Hardwick Township Committee was held on this date at the Municipal Building, 40 Spring Valley Road, Hardwick, New Jersey. This meeting was called to order at 6:32PM by the Township Clerk Judith Fisher who noted that this meeting was being held in compliance with the "Open Public Meetings Act":

In accordance with Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of 1975, notice of this meeting was given by way of notice with the New Jersey Herald and/or the Express-Times, filed in the Municipal Clerk's Office and posted in the Hardwick Municipal Building.

Roll Call:

Present: Committeeman James Perry, Committeeman Alfred Carrazzone and Committeeman Kevin Duffy

Absent: None

Also present: Township Attorney Michael Lavery, CFO Amy Maronpot and Township Engineer Ted Rodman and CPWM Thomas Campbell

Absent: None

Executive Session:

A motion was made by Committeeman Duffy, seconded by Committeeman Carrazzone and carried to adopt the following Resolution to go into Closed Session at 6:34PM.

Resolution

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Pubic Meeting Act, Chapter 231, P. L 1975 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting under certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick, in the County of Warren and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from that portion of this meeting
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:
 - A. Attorney Client/Contractual, Potential Litigation Schoolhouse
 - B. Hardwick House, Attorney Client, Potential Litigation
 - C. Alina Lodge, Contractual/Attorney Client, Mayor Excluded from any discussion
 - D. Contractual, Potential litigation Shared Services Agreement
 - E. Personnel Matter Township Employee

As nearly as can be ascertained, the matter or matters to be discussed at this time will be disclosed to the public when such matters are resolved.

Time In: 6:34PM

Present: Committeeman Perry, Committeeman Duffy, Committeeman Carrazzone

Also Present: CPWM Thomas Campbell, Attorney Michael Lavery and Township Clerk Judith Fisher

Time Out: 7:09PM

A motion made by Committeeman Duffy, seconded by Committeeman Perry and carried to return to regular session.

Mrs. Fisher noted that Committeeman Perry was excluded from all discussion relating to Little Hill Alina Lodge.

Mr. Lavery noted that he met in closed session with the Committee where they discussed six matter:

- A. Attorney Client/contractual, Potential Litigation Schoolhouse
- B. Hardwick House, Attorney Client, Potential Litigation
- C. Alina Lodge, Contractual/Attorney Client, Mayor Excluded from any discussion
- D. Contractual, Potential Shared Services Agreement
- E. Personnel Matter Township Employee

No official action was taken by the Committee at this time. Copies of the minutes will be made available at such time as the Committee determines that there is no harm to the public interest.

Payment of Bills

A motion was made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Duffy and carried to authorize the payment of the bills in the amount of \$582,498.97.

Roll Call

Ayes: Committeeman Duffy, Committeeman Carrazzone, Mayor James Perry

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: None

Mayor Perry welcomed Freeholder Deputy Director Jason Sarnoski to our Township meeting.

Representative from the North Jersey Resource Conservation and Development Council were here tonight to present Bill and Lori Gold the River-Friendly Farm Certification. Mr. Gold's farm is the 20th farm that has received the River-Friendly Certification. Congratulations!!!!

Reports

Mr. Rodman, Township Engineer reported that the paving on Ward Road has been completed and that 1 new driveway permit was issued on River View Drive.

Mr. Campbell, CPWM that even though he was shorthanded this summer, he was able to complete more than 5.4 miles of paving, 3.2 miles of oil and stoning, 60 ton of asphalt patching and 60 tons of QP for shoulder work.

Since he was able to save the Township money on the oil/stoning, paving and patching, Tom is asking the Township to purchase a Hydraulic Truck Conveyor for \$8914.00. Tom suggested that the Township could use the PSEG money for this purchase. Mrs. Maronpot, CFO agreed that the funds are there for this purchase.

This following quotes were received by Mr. Campbell for the Hydraulic Truck Conveyor:

US Municipal, PA: HTC 1200 Hydraulic Conveyor	\$11,895.
Henderson Truck Equipment-NJ: HTC Model 1200	\$11,712.
Chemung Supply Corp, NY: HTC Model 1200	\$ 8914.

A motion was made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Duffy and carried to purchase a HTC Hydraulic Truck Conveyor Model 1200 for \$8914.00

Roll Call

Ayes: Committeeman Duffy, Committeeman Carrazzone, Mayor James Perry

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: None

Committeeman Duffy want to thanks the DPW for their hard work this summer. It was a warm, humid summer. The DPW was shorthanded a worker this summer and the summer help, Matt and Anthony who stepped up to the plate and helped out where needed.

Mr. Campbell, CPWM noted that the summer help will end September 15th. He is requesting an extension to the end of September. The salary for this position come out of the Open Space Account.

A motion was made by Committeeman Duffy, seconded by Committeeman Carrazzone and carried to approve the extension of the summer help to the end of September.

Mrs. Maronpot, CFO handed out her monthly reports for the Committee's review

Mr. Lavery, Esq., Township Attorney noted that on tonight's agenda is the approval to renewal the liquor license for the Hardwick House. The resolution for this can be approved tonight with special conditions. His law firm has contacted the ABC about these conditions and we are now waiting for their answer.

Mrs. Fisher, Township Clerk reviewed correspondence.

RESOLUTIONS

A motion was made by Committeeman Duffy, seconded by Committeeman Carrazzone and carried to adopt the **Resolution 2015-39** with Special Conditions if approved by ABC.

WHEREAS, application for Plenary Retail Consumption License has been received from the following:

HARDWICK TAVERN CORP.

WHEREAS, all conditions set forth by the New Jersey State Division of Alcoholic Beverage has been complied with to the best personal knowledge of this Committee, and

WHEREAS, the Hardwick Tavern has renewed their Alcoholic Beverage Retail Licensee Tax

Clearance Certification and the Municipality has received a copy of the said renewal from the Division of Taxation, and

WHEREAS, the Township has received the Special Ruling to permit renewal of inactive license pursuant to N.J.S.A. 33:1-12.39 dated August 17, 2015 from the Director of Law & Public Safety, Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control authorizing the renewal of License No. 2019-33-004-003 for the 2015-2016 license term. According to this SPECIAL RULING the Director has reviewed the petition filed in this matter and having considered all the facts and circumstances related to the inactive status of this license finds that the petitioner or licensee has established good cause in accordance with the statutory requirements to warrant an application for renewal of the license for the 2015-2016 license period. Should the owner wish to activate said license at a premise during any license terms referenced above, they must file a full 12-page application transferring the license from "INACTIVE" status to the intended premises.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Plenary Retail Consumption License be issued for the period of July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015 as follows:

License No. 2109-33-004-003	Hardwick Tavern Corp.
Fee Paid Township \$622.00	t/a The Hardwick House
Fee Paid State \$200.00	47 Spring Valley Road
	Hardwick, New Jersey 07825

The Township Clerk is hereby instructed to "POCKET" said "INACTIVE" license and to provide a copy of this resolution to said party.

**** Special Conditions will be attached to this Resolution when approved by the ABC.

A motion was made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Duffy and carried to adopt the **Resolution 2015-35**

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector advises of overpayment of taxes for calendar year 2015 due to change in property classification.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 2nd day of September, 2015 by the Mayor and Township Committee that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to make the refund of taxes as follows:

Block 203, Lot 11 Q0179	Fortenbaugh, Michael 25 Gaisler Road	\$60.87
Block 303, Lot 1.02	Walther, Eric 47 Maple Lane	\$2,722.58
Block 303, Lot 1.03	Walther, Deborah 53 Oval Rd Chatham, MA 02633	\$926.29
Block 401, Lot 2.01	Hepburn, Christine 1 Lighting Bug Hollow Rd	\$1,361.49
Block 401, Lot 5.03	Corcoran, John & Judie 3 Meadow Lake Dr	\$500.00
Block 501, Lot 1	Jerome Goodman	\$173.60
Block 501, Lot 1.02 Q0040	38 Millbrook-Stillwater Rd	<u>111.28</u> \$284.88

Block 601, Lot 4.05 Q0028	Beard, John M PO Box 422, Allamuchy, NJ 07820	\$9.19
Block 901, Lot 8	Benninger, Erica 42 Primrose Rd	\$999.07
Block 901, Lot 2-Q0041	Maffenbeier, John	\$388.94
Block 901, Lot 9-Q		157.36
Block 901, Lot 10 -Q		5.94
Block 901, Lot 11-Q		4.46
Block 1201, Lot 1-Q		348.86
Block 1202, Lot 1-Q		<u>256.82</u>
		\$1,162.38

Roll Call

Ayes: Committeeman Duffy, Committeeman Carrazzone, Mayor James Perry

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: None

Attorney Lavery noted for the Committee before they adopted the following resolutions that the Township only needs to go back 2 years for this request. The only way this request can go back the 5 years is if the Committee approves them. There was a brief discussion and the outcome is to approve the refunds for the 5 years, 2011 to 2015. The resolutions were then presented to the Committee for adoption:

A motion was made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Duffy and carried to adopt the **Resolution 2015-40**

RESOLUTION TO RELIEVE THE TAX COLLECTOR FROM COLLECTING CERTAIN TAXES 2015-40

WHEREAS, the Assessor has discovered a correction that should have be done in the 2011 Tax Book after the proper time of appeal of the Township of Hardwick, County of Warren, State of New Jersey.

WHEREAS, the Assessor of the Township of Hardwick has found that the below block and lot had the incorrect land acreage. This after the owner questioned the assessment after the tax appeal date of April 2011 now it is 2015.

Block 101, Lot 3.13 (11 Evergreen):

This said line item land was assessed in the 2011 Tax Book at \$64,200.

This assessment should be \$39,000 therefore a refund based on the difference of \$25,200 for the tax year of 2011.

Roll Call

Ayes: Committeeman Duffy, Committeeman Carrazzone, Mayor James Perry

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: None

A motion was made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Duffy and carried to adopt the **Resolution 2015-41**

RESOLUTION TO RELIEVE THE TAX COLLECTOR FROM COLLECTING CERTAIN TAXES 2015-41

WHEREAS, the Assessor has discovered a correction that should have be done in the 2012 Tax Book after the proper time of appeal of the Township of Hardwick, County of Warren, State of New Jersey.

WHEREAS, the Assessor of the Township of Hardwick has found that the below block and lot had the incorrect land acreage. This after the owner questioned the assessment after the tax appeal date of April 2012 now it is 2015.

Block 101, Lot 3.13 (11 Evergreen):

This said line item land was assessed in the 2012 Tax Book at \$64,200.

This assessment should be \$39,000 therefore a refund based on the difference of \$25,200 for the tax year of 2012.

Roll Call

Ayes: Committeeman Duffy, Committeeman Carrazzone, Mayor James Perry

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: None

A motion was made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Duffy and carried to adopt the **Resolution 2015-42**

RESOLUTION TO RELIEVE THE TAX COLLECTOR FROM COLLECTING CERTAIN TAXES 2015-42

WHEREAS, the Assessor has discovered a correction that should have be done in the 2013 Tax Book after the proper time of appeal of the Township of Hardwick, County of Warren, State of New Jersey.

WHEREAS, the Assessor of the Township of Hardwick has found that the below block and lot had the incorrect land acreage. This after the owner questioned the assessment after the tax appeal date of April 2013 now it is 2015.

Block 101, Lot 3.13 (11 Evergreen):

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Roll Call

Ayes: Committeeman Duffy, Committeeman Carrazzone, Mayor James Perry

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: None

A motion was made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Duffy and carried to adopt the **Resolution 2015-43**

RESOLUTION TO RELIEVE THE TAX COLLECTOR FROM COLLECTING CERTAIN TAXES 2015-43

WHEREAS, the Assessor has discovered a correction that should have be done in the 2014 Tax Book after the proper time of appeal of the Township of Hardwick, County of Warren, State of New Jersey.

WHEREAS, the Assessor of the Township of Hardwick has found that the below block and lot had the incorrect land acreage. This after the owner questioned the assessment after the tax appeal date of April 2014 now it is 2015.

Block 101, Lot 3.13 (11 Evergreen):

This said line item land was assessed in the 2014 Tax Book at \$64,200.

This assessment should be \$39,000 therefore a refund based on the difference of **\$25,200** for the tax year of 2014.

Roll Call

Ayes: Committeeman Duffy, Committeeman Carrazzone, Mayor James Perry

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: None

A motion was made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Duffy and carried to adopt the **Resolution 2015-44**

RESOLUTION TO RELIEVE THE TAX COLLECTOR FROM COLLECTING CERTAIN TAXES 2015-44

WHEREAS, the Assessor has discovered a correction that should have be done in the 2015 Tax Book after the proper time of appeal of the Township of Hardwick, County of Warren, State of New Jersey.

WHEREAS, the Assessor of the Township of Hardwick has found that the below block and lot had the incorrect land acreage. This after the owner questioned the assessment after the tax appeal date of April 2015 now it is 2015.

Block 101, Lot 3.13 (11 Evergreen):

This said line item land was assessed in the 2015 Tax Book at \$64,200.

This assessment should be \$39,000 therefore a refund based on the difference of \$ 25,200 for the tax year of 2015.

Roll Call

Ayes: Committeeman Duffy, Committeeman Carrazzone, Mayor James Perry

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: None

ORDINANCE: 2nd Reading and Public Hearing Reading

Notice

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ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDWICK, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY FROM CHRISTINE HEPBURN AND KENNETH MARTIN IDENTIFIED AS A PORTION OF BLOCK 401 LOTS 1, 32 AND 32.01 AND AN EASEMENT ON A PORTION OF BLOCK 401 LOT 1, A PORTION OF BLOCK 401 LOT 3 AND ALL OF LOTS 5.04, 5.05, 5.06 IN BLOCK 601 ON THE TAX MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDWICK. 2015-09

SECTION I

WHEREAS, the Township is desirous of purchasing the above Property with Ridge & Valley Conservancy known as Block 401 Lots 1, 32 and 32.01 and an easement on a portion of Block 401 Lot 1, a portion of Block 401 Lot 3 and all of Lots 5.04, 5.05 and 5.06 in Block 601, from Christine Hepburn and Kenneth Martin, at a price of Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$350,000); and

WHEREAS, the Ridge and Valley Conservancy has sought and received grants for the above purchase from the Warren County Open Space Trust Fund, The Nature Conservancy and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Green Acres to fund the purchase of this property; and

WHEREAS, a proposed Contract for the sale of said real estate has been prepared; and

WHEREAS, the Ridge and Valley Conservancy has obtained appraisals for these properties; and

WHEREAS, the purchase prices are within the range of the value fixed by the appraisals; and

WHEREAS, the Township is desirous of entering into said Contract, and to effectuate the purchase of the same, contingent on receiving the necessary grants.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick, Warren County, New Jersey, that the Township is hereby authorized to purchase and obtain an easement on the above-referenced property from Christine Hepburn and Kenneth Martin for the total sum of Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$350,000), conditioned upon the Conservancy receiving full funding for said purchase from the Nature Conservancy, the Warren County Open Space Trust Fund and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Green Acres, it being further understood that the Township shall commit \$42,000.00 from the Township Open Space Trust Fund and shall allocate \$141,000.00 from the Township's Green Acres Planning Incentive Grant.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the Mayor and Clerk of the Township of Hardwick are hereby authorized to execute all necessary documents, including the Contract of Sale, to purchase said properties in partnership with Ridge and Valley Conservancy.

SECTION II

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistencies.

SECTION III

If any article, section, subsection, paragraphs, phrase or sentence is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional or invalid, said article, section, subsection, paragraph, phrase or sentence shall be deemed severable.

SECTION IV

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final publication as provided by law.

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced and passed by the Township Committee on the first reading at a meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick, held on August 5, 2015, and will be considered for a second reading and final passage at a regular meeting of the Township Committee to be held on September 2, 2015, at 7:00 p.m., at the Municipal Building, located at 40 Spring Valley Road, Hardwick, New Jersey, at which time and place any persons desiring to be heard upon the same will be given the opportunity to be so heard.

There was no Committee discussion before this was opened to the Public for comments. A motion was made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Duffy and carried to open the public hearing on **Ordinance 2015-09**.

There was no public comment on Ordinance 2015-09

A motion was made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Duffy and carried to close the public hearing on **Ordinance 2015-09**.

A motion was made by Committeeman Duffy, seconded by Committeeman Carrazzone and carried to adopt **Ordinance 2015-09**

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Shirley Bishop - COAH The Township received a letter from Ms. Bishop asking about Vacant Lot Analysis Inventory and if any has started it. This issue has been discussed at the Planning Board level and the outcome of this discussion there was to hire Fred Heyer, Planner for the Planning Board. His fee is between \$6,000 and \$8,000.

A motion was then made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committee Duffy and carried to hire Fred Heyer to do the Vacant Land Analysis Inventory. His fee for this service is between \$6,000 and \$8,000, subject to Certified Funds from the Chief Financial Officer, Amy Maronpot.

Roll Call

Ayes: Committeeman Duffy, Committeeman Carrazzone, Mayor James Perry

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: None

Mrs. Fisher informed the Committee that on September 24 she will be attending an all-day seminar in Green Township. Notice that the office will be closed will be posted on the web and bulletin board.

The date for the Rabies Clinic is set for Saturday, November 7th from 10am to 11am at the Township Garage. The question now is which Veterinarian to use. Last year it was Jon Bertoldo from Animal Mansion. There was a brief discussion and Committeeman Duffy suggested that we alternate the use of the Vets every two years. Dr. Jon Bertoldo will be the Vet for 2014 – 2015 and then Dr. Ken Leal will be 2016-2017.

A motion was made by Committeeman Carrazzone, second by Committeeman Duffy and carried to alternate every two the service of the Veterinarian for the Rabies Clinic. Mrs. Fisher will contact their appropriate offices to let them know.

The Clerk will be doing a bulk mailing to all the houses in the Township reminding them to licensing their dogs for 2016. Notices will be mailed to 592 homes in the Township.

Next, the League Convention is being held in November and Mrs. Fisher requested permission to attend. The last time she attended was two years ago. The reason for this request would mean that the Offices would be closed that week, November 17 to 20, 2015. There was a brief discussion and the Committee granted the Clerk permission to attend the NJ League Convention in Atlantic City in November. Mrs., Fisher thanked the Committee.

DISCUSSION:

Service Electric & Century Link: Update

Mayor Perry noted that the battle over this is still ongoing. Mayor Perry noted that Service Electric wants to charge \$9,000 to run the lines from the old schoolhouse to the Municipal Building and that Century Link wants to charge \$9,000 to put in poles from Sunset Lake Road to the Municipal Building.

A motion was then made by Committeeman Carrazzone, second by Committeeman Duffy and carried to allow Mayor Perry to continue discussions with Service Electric and to do the best he can do for the Township with Service Electric.

Ward Road: Weight Limit (Discussion continued)

The Committee requested that the Township Attorney send a formal request to Blirstown Township on this weight limit for Ward Road.

There was also a discussion on the bridge that across the Paulinskill at the end of Ward Road. It was noted that the trusts will need to be replaces but that the stones work was in good shape. Noted was that this bridge is in Blirstown Township.

Paulinskill Road: Repair Work The Mayor requested that this be off the agenda until work is ready to begin. DPW will be patching the holes on this road, but repairs may not be this year.

Mayor Perry talked about a letter he received from NJ Alliance petitioning to pass extending driver license to immigrants. There was a brief discussion.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: None at this time

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

A motion was made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Duffy and carried to open this portion of the meeting for comments from the Public.

Freeholder Deputy Director Jason Sarnoski addressed the Committee that he like to visit as many of his Township as possible. He reported that Warren Haven will be County owned very soon. He also talked about the PILT money that the County received that will be shared with Hardwick, Knowlton and Blirstown. Right now the Townships are waiting for the contract which is not done yet. It spells out the portion of the funds that each township will received.

A motion was then made by Committeeman Duffy, seconded by Committeeman Carrazzone and carried to close this portion of the meeting to the Public.

Committee Report:

Committeeman Duffy thanked the DPW for all their work on the roads. It was a summer that was hot, humid and extraordinary times.

Committeeman Carrazzone thanked Mrs. Fisher for all her work

Committeeman Perry dittoed

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Duffy and carried to adjourn tonight meeting of the Hardwick Township Committee at 8:15PM

Respectfully submitted,
Judith M. Fisher, RMC
Township Clerk

TOWNSHIP OF HARDWICK
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

October 7, 2015

The monthly meeting of the Hardwick Township Committee was held on this date at the Municipal Building, 40 Spring Valley Road, Hardwick, New Jersey. This meeting was called to order at 6:34PM by the Township Clerk Judith Fisher who noted that this meeting was being held in compliance with the "Open Public Meetings Act":

In accordance with Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of 1975, notice of this meeting was given by way of notice with the New Jersey Herald and/or the Express-Times, filed in the Municipal Clerk's Office and posted in the Hardwick Municipal Building.

Roll Call:

Present: Committeeman James Perry, Committeeman Alfred Carrazzone and Committeeman Kevin Duffy

Absent: None

Also present: Township Attorney Michael Lavery, CFO Amy Maronpot and Township Engineer Ted Rodman and CPWM Thomas Campbell

Absent: None

Executive Session:

A motion was made by Committeeman Duffy, seconded by Committeeman Carrazzone and carried to adopt the following Resolution to go into Closed Session at 6:35PM.

Resolution

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Pubic Meeting Act, Chapter 231, P. L 1975 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting under certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick, in the County of Warren and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from that portion of this meeting
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:
 - A. Service Electric, Pending Litigation
 - B. Hardwick House, Attorney Client, Potential Litigation
 - C. Attorney Client, Tax Overpayments
 - D. COAH, Pending Litigation

As nearly as can be ascertained, the matter or matters to be discussed at this time will be disclosed to the public when such matters are resolved.

Time In: 6:35PM

Present: Committeeman Perry, Committeeman Duffy, Committeeman Carrazzone

Also Present: Attorney Michael Lavery and Township Clerk Judith Fisher

Time Out: 7:05PM

A motion made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Duffy and carried to return to regular session.

Mr. Lavery noted that he met in closed session with the Committee where they discussed four matter:

- A. Service Electric, Pending Litigation
- B. Hardwick House, Attorney Client, Potential Litigation
- C. Attorney Client, Tax Overpayments
- D. COAH, Pending Litigation

No official action was taken by the Committee at this time. Copies of the minutes will be made available at such time as the Committee determines that there is no harm to the public interest.

Payment of Bills

A motion was made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Duffy and carried to authorize the payment of the bills in the amount of \$545,357.35.

Roll Call

Ayes: Committeeman Duffy, Committeeman Carrazzone, Mayor James Perry

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: None

Reports

Mr. Rodman, Township Engineer reported that the Land Surveyor Mr. Berry will be back to mark out when the gate will need to go for Alina Lodge. Next Ted gave the Committee a summary cost for the paving that was done on Ward Road through the NJ Transportation Grant. Good news is that the Township came in under the estimate. Mr. Rodman prepared a change order that will need the Mayor's signature.

A motion was made by Committeeman Duffy, seconded by Committeeman Carrazzone and carried to authorize the Mayor sign the change order.

Roll Call

Ayes: Committeeman Duffy, Committeeman Carrazzone, Mayor James Perry

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: None

There is an issue that came up about driveway escrow funds for Deerpath Developer/Anthony Hipple that were deposited back in 2006. These funds are for a lot that is located on Paulinskill Road. Presently this lot was sold to Mike Fee from Eric Martin. Mr. Fee has informed the Engineer that he has no intention of building on the lot, but that he wants to use the driveway as a field entrance to the lot. Mr. Rodman reviewed the Township Ordinances and this access is allowable. The next question is who the Township returns the Escrow fund to. The Township Attorney was instructed to send letters to Mr. Hipple and Deerpath to get instructions on who posted these funds.

Another issue also came up from Mr. Campbell, that the driveway opening that is located on this lot is not opened yet. There is a berm there now because of the steepness of the hill that when it is removed to make the field entrance there will be a tremendous amount of run-off onto Paulinskill Road. There was a brief discussion with no outcome. The Engineer, Mr. Rodman noted that he would be issuing the permit to Mr. Fee for the field opening.

Mr. Campbell, CPWM reported that he is preparing the roads for winter. Work on the cul-de-sac is going forward. The area has been cleared, Mr. Andersen has his gate up. Fill for the cul-de-sac right now is coming from the Forge restaurant when they are doing renovation. Next issue, Mr. Campbell talked to the Committee about the salt shed. We have received the estimate for the repairs that was sent to the Insurance Company. There is a \$1,000 deductible that the Township is responsible for. The Insurance Company will issue the Township a check minus the deductible and also hold back 10% until the repairs are made. This a questioned and Mayor Perry noted that he would speak for our Agent Mr. Gilmore about this.

Mr. Campbell's last question was about the funds for salt to now fill the salt shed. Right now there are no funds in the budget and he would need about \$20 to \$25,000 to at least fill the shed half way. Salt right now is up \$9.00 per ton. There was a brief discussion about using some of the PSEG money. Mrs. Maronpot, CFO was asked to review the budget to see where we could take the fund from for salt.

Mrs. Maronpot, CFO handed out her monthly reports for the Committee's review. She noted that there is an Emergency Resolution on the agenda for COAH and also the Best Practices for 2015-2016. Copies of this has been forwarded to the Committee for their review before this meeting.

Mr. Lavery, Esq., Township Attorney reported that he has sent a letter to Blirstown Township on September 11th about the weight limit on Ward Road. So far there has been no response. A follow-up letter will be sent.

Mrs. Fisher, Township Clerk reviewed correspondence.

In attendance was the Station Commander from the State Police, Hope Barracks. The Commander noted that he has 38 Troopers at the Hope Barracks that patrol the area. The Commander discussed with the Committee what's been happening in the areas. The Committee asked if the Barracks could send us maybe quarterly reports so that we are kept updated.

NEW BUSINESS:

Best Practices: Work Sheet CY2015/SFY2016 Review and Discussion

The Committee reviewed and discussed the work sheets that were submitted by Mrs. Maronpot and Mrs. Fisher. There were no changes made.

A motion was then made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Duffy and carried to submit the Best Practices Inventory for CY 2015/SFY2016. The deadline for submission is October 16, 2015.

H. T. Lyons: Maintenance Agreement for Environmental Systems Yearly Cost: \$836.00

A motion was then made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Duffy and carried to renew the Maintenance Agreement for Environmental Systems with H.T.Lyons for \$836.00.

Roll Call

Ayes: Committeeman Duffy, Committeeman Carrazzone, Mayor James Perry

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: None

Rullo & Juillet Associates: Consultant for Right to Know and Hazard Communication
Seeking re-appointment for 2015-2016 fiscal year

A motion was then made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Duffy and carried to reappoint Rullo & Juillet as our consultant for the Right to Know and Hazard Communication for 2015-2015 year and to use as needed.

Zoning Department: Request to change hours from George Boesze, Zoning Officer
The Committee discussed this request and seeing that there were no objections, Mr. Boesze's request was granted.

A motion was then made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Duffy and carried to grant Mr. Boesze the change in his hours. His hours will now be on Wednesday mornings from 9:30am to 12:30pm.

DISCUSSION:

Ward Road: Weight Limit (Discussion continued)

There was been no response from Blairstown Township of this issue. The Attorney will send another follow-up letter.

Vacant House, 49 Sunset Lake Road: nuisance complaints (2)

The Committee reviewed the letters submitted by the neighbor and instructed the Clerk to contact the Warren County Health Department to investigate this complaint.

Property Maintenance Code Ordinance (requested Committeeman Carrazzone)

The Attorney submitted a draft copy of an ordinance to address this issue. It was reviewed by the Committee and the Clerk was then instructed to see that the Planning Board gets a copy for their review and comment.

Shirley Mosley, Sunset Lake Road: Discussion of several issues (requested Mayor Perry)
Mrs. Mosley was not present for this meeting. The Clerk was instructed to place this back on the agenda when we hear from her.

Internet: Discussion

Service Electric & Century Link: Update

There was nothing new to report on these issues. Mayor Perry is still working on this

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

A motion made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Duffy and carried approved the following minutes as corrected.

Monthly Meeting: August 5, 2015

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

A motion was made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Duffy and carried to open this portion of the meeting for comments from the Public.

There was no Public comment

A motion was then made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Duffy and carried to close this portion of the meeting to the Public.

Committee Report:

Committeeman Duffy reported the sad passing of Richard Moran

Committeeman Carrazzone had nothing new to report on at this time

Committeeman Perry had nothing new to report on at this time

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Duffy and carried to adjourn tonight meeting of the Hardwick Township Committee at 8:20PM

Respectfully submitted,
Judith M. Fisher, RMC
Township Clerk

TOWNSHIP OF HARDWICK
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

November 4, 2015

The monthly meeting of the Hardwick Township Committee was held on this date at the Municipal Building, 40 Spring Valley Road, Hardwick, New Jersey. This meeting was called to order at 6:35PM by the Township Clerk Judith Fisher who noted that this meeting was being held in compliance with the "Open Public Meetings Act":

In accordance with Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of 1975, notice of this meeting was given by way of notice with the New Jersey Herald and/or the Express-Times, filed in the Municipal Clerk's Office and posted in the Hardwick Municipal Building.

Roll Call:

Present: Committeeman James Perry, Committeeman Alfred Carrazzone and Committeeman Kevin Duffy

Absent: None

Also present: Township Attorney Michael Lavery, Township Engineer Ted Rodman and CPWM Thomas Campbell

Absent: CFO Amy Maronpot

Executive Session:

A motion was made by Committeeman Duffy, seconded by Committeeman Carrazzone and carried to adopt the following Resolution to go into Closed Session at 6:36PM.

Resolution

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Pubic Meeting Act, Chapter 231, P. L 1975 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting under certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick, in the County of Warren and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from that portion of this meeting
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:
 - A. Hardwick House, Attorney Client, Potential Litigation
 - B. COAH, Pending Litigation
 - C. Maintenance Code, Ordinances, Attorney/Client

As nearly as can be ascertained, the matter or matters to be discussed at this time will be disclosed to the public when such matters are resolved.

Time In: 6:36PM

Present: Committeeman Perry, Committeeman Duffy, Committeeman Carrazzone

Also Present: Attorney Michael Lavery and Township Clerk Judith Fisher

Also: Engineer, Ted Rodman and CPWM Thomas Campbell

Time Out: 7:03PM

A motion made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Duffy and carried to return to regular session.

Mr. Lavery noted that he met in closed session with the Committee where they discussed three matter:

- A. Hardwick House, Attorney Client, Potential Litigation
- B. COAH, Pending Litigation
- C. Property Resident Maintenance Code, Ordinances, Attorney/Client

No official action was taken by the Committee at this time. Copies of the minutes will be made available at such time as the Committee determines that there is no harm to the public interest.

Payment of Bills

A motion was made by Committeeman Duffy, seconded by Committeeman Carrazzone and carried to authorize the payment of the bills in the amount of \$439,642.72.

Roll Call

Ayes: Committeeman Duffy, Committeeman Carrazzone, Mayor James Perry

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: None

Reports

Mr. Rodman, Township Engineer gave the Committee a summary report on the cost for repaving Ward Road. He then talked about a piece of property on Paulinskill Road that was recently purchased by Mike Fee. The discussion was a driveway permit and fees paid for this driveway permit. Discussion revealed that these funds were paid by Deerpath/Anthony Hipple. Mr. Michael Fee discussed with the Engineer not putting this driveway in but to use it as a field access road. Mr. Rodman noted that this is allowable by ordinance. If the driveway money is now going to be returned, Mrs. Maronpot asked who would be getting the refund. The Attorney will research this for next month's meeting.

Discussion was next on the gates on Paulinskill Road for Alina Lodge. They now own the section off of Ward Road and they are interested in places a gate there but there are no markers for location.

Mr. Campbell, CPWM reported that the cul-de-sac is 70% completed. Mr. Andersen has put up his gate and wire that has not been look favorable with the neighbors. The new conveyor belt was received and it works great. They used it when they did the shoulders work on Ward Road and Sand Pond Road. Salt has been ordered for the new shed. Mayor Perry discussed with Mr. Campbell about security cameras for the garage.

Mrs. Maronpot, CFO as absent for tonight's meeting but the Clerk handed out her monthly reports for the Committee's review.

Mr. Lavery, Esq., Township Attorney

Mrs. Fisher, Township Clerk reviewed correspondence.

RESOLUTIONS

2015-39 The Hardwick Tavern Corp. resolution has been adopted at the September 2nd meeting. The Attorney is still waiting for a response from ABC regarding Special Conditions that will be placed on this license renewal. Follow-up calls have been made by the Township Attorney with no response yet.

A motion was made by Committeeman Duffy, seconded by Committeeman Carrazzone and carried to adopt the **Resolution 2015-47**

CORRECTED RESOLUTION 2015-47 AUTHORIZING IN REM FORECLOSURE PROCEEDINGS

WHEREAS, the Township of Hardwick holds Tax Certificates more specifically set forth on the annexed Tax Foreclosure List, which pertain to property within the Township of Hardwick, and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick has determined that said Tax Certificates shall be foreclosed by summary proceedings in rem.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick, Warren County, New Jersey as follows:

That the Tax Certificates be foreclosed by summary process In Rem as described in N.J.S.A 54:5-104.29 et seq., as amended, and pursuant to the Rules of Civil Practice of the Superior Court of New Jersey.

CERTIFICATION

I, Judith M Fisher, RMC, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Hardwick, County of Warren and State of New Jersey, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and exact copy of a Resolution adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick at a meeting held on the 4th day of November, 2015.

JUDITH FISHER, RMC
Municipal Clerk

BLOCK LOT	LIEN #	NAME	ADDRESS	
101	4.02	93-1	Wulster, Gregory & Wayne	Sand Pond Rd
201	11	2009-1	Lambert K Est c/o T A Lambert	206 Millbrook Rd
304	1	2009-2	Conklin, Est of B c/o T Lambert	67 Millbrook Rd
304	2.02	2009-3	Santiago, Luis et als	Millbrook Rd
1203	1	93-14	Unknown	Stillwater Rd

A motion was made by Committeeman Duffy, seconded by Committeeman Carrazzone and carried to adopt the **Resolution 2015-48**

2015-48 Approval to submit a grant application and execute a grant contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Overlay of Birch Ridge Road, Section 2 project

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Council of Hardwick formally approves the grant application for the above stated project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as MA-2016-Overlay of Birch Ridge Road, Section 2-00667 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of Hardwick Township.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of Hardwick Township and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

A motion was made by Committeeman Duffy, seconded by Committeeman Carrazzone and carried to adopt the **Resolution 2015-49**

2015-49 PSE&G Salt Purchase

WHEREAS, a situation has arisen with respect for the need for salt to ensure safe roadways in inclement weather and

WHEREAS the need for salt is so that emergency vehicles can safely traverse the Township roads and

WHEREAS \$30,000 of the PSE&G monies will be used to remedy the situation,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that \$30,000 of the PSE&G monies will be used to purchase salt.

Roll Call

Ayes: Committeeman Duffy, Committeeman Carrazzone, Mayor James Perry

Nays: None

Abstentions: None **Absent:** None

ORDINANCE: Possible First Reading

An Ordinance of the Township of Hardwick, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, Amending and Supplementing the Township Code to Create a Chapter Entitled "Residential Maintenance Code" Including a New Section to Establish Standards for the Registration and Maintenance of Vacant and Abandoned Residential Properties in Foreclosure by Creditors.

This ordinance was discussed in Executive Session. The Committee reviewed a response from the Zoning Officer during that discussion. Mayor Perry noted that the Planning Board will be meeting this month and it will be discussed then. The Clerk was asked to place this ordinance on the December meeting for possible first reading then.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

Risk Solutions: Damage to Salt Shed. Need partial Proof of Loss form signed.

The Clerk has been in contact with the Insurance Company. An estimate from Kistler Pole was received and forwarded to them.

A motion was made by Committeeman Duffy, seconded by Committeeman Carrazzone and carried to authorize the Mayor to sign the Proof of Loss form.

NEW BUSINESS:

Municipal Shared Services Defense Agreement: Amendment to use Econsults Solution
The Attorney explain the purpose of doing this resolution for COAH.

A motion was made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Duffy and carried to authorize the Mayor to sign.

Ridge and Valley Conservancy: Request to refund Escrow Fees posted with Planning Board for Subdivision application for the Hepburn/Martin Property.

Mr. Lavery explained that the Township was the co-applicant for this subdivision and that the fees can be waived. The Committee agreed.

A motion was made by Committeeman Duffy, seconded by Committeeman Carrazzone and carried to waive these fees and that the CFO is authorized to issue the refund to Ridge and Valley Conservancy.

Planning Board: Request to appoint Alfia Schemm as an Alternate

The Attorney noted that this can be done but the Committee decided that since we are at the end of the year this will be done at the Reorganization Meeting in January.

DISCUSSION:

Dept. of Agriculture: Gypsy Moth Survey for Township completed

The survey showed that 1271 acres in 5 blocks are affected. This department will be requesting financial assistance from the US Forest Service which will possibly provide up to a 50% reimbursement cost for spraying. The cost in the past was \$54.40 per acre. The Committee table any decisions tonight and will discuss further at the December meeting.

Rene Woehr: Farmland Assessment Resolutions adopted Sept 2, 2015 meeting

The Clerk noted that issue was resolved and that the refunds will be issued.

Ward Road: Weight Limit (Discussion continued)

There was been no response from Blairstown Township of this issue. The Attorney will send another follow-up letter.

Internet: Discussion

Service Electric & Century Link: Update

There was nothing new to report on these issues. Mayor Perry is still working on this

November Work Meeting: Discussion on changing date

The Committee discussion waiting before cancelling this meeting tonight in case an issue coming up that needs to be discussed then.

The Holiday Party date was discussed and set for Friday, December 18 at 12 noon. The Clerk will send out the invitations to the both Boards and employees.

The Year End Meeting was set for December 20th at 4PM and the Reorganization Meeting for January 6, 2016 at 2PM. The Clerk will notice these meetings.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

A **motion** made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Duffy and carried approved the following minutes as corrected.

Monthly Meeting: September 2, 2105

Monthly Meeting: October 7, 2015

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

A **motion** was made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Duffy and carried to open this portion of the meeting for comments from the Public.

There was no Public comment

A **motion** was then made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Duffy and carried to close this portion of the meeting to the Public.

Committee Report:

Committeeman Duffy thanked the DPW for the work on the cul-de-sac and being able to save fund on the fill used.

Committeeman Carrazzone complimented the DPW on the repaving of Ward Road

Committeeman Perry reminded everyone that the League Convention is in 2 weeks.

Adjournment:

A **motion** was made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Duffy and carried to adjourn tonight meeting of the Hardwick Township Committee at 8:03PM

Respectfully submitted,
Judith M. Fisher, RMC
Township Clerk

TOWNSHIP OF HARDWICK
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

December 2, 2015

The monthly meeting of the Hardwick Township Committee was held on this date at the Municipal Building, 40 Spring Valley Road, Hardwick, New Jersey. This meeting was called to order at 6:38PM by the Township Clerk Judith Fisher who noted that this meeting was being held in compliance with the "Open Public Meetings Act":

In accordance with Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of 1975, notice of this meeting was given by way of notice with the New Jersey Herald and/or the Express-Times, filed in the Municipal Clerk's Office and posted in the Hardwick Municipal Building.

Roll Call:

Present: Committeeman James Perry, Committeeman Alfred Carrazzone and Committeeman Kevin Duffy

Absent: None

Also present: Township Attorney Michael Lavery, CFO Amy Maronpot, Township Engineer Ted Rodman and CPWM Thomas Campbell

Absent: None

Executive Session:

A motion was made by Committeeman Duffy, seconded by Committeeman Carrazzone and carried to adopt the following Resolution to go into Closed Session at 6:39PM.

Resolution

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Pubic Meeting Act, Chapter 231, P. L 1975 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting under certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist.

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 - A. Hardwick House, Attorney Client, Potential Litigation

As nearly as can be ascertained, the matter or matters to be discussed at this time will be disclosed to the public when such matters are resolved.

Time In: 6:39PM

Present: Committeeman Perry, Committeeman Duffy, Committeeman Carrazzone

Also Present: Attorney Michael Lavery and Township Clerk Judith Fisher

Also: Engineer, Ted Rodman and CPWM Thomas Campbell

Time Out: 7:02PM

A motion made by Committeeman Perry, seconded by Committeeman Duffy and carried to return to regular session.

Mr. Lavery noted that he met in closed session with the Committee where they discussed one matter:

- A. Hardwick House, Attorney Client, Potential Litigation

No official action was taken by the Committee at this time. Copies of the minutes will be made available at such time as the Committee determines that there is no harm to the public interest.

Payment of Bills

A motion was made by Committeeman Duffy, seconded by Committeeman Carrazzone and carried to authorize the payment of the bills in the amount of \$157,748.32.

Roll Call

Ayes: Committeeman Duffy, Committeeman Carrazzone, Mayor James Perry

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: None

Reports

Mr. Rodman, Township Engineer reported that Happiness is camping will be doing work on the gymnasium. They will need approval from the Township for their Treatment Works Approval application which needs the Mayor signature.

A motion was made by Committeeman Duffy, seconded by Committeeman Carrazzone and carried to authorize the Mayor to sign Happiness is Camping application for the Treatment Works Approval Application.

Mr. Rodman also talked about the Ordinance the Planning Board has sent to the Committee for first reading tonight. This ordinance is just making changes to a few inconsistencies in Chapter XIII. They are doing some housekeeping but no changes.

He also talked about the Property Maintenance ordinance that is before the Planning Board as a draft. The Committee noted that they will address this later tonight.

As for the property that Mike Fee purchased and the driveway that was discussed last meeting, Mr. Fee has decided to put the driveway in and the cost will be paid for out of the fees posted.

Mr. Campbell, CPWM reported that the salt shed is filled with 350 tons of salt that hopefully will carry us through this winter. As for FEMA, the Township has finally received the payment for the three missing repairs. We received a check for \$6128.

Mrs. Maronpot, CFO handed out her reports for the Committee's review

Mr. Lavery, Esq., Township Attorney reported that COAH is ongoing and that there was an extension to March 2016.

Mrs. Fisher, Township Clerk reviewed correspondence.

RESOLUTIONS

2015-39 The Hardwick Tavern Corp. resolution has been adopted at the September 2nd meeting. The Attorney is still waiting for a response from ABC regarding Special Conditions that will be placed on this license renewal. Follow-up calls have been made by the Township Attorney with no response yet.

A motion was made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Duffy and carried to adopt the **Resolution 2015-50**

CHAPTER 159 – PILT Community Services ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET OF TOWNSHIP OF HARDWICK PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-87 (CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1948)

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for an equal amount, and

WHEREAS, the Township has received funding for \$11,814.50 from the US Interior Bureau of Land management via the County of Warren and wishes to amend its 2015 Budget to include this amount as revenue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the Budget of the year 2015 in the sum of \$11,814.50 which item is now available as a revenue from:

Miscellaneous Revenues

Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of the Director of Local Government Services:

Public and Private Revenues Offset with Appropriation

PILT Community Services

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$11,814.50 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations

(a) Operations Excluded from 5% Caps

Public and Private Revenues Off-Set by Revenue

PILT Community Services OE

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the CFO electronically file a copy of this resolution to the Director of Local Government Services.

Roll Call

Ayes: Committeeman Duffy, Committeeman Carrazzone, Mayor James Perry

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: None

A motion was made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Duffy and carried to adopt the **Resolution 2015-51**

2015-51 Transfer Resolution

WHEREAS there appears to be a surplus in the following account over and above the amount deemed necessary to fulfill the purpose of the appropriation for the balance of the year 2015:

From Admin OE \$ 2,100.00

WHEREAS there appears to be insufficient funds in the following account to meet the demands thereon for the balance of the year 2015:

To: Tax Collector OE \$ 400.00

Municipal Court OE \$ 400.00

Zoning Board OE \$ 300.00

Municipal Clerk S&W \$ 1,000.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-59 the surplus in the accounts heretofore mentioned by and same is hereby transferred to the accounts (excepting the appropriation for Contingent Expenses or Deferred Charges) mentioned as being insufficient to meet the current demands and therefore this resolution shall take effect.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized and directed to make the above transfers.

Roll Call

Ayes: Committeeman Duffy, Committeeman Carrazzone, Mayor James Perry

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: None

ORDINANCE: Possible First Reading

An Ordinance of the Township of Hardwick, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, Amending and Supplementing the Township Code to Create a Chapter Entitled "Residential Maintenance Code" Including a New Section to Establish Standards for the Registration and Maintenance of Vacant and Abandoned Residential Properties in Foreclosure by Creditors. This is still before the Planning Board for review

FIRST READING

A motion was made by Committeeman Duffy, seconded by Committeeman Carrazzone and carried to introduce **Ordinance 2015-10**

2015-10 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER XIII OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDWICK BEING THE LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE TO MAKE VARIOUS TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick that the Land Development Ordinance of the Township of Hardwick, Chapter XIII of the Revised General Ordinances shall be and is hereby amended as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 13-6 entitled "Definitions" is hereby amended as follows:

Add the following definitions:

(1) Agriculture, Residential.

The growing and harvesting of agricultural crops including vegetable and flower gardens typically associated with single family dwellings, and the keeping of non-household animals for the enjoyment of the residents on the property. Incidental sales which are not principally directed towards generating a livelihood shall not invalidate a determination that an agricultural use is residential in nature.

(2) Gross Floor Area.

The sum of the gross horizontal areas of all enclosed floors of a building including cellars, basements, mezzanines, penthouses, corridors and lobbies from the exterior face of exterior walls, excluding any space with a floor ceiling height of less than 6 feet 6 inches.

(3) Major Site Plan.

Any site plan which is not classified as a minor site plan.

SECTION 2. Section 13-10.1 entitled "Agricultural Uses" is hereby amended to add the following under the caption: "Reference is made to the right to farm ordinances of the Township of Hardwick" contained in Chapters XIV and XXIII of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Hardwick.

SECTION 3. Section 13-12.1(d) is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 13-12.1(d) Accessory Uses and Accessory Buildings customarily incidental to the above uses and located on the same lot. Agriculture, Residential is a permitted accessory use.

SECTION 4. Section 13-12.1 is hereby amended to add the following sections:

Section 13-12.1(f) - Family Daycare Homes.

Section 13-12.1(g) – Community Residences for Developmentally Disabled.

Section 13-12.1(h) – Home Occupations.

SECTION 5. Section 13-12.2(j)2 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Maximum number of lots serviced by a common driveway - four (4) lots.

SECTION 6. Sections 13-12.3.1 entitled "Water Bottling" is hereby renumbered 13-12.3(a)7.

SECTION 7. Section 13-72.3 entitled "Notice Of Applications" is hereby amended to add a new section 13-73(a)6 which shall read as follows:

Section 13-73(a)6 – Notice of Interpretation of the Zoning Ordinance or Zoning Map pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-70(b).

SECTION 8. Section 13-85.4 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Public Hearing."

At the time when the Application is certified complete, the Board shall set a date for the public hearing and notify the Applicant of said date. After such notification the Applicant shall follow the procedures established with respect to the hearing.

SECTION 9. Section 13-6 entitled "Definitions" is hereby amended to amend the definition of the term "Lot, Flag" to read as follows: "A lot having access to the public street by means of a 50 foot wide access strip which is included in fee as part of the single lot." See the figure annexed.

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The illustration for the term "Flag Lot" and as defined in the Ordinance as "Lot, Flag."

SECTION 11. Section 13-9 is entitled "Uses Prohibited In All Districts." Section 13-9(g) is hereby amended to read as follows: "The Raising of Hogs, Swine or Pigs except as permitted in Section 13-12.3(e) and Section 5.3.1" and subject to the compliance with Conditions contained therein.

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced on first reading at a regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick held on December 2, 2015 and ordered published in accordance with the law. Said Ordinance will be considered for final reading and adoption at a regular meeting of the Township Committee to be held on December 30, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the Township Committee may hear this Ordinance at the Municipal Building, 40 Spring Valley Road, Hardwick, New Jersey, at which time all persons interested may appear for or against the adoption of said Ordinance.

Judith Fisher, R.M.C., Township Clerk
Township of Hardwick

The Clerk noted that 2nd reading and public hearing will be on December 30, 2015.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Statewide Insurance: Certification of Non-Ownership of Old Mine Road (Bicycle Accident)
The Clerk noted that a Tort Claim has been filed against the Township for an accident that happened June 14, 2015 on Old Mine Road. This roadway is in the Delaware National Park and is not part of the Township. The Township needs to certify that we do not own, maintain and/or control this road.

A motion was made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Duffy and carried to authorize the Mayor is execute this certification.

DISCUSSION:

Dept. of Agriculture: Gypsy Moth Survey for Township completed
The Committee again reviewed the information supplied by the State and they agreed to not participate in this program. The Clerk will forward the appropriate form to the State.

The Hardwick House: Committee was update in Executive Session

Dept. of Environmental Protection: January, Radon Action Month
The Committee reviewed the information from DEP. The Clerk will request pamphlets from the DEP on this subject for the public.

Hardwick Tax Bills: Open Space Tax
The Open Space Tax for the Township is based on our Budget. The Committee had passed a resolution in the beginning of the year setting the Township's portion of the tax at one cent. The County has it at three cents. The Committee will correct this for 2106.

Freedom Business Machine: New Copier that scan & faxes.
Will discuss during the budget meetings. Hopefully we will have improved internet then.

Internet: Discussion

Service Electric & Century Link: Update

There was nothing new to report on these issues. Mayor Perry is still working on this

The Year End Meeting was set for December 20th at 4PM and the Reorganization Meeting for January 6, 2016 at 2PM. The Clerk will notice these meetings.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

A motion was made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Duffy and carried to open this portion of the meeting for comments from the Public.
There was no Public comment

A motion was then made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Duffy and carried to close this portion of the meeting to the Public.

Committee Report:

Committeeman Duffy nothing to report on at this time

Committeeman Carrazzone reminded all that the Vass House will have their German Christmas December 6, 2015.

Committeeman Perry talked about doing a stipend for Mr. Campbell and Mrs. Fisher. Mr. Campbell's would be for the work he did during the summer, as he was the only work during then. Mr. Ahlers was out on medical leave. Mrs. Fisher would be for her various job that she does and is not compensated for. Further discussion will be with Mrs. Maronpot, CFO and the Auditor.

Mayor Perry also talked about Yards Creek and the research that is being done on how disbursement of funds came about. Right now, no one can find any information on this. A meeting will be set up to discuss this further. The funds that are disbursed are out of the Gross Receipts. The Committee will be update on these discussions as they happen.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Committeeman Carrazzone, seconded by Committeeman Duffy and carried to adjourn tonight meeting of the Hardwick Township Committee at 8:11PM

Respectfully submitted,
Judith M. Fisher, RMC
Township Clerk

TOWNSHIP OF HARDWICK
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

DECEMBER 30, 2015

Year End Meeting

The Year End meeting of the Hardwick Township Committee was held on this date at the Municipal Building, 40 Spring Valley Road, Hardwick, New Jersey. This meeting was called to order at 4:16M by the Township Clerk Judith Fisher who noted that this meeting was being held in compliance with the "Open Public Meetings Act":

In accordance with Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of 1975, notice of this meeting was given by way of notice with the New Jersey Herald and/or the Express-Times, filed in the Municipal Clerk's Office and posted in the Hardwick Municipal Building. Mrs. Fisher then led the public in the pledge of allegiance.

Mrs. Fisher noted that tonight's meeting is being Chaired by Deputy Mayor Alfred Carrazzone.

Roll Call:

Present: Committeemen Kevin Duffy and Alfred Carrazzone

Absent: Committeeman James Perry

Also present: Attorney Michael Lavery, CFO Amy Maronpot and CPWM Thomas Campbell

Absent: Twp. Engineer Ted Rodman

Payment of the Bills:

A motion was made by Committeeman Duffy, seconded by Committeeman Carrazzone and carried to authorize the payment of the bills in the amount of \$31,149.98.

Roll Call

Ayes: Committeeman Duffy, Deputy Mayor Carrazzone

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: Committeeman Perry

Mr. Jim Gilmore, Township Insurance Agent from Gallagher Bollinger was present to discuss the 2016 insurance proposal for the Township from Statewide Insurance Fund. The Township is in the 2nd year of a three year contract. The total cost of our coverage for 2016 will be \$48,015.00, which has increased about \$2400 over last year. The package includes Workers Compensation and All lines Premium for that total.

A motion was made by Committeeman Duffy, seconded by Committeeman Carrazzone and carried to authorize the Deputy Mayor to sign the 2016 Insurance proposal with Statewide Insurance Fund for a total of \$48,015.

Roll Call

Ayes: Committeeman Duffy, Deputy Mayor Carrazzone

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: Committeeman Perry

A motion was made by Committeeman Duffy, seconded by Committeeman Carrazzone and carried to adopt the **Resolution 2015-52**

RESOLUTION APPOINTING FUND COMMISSIONER FOR 2016

WHEREAS, the Township of Hardwick (hereinafter "Local Unit") is a member of the Statewide Insurance Fund (hereinafter "Fund"), a joint insurance fund as defined in N.J.S.A. 40A:10-36 *et seq.*; and

WHEREAS, the Fund's Bylaws require participating members to appoint a Fund Commissioner;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the that Alfred R. Carrazzone is hereby appointed as the Fund Commissioner for the Local Unit for the year 2016; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Judith M. Fisher, RMC is hereby appointed as the Alternate Fund Commissioner for the Local Unit for the year 2016; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Local Unit's Fund Commissioner is authorized and directed to execute all such documents as required by the Fund.

A motion was made by Committeeman Duffy, seconded by Committeeman Carrazzone and carried to adopt the **Resolution 2015-53**

RESOLUTION APPOINTING RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT FOR 2016

WHEREAS, Township of Hardwick (hereinafter "Local Unit") has joined the Statewide Insurance Fund (hereinafter "Fund"), a joint insurance fund as defined in N.J.S.A. 40A:10-36 *et seq.*; and

WHEREAS, the Bylaws require participating members to appoint a Risk Management Consultant, as those positions are defined in the Bylaws, if requested to do so by the "Fund"; and

WHEREAS, the Local Unit has complied with relevant law with regard to the appointment of a Risk management Consultant; and

WHEREAS, the "Fund" has requested its members to appoint individuals or entities to that position; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of "Local Unit", in the County of Warren and State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. Township of Hardwick hereby appoints James Gilmore its local Risk Management Consultant.
2. The Hardwick Township Municipal Clerk and Risk Management Consultant are hereby authorized to execute the Risk Management Consultant's Agreement for the year 2016 in the form attached hereto.

**2016 FUND YEAR
STATEWIDE INSURANCE FUND
RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT'S AGREEMENT**

THIS AGREEMENT entered into this 30th day of December 2015, among the Statewide Insurance Fund ("FUND"), a joint insurance fund of the State of New Jersey, Township of Hardwick ("MEMBER") and James Gilmore ("CONSULTANT") through a fair and open process, pursuant to N.J.S.A.19:44A-20.4.

WHEREAS, the CONSULTANT has offered to the MEMBER professional risk management consulting services as required by the Bylaws of the FUND; and

WHEREAS, the CONSULTANT has advised the FUND that he/she is familiar with the terms, conditions and operations of the FUND; and

WHEREAS, the MEMBER desires these professional services from the CONSULTANT; and

WHEREAS, the MEMBER has complied with relevant law in regard to the appointment of a Risk Management Consultant; and

WHEREAS, the Bylaws of the FUND require that members engage a CONSULTANT and that the CONSULTANT comply with certain requirements set forth therein.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties in consideration of the mutual promises and covenants set forth herein, agree as follows:

For and in consideration of the amount stated hereinafter, the CONSULTANT shall: assist in evaluating the MEMBER'S exposures and advise on matters relating to the Member's operation and coverage.

explain to the MEMBER, or its representatives, the various coverages available from the FUND.

- (a) explain to the MEMBER, or its representatives, the terms of the member's commitment and obligations to the FUND.
 - (b) explain to the MEMBER, or its representatives the operation of the FUND.
 - (c) prepare applications, statements of values, etc., on behalf of the MEMBER, if required by the FUND.
 - (d) review the MEMBER'S assessment and assist in the preparation of the MEMBER'S insurance budget.
 - (e) review losses and engineering reports and provide assistance to the MEMBER'S safety committee, if required.
 - (f) assist in the claims settlement process, if required, by MEMBER or FUND.
 - (g) attend the majority of meetings of the Fund Commissioners or Executive Committee, if requested, and perform such other services as required by the MEMBER or the FUND.
 - (h) comply with the obligations imposed upon Risk Managers in the FUND's Bylaws.
 - (i) act in good faith and fair dealing to the FUND.
 - (j) perform other duties for the FUND as may be required from time to time by the FUND.
2. In exchange for the above services, the CONSULTANT shall be compensated in the following manner:
- (a) The CONSULTANT shall be paid by the FUND, on behalf of the MEMBER, a fee as compensation for services rendered. Said fee, an apportionment of the

- (b) MEMBER's assessment: 6% of workers' compensation (excluding any fees, PLIGA, and loss ratio apportionment); 7.5% of non WC assessment (excluding any fees, PLIGA, and loss ratio apportionment);
- (c) The CONSULTANT shall be entitled to compensation for services provided during any calendar year only if the CONSULTANT has been appointed and holds the position of Risk Management Consultant, as of January 31 of the said calendar year for counties and municipalities holding general elections and July 30 for municipalities holding regular elections.

For any insurance coverages authorized by the MEMBER to be placed outside the FUND, the CONSULTANT shall receive as compensation the normal brokerage commissions paid by the insurance company. The premiums for said policies shall not be added to the FUND's assessment in computing the fee set forth in 2(a).

- (d) If the MEMBER shall require of the CONSULTANT extra services other than those outlined above, the CONSULTANT shall be paid by the MEMBER a fee at a rate to be negotiated by the parties.

- 3. The term of this Agreement shall be from **January 1, 2016 to January 1, 2017**. However, this Agreement may be terminated by either party at any time by mailing to the other thirty (30) days written notice, certified mail return receipt.
- 4. The CONSULTANT shall comply with all laws applicable to producers who provide insurance products to public entities and shall comply with all applicable statutes and regulations relating to joint insurance funds.
- 5. The CONSULTANT agrees to comply with all affirmative action laws applicable in accordance with Exhibit A and to submit all necessary documentation establishing compliance within seven (7) days of this Agreement.

A motion was made by Committeeman Duffy, seconded by Committeeman Carrazzone and carried to adopt the **Resolution 2015-54**

Transfer Resolution

WHEREAS there appears to be a surplus in the following account over and above the amount deemed necessary to fulfill the purpose of the appropriation for the balance of the year 2015:

From	Admin OE	\$ 570.00
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WHEREAS there appears to be insufficient funds in the following account to meet the demands thereon for the balance of the year 2015:

To:	Tax Collector OE	\$ 250.00
	Municipal Court OE	\$ 50.00
	Zoning Board OE	\$ 250.00
	Office of Emergency Mgt OE	\$ 20.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-59 the surplus in the accounts heretofore mentioned by and same is hereby transferred to the accounts (excepting the appropriation for Contingent Expenses or Deferred Charges) mentioned as being insufficient to meet the current demands and therefore this resolution shall take effect.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized and directed to make the above transfers.

Roll Call

Ayes: Committeeman Duffy, Deputy Mayor Carrazzone

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: Committeeman Perry

ORDINANCE 2nd Reading & Public Hearing Notice

Notice is hereby given that the foregoing Ordinance was approved for final adoption by the Hardwick Township Committee at a regular meeting held on December 2, 2015

2015-10 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER XIII OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDWICK BEING THE LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE TO MAKE VARIOUS TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS

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Judith Fisher, R.M.C., Township Clerk
Township of Hardwick

A motion was made by Committeeman Duffy, seconded by Committeeman Carrazzone and carried to open the public hearing on **Ordinance 2015-10**.

The Ordinance brought no public comment.

A motion was made by Committeeman Duffy, seconded by Committeeman Carrazzone and carried to close the public hearing on **Ordinance 2015-10**.

A motion was made by Committeeman Duffy, seconded by Committeeman Carrazzone to adopt **Ordinance 2015-10**.

OLD BUSINESS:

Sprint Corp.: Asset Management Consultants request for Release of Funds.

Mrs. Maronpot, CFO reported that she has received all the necessary information for the release of the funds from the Parties involved and the Township Attorney. The refund will be done at the next Township meeting. The only funds that will not be release are for the trail. Those funds stay with the Township.

NEW BUSINESS:

Tax Collector: Request to change hours to Tuesdays from 8:30am to 10:30am.

Mrs. McKenna has sent the Committee this request. It was discussed and the Committee did not have a problem with the change. The Clerk noted that she received today a Shared Service agreement from Hackettstown where Mrs. McKenna works full time. There was a brief discuss and the Committee requested that this be held until they meet again after the New Year.

Township Clerk: Request to change hours Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday to 9:30am to 2:00pm

Mrs. Fisher discussed that it works out to the same amount of hours but it would be more uniform. Many days she is in the office until then if not longer.

A motion was made by Committeeman Duffy, seconded by Committeeman Carrazzone and carried to approve the change in office hours for the Township Clerk.

Project Hire (ARC): Office Help

Project Hire is funded by the NJ Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services, the NJ Division of Developmental Disabilities and the NJ Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired. Mrs. Fisher noted that she has met with the Job Developer Mary Lynch and discussed the possibilities of having someone come in to help with the purging of files. They have a young lady at North Warren Regional High School that would fit the project that the Clerk is looking for. There is no charge to the Township for their services.

A motion was made by Committeeman Duffy, seconded by Committeeman Carrazzone and carried to approve bringing in Project Hire (ARC) to help the Township Clerk.

DISUCSSION:

Residential Maintenance Code: Draft Ordinance This is still before the Planning Board

Budget Work Meeting for 2016: Will wait for the Reorganization Meeting to discuss further

Service Electric, Century Link & Internet: Will wait until after the New Year to discuss

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion made by Committeeman Duffy, seconded by Committeeman Carrazzone and carried approved the following minutes as corrected.

Monthly Meeting: November 4, 2015

Monthly Meeting: December 2, 2015

Public Comments

A motion was made by Committeeman Duffy, seconded by Committeeman Carrazzone and carried to open this portion of the meeting for comments from the Public.

There was no one from the Public present to today's meeting.

A motion was then made by Committeeman Duffy, seconded by Committeeman Carrazzone and carried to close this portion of the meeting to the Public.

REMINDER:

Reorganization Meeting: January 6th, 2016 2:00PM

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committeemen Duffy, Carrazzone wished everyone a very Happy and Health New Year.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Committeeman Duffy, seconded by Committeeman Carrazzone and carried to adjourn tonight meeting of the Hardwick Township Committee at 4:44PM

Respectfully submitted,

Judith M. Fisher, RMC
Township Clerk