

TOWNSHIP OF HARDWICK  
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

December 2, 2009  
Monthly Meeting

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. Mrs. Fisher noted that this meeting was being held in accordance with the "Open Public Meetings Act". Mrs. Fisher then led the public in the pledge of allegiance. Present were Committeemen Kevin Duffy, Alfred Carrazzone and James Perry; also present were Engineer Ted Rodman, CPWM Thomas Campbell, Attorney Mr. Lavery, CFO Gregory Della Pia and Township Clerk Judith Fisher.

### **Executive Session**

Mr. Carrazzone moved that the Committee go into Executive Session at 6:38PM to discuss contractual issue, negotiations and Attorney Client Privilege. This motion was then second by Mr. Perry. Motion carried and a voice vote was unanimous.

### **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 exit.

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 matters
  - b. Attorney Client Privilege
  - c. negotiations
3. 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: Kevin Duffy, Alfred Carrazzone and James Perry

Also Present: Ted Rodman, Attorney Michael Lavery, Clerk Judith Fisher

**Time Out:** 7:20PM

Motion was made by Mr. Carrazzone to return to regular session, second by Mr. Perry. Motion carried and a voice vote was unanimous.

Mr. Lavery noted that he met in closed session with the Committee tonight and discussed three items:

- a. Contractual, Wehrle
- b. Contractual, Alina Lodge
- c. Contractual, Service Electric Renewal

Let the record reflect that Mr. Perry excused himself from contract discussions regarding Alina Lodge. No official action was taken 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 the Bills**

Mr. Carrazzone moved that the bills present before the Committee tonight be paid, second by Mr. Duffy. Motion carried and a voice vote was unanimous.

### **Reports**

**Mr. Rodman**, Township Engineer reported that November was a quiet month and that he had nothing for now to report on.

**Mr. Campbell**, CPWM reported that the 2001 Ford pickup truck was sold. The only bidder was Smith Motor Company, Washington, NJ and their bid was for \$8107.

**Mr. Della Pia**, CFO had no report at this time

**Mr. Lavery, Esq.**, Township Attorney report was all done in closed session and that there was nothing else to report on at this time.

**Mrs. Fisher**, Township Clerk reviewed correspondence with the Committee.

**Mr. Wolff**, Fire Warden reported on the fire at the Hardwick House on Spring Valley Road. He reminded everyone to change the batteries in their smoke detectors because a delay in an alarm is a delayed response from emergency responders. Also discussed was the importance of address signs to help locate where the emergencies are.

Richard Wright, Assistant Chief for the Stillwater Fire Company was also present to answer any questions that the Committee might have on the fire at the Hardwick House on Sunday. He informed the Committee that there was an eleven minute window from the first call to when Stillwater was called out. Since then, there has been a joint meeting with the County, Fire Departments to discuss any problems. Mayor Duffy attended this meeting and found it to be very informative.

**Mr. Dunn**, EMC was unable to attend tonight's meeting

**Resolutions Tax Collector**

**Refund Overpayments 2009 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Taxes**

Block 304, Lot 10.03	First American R.E. Tax Service	\$2,357.67
Block 1001, Lot 6Q0027	Fred D III & Stephanie Gearhart	\$ 7.15
Block 1004, Lot 2.01	BAC Tax Services Corp.	\$1,352.11

**Motion** was made by Mr. Carrazzone to approve these refunds, seconded by Mr. Perry. Motion carried and a voice vote was unanimous.

**Resolution** of the Township of Hardwick, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Shared Municipal Court Agreement with Knowlton Township.

**Motion** was made by Mr. Perry to approve this resolution, second by Mr. Carrazzone. Motion carried and a voice vote was unanimous.

**Township of Hardwick - Establishing a Green Team Advisory Committee**

**Motion** was made by Mr. Perry to approve this resolution noting that this Advisory Committee will consist of 5 members who are, Desiree Dunn, Chairwoman, Beth Dwyer, Michele La Rocco, Marcus Foster, James Perry and Sylvia Ramos as an alternate. This motion was then seconded by Mr. Carrazzone. The motion carried and a voice vote was unanimous.

**Ordinance 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading and Public Hearing 2009/05**

Ordinance of the Township of Hardwick, County of Warren, State of New Jersey to Amend, Revise and Supplement Chapter 13, "Land Development", Subchapter 108, "Development Fee and Affordable Housing Contribution" of the Code of the Township of Hardwick to Increase Development Fees to Comply with Legislation A500. 2009/05

Mr. Perry moved to open this portion of the meeting to the public for any comments on this ordinance, second by Mr. Carrazzone. Motion carried.

Seeing there was no public comment, Mr. Perry then moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Mr. Carrazzone. Motion carried.

**Motion** was made by Mr. Perry to adopt Ordinance 2009/05 on second reading and public hearing, second by Mr. Carrazzone. Motion carried and a roll call vote followed:

**Roll Call:** Mr. Perry, yes, Mr. Carrazzone, yes, Mr. Duffy, yes

**Old Business: All Appointments will be held to the Reorganization Meeting**

Planning Board/Environmental Commission

Duel Appointment Term expires 12/2010

Planning Board, Alternate #2 Term to expire 12/2009

Environmental Commission - 1 opening Term Expires 12/2010

Open Space Committee - 1 opening Term Expires 12/2010

**New Business: DONE EARLIER IN THE MEETING UNDER RESOLUTIONS**

Establishment of the Sustainable Hardwick Township Green Team

Resolution Officially Establishing the Hardwick Township Green Team

Mr. Lavery noted that the Township has received a contract from the Land Conservancy of New Jersey for the Wehrle property on Spring Valley Road. The only question Mr. Wehrle's Attorney had was regarding roll back taxes, of which Mr. Lavery will be contacting the Township Assessor on. Otherwise, the Committee can motion to authorize the Mayor to execute the Wehrle contract subject to the question of roll back taxes.

**Motion** was then made by Mr. Perry and second by Mr. Carrazzone to authorize the Mayor to execute the contract pending the question on roll back taxes. Motion carried and a roll call vote followed:

**Roll Call:** Mr. Perry, yes, Mr. Carrazzone, yes, Mr. Duffy, yes

**Meeting Date Changes:**

December 22 Work Session will be changed to Tuesday, December 29 at 4PM. This will also be the Year End Meeting.

This change was made on a motion by Mr. Carrazzone and second by Mr. Perry. Motion carried and a voice vote was unanimous.

**Reorganization Meeting will be January 6, 2010, 6:30PM**

This date was made on a motion by Mr. Carrazzone and second by Mr. Perry. Motion carried and a voice vote was unanimous.

The Clerk will advertise these changes

**Mr. Perry** talked about the web site for Project Evergreen which is part of the Wal-Mart Grant. Discussion was to either have it as part of the Township's site or doing it themselves. If they do this, Amy Hofnagel, Project Director would set it up with the help of Mr. Perry. Cost for set this up would be \$119.00 which is part of the Grant. Next he discussed the \$12,500 which would be the balance of the Grant, but would not be received until the final report is submitted. Cash flow was the issue. Mr. Della Pia, CFO, was asked about funding for balance of this Grant. He reminded the Committee that they did a Chapter 159 for the Wal-Mart Grant which stated that the Township appropriated the full amount of this Grant. Mr. Della Pia then informed the Committee that out of the \$25,000 appropriated by the Chapter 159, \$8,701.33 has been spent and the balance is \$16,298.87. Mr. Perry thanked Greg for this information.

**Motion** was then made by Mr. Perry to authorize the Green Team and Amy Hofnagel to go ahead with the website for one (1) year at the cost of \$119.00 per year. This motion was then seconded by Mr. Carrazzone. Motion carried and a roll call followed:

**Roll Call:** Mr. Perry, yes, Mr. Carrazzone, yes, Mr. Duffy, yes

Mr. Duffy then spoke with Mr. Della Pia, CFO about the Budget for 2010. Greg gave an overview of the budget sheet that he submitted tonight. He noted that November and December are only drafts as he is waiting for the bank statements to complete these. There are only about 7 or 8 line items that will need small transfers at the Year End Meeting. Over all, everything is on target.

**Public Participation**

Mr. Perry moved to open this portion of the meeting to the public, second by Mr. Carrazzone. Motion carried

Bev Donnelly, Reporter from the Paulinskill Chronicle introduced herself to the Committee. This is a new paper for the area.

Seeing that there was no one else, this portion of the meeting was then closed.

**Committee Report**

**Mr. Carrazzone** thanked the Stillwater Fire Company for helping at the fire on Spring Valley Road the other night.

**Mr. Perry** noted that he along with Mr. Duffy, Mr. Campbell and Attorney Mr. Lavery attended the League convention. It was very informative. He then asked the Committee for their thought on looking into solar panel for the Township property. The Committee felt that this was a good idea and suggested that he gather the information to bring back for a future Work Meeting.

**Mr. Duffy** talked about the fire at the Hardwick House. A follow up debriefing meeting was held with all parties that were involved which turned out to be very helpful.

**Approval of the Minutes:**

October 28, 2009, Work Agenda Meeting

November 4, 2009, Regular Meeting

**Motion** was made by Mr. Perry to approve these minutes with corrections, second by Mr. Carrazzone. Motion carried and a voice vote was unanimous.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mr. Perry made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:58PM, seconded by Mr. Carrazzone. In a voice vote, all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith M. Fisher, RMC  
Township Clerk

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