

TOWNSHIP OF HARDWICK
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

April 1, 2009

The monthly meeting of the Hardwick Township Committee was held on this date at the Municipal Building, 40 Spring Valley Road, Hardwick Township. This meeting was called to order at 6:32pm by the Township Clerk Judith Fisher. Mrs. Fisher noted that this meeting was being held in accordance with the Open Public Meeting act. Present were Committeemen Kevin Duffy, Alfred Carrazzone and James Perry; also present were Engineer Ted Rodman, CPWM Tom Campbell and Township Attorney Michael Lavery, Esq.; absent was CFO Gregory Della Pia. The public was then led in the pledge of allegiance.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION
RESOLUTION**

Whereas, Section 8 of the Open Public 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 exists.

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:

Contract Negotiations

Personnel Matter - Building Department

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

Motion was made by Mr. Perry and seconded by Mr. Carrazzone to go into closed session. Motion carried and in a voice vote, all were in favor.

Time In: 6:33PM

Present: Committeemen Kevin Duffy, Alfred Carrazzone and James Perry

Also present: Engineer Ted Rodman, Attorney Michael Lavery and Clerk Judith Fisher

Time Out: 7:14PM

On a motion made by Mr. Carrazzone and seconded by Mr. Perry, the Committee came out of closed session. Motion carried and in a voice vote, all were in favor.

Attorney Mr. Lavery noted that he met in closed session with the Committee and discussed two issues, a contractual matter regarding the cell towers and a personnel matter regarding the Building Department. 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 THE BILLS:

Mr. Perry moved that the bills presented before the Committee tonight be paid, seconded by Mr. Carrazzone. Motion carried and in the voice vote, all were in favor.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

February 14, 2009, Budget Work Session

March 4, 2009, Regular Meeting

Mr. Carrazzone moved that these minutes be approved as corrected, seconded by Mr. Perry. Motion carried and in a voice vote, all were in favor.

REPORTS

Mr. Rodman reported that the letter regarding wastewater management has been signed by the Mayor and sent out. Also that the paperwork for the DOT grant for Millbrook-Stillwater Road has been approved and now sent to the State on February 26th for their review and approval.

**PRESENTATION OF THE NORTH WARREN REGIONAL SCHOOL BUDGET FOR
2009/2010**

In attendance tonight to present their Budget to the Committee was Margaret Rivara, Hardwick Township Representative to the NWR High School. Handouts were given to the audience and Committee in conjunction with the slide presentation. Duly noted was that

most of the funding would go to repairs on the roof and outside of buildings security. Grants have been applied for which would give back about 40%. None essential school bus trips have been cancelled and in order to defray the cost of the buses, the students would do fun raisers. Mrs. Rivara noted for the Committee that Hardwick's population has gone down and that our ratable have gone up. With this, Hardwick's tax impact has gone down 9 cents. Hardwick's general fund is \$0.78 and debt service is \$0.02 which makes it \$0.80 per \$100.00 or an annual decrease on an average assessed property of \$232.15 or a decrease of \$19.32 per month. The average cost of educating a student at NWR is \$11,854 which ranked the school at 6 (low end of the scale) out of a 47 schools. There was a question and answer period and at the end, the Committee thanked Mrs. Rivara for coming in and making the presentation.

REPORTS

Mr. Campbell, CPWM reported that Clean Up Week is scheduled for May 4th to the 9th. The only change in the schedule is that the drop off site would open at 8:30am instead of 8am. Quotes were received and the low quote was from Sanico, Inc. They will supply a rear load packer on Saturday from 8am to 4pm and the following costs were detailed as follows:

Cost per packer truck of trash	\$635.00/load
Cost per container of trash	\$205.00/pickup
Cost per container of metal waste	\$ 50.00/pickup

Disposal Prices, in State

Disposal Cost (WCDL) \$ 63.00/ton

Prices quoted include NJ Garbage Tax Surcharges, where applicable.

Quotes from Ayers Corporation, Layton, NJ and Waste Management of New Jersey, Inc., Ewing, NJ were received along with Sanico, Inc. and reviewed by the Committee.

Mr. Perry moved to award the Spring Clean Quote to Sanico, Inc. of Delaware, NJ as stated above, seconded by Mr. Carrazzone. Motion carried and in a voice vote, all were in favor.

Mr. Campbell also noted that Sanico will stop traveling Paulinskill Road for the garbage pickup. The residents will need to bring their garbage to the corner of Paulinskill and Spring Valley Road as they have done in the past.

Joseph Dunn, Emergency Management Coordinator copied the Committee on a memo in which he notes that he will have the name of his Deputy Coordinator for our April meeting so that the appointment can be made at the May 6th regular meeting. Mr. Dunn will also copy the Committee on a plan of work for the 2009 calendar year. A list of his contact information has been supplied to the Clerk.

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

Mrs. Fisher, Township Clerk reviewed correspondence with the Committee

OEM and Fire Warden were absent for tonight's meeting.

An amnesty program in the Building Department was discussed. The idea is to get anyone who has done work without a permit to come in and get this. They would have to pay the State fees, but the municipal fees would be waived. The idea is to get the work on the tax rolls and assessed. A question was brought up about roll back taxes. This is a question for the Tax Assessor, David Gill. Mr. Carrazzone noted that the will speak with Mr. Gill about this.

RESOLUTIONS

URGING PES&G TO WITHDRAW THEIR NJ BOARD OF UTILITY CONSTRUCTION PROPOSAL APPLICATION OF A NEW 500KV TRANSMISSION LINE THROUGH NORTHERN NEW JERSEY HOLD

Noted was that the paperwork for the Motion to Intervene has been signed by the Mayor and filed.

TONNAGE GRANT APPLICATION - Judith Fisher was appointed as the Recycling Coordinator. Mr. Perry moved to approve the resolution as presented tonight, seconded by Mr. Carrazzone. Motion carried and in a voice vote, all were in favor.

OPEN SPACE TAX - Mr. Perry moved to approve this resolution as presented tonight, seconded by Mr. Carrazzone. Motion carried and in a voice vote, all were in favor.

SUPPORT OUR TROOPS DAY, April 19, 2009- Mr. Carrazzone moved to approve this resolution as presented tonight, seconded by Mr. Perry. Motion carried and in a voice vote, all were in favor.

NOTICE OF CLAIM, ADOPTING A UNIFORM CLAIM FORM - Mr. Carrazzone moved to approve the resolution as presented tonight, seconded by Mr. Perry. Motion carried and in a voice vote, all were in favor.

WHITE LAKE NATURAL RESOURCE AREA - Mr. Perry moved to approve the resolution as presented tonight, seconded by Mr. Carrazzone. Motion carried and in a voice vote, all were in favor.

MUNICIPAL CLERK'S WEEK May 3rd – 9th
OLDER AMERICANS MONTH, May 2009

The above proclamation were read by Mayor Duffy and so proclaimed.

ORDINANCE 1ST READING

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDWICK, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 21 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE TO ADOPT AN UPDATED RECYCLING ORDINANCE 2009/02

The above ordinance was approved on first reading by Mr. Carrazzone and seconded by Mr. Perry. Motion carried and in a voice vote, all were in favor. Second reading and public hearing will be on May 6th, 2009.

OLD BUSINESS: HOLDING

Planning Board/ Environmental Commission Appointment, Term to expire 12/31/2010
Appointment to Coalition of Concerned Municipalities

NEW BUSINESS:

2009 Clean Up Week - May 4th to 9th Discussed earlier in the meeting

Kennel License Application, Bonnie Yurga, Tirnanog Kennel - The Township Clerk Mrs. Fisher noted that the Zoning Officer, George Boesze has reviewed this application and has found it to be in order. Fees have been paid to the Township. Mr. Perry moved to approve this Kennel License, seconded by Mr. Carrazzone. Motion carried and in a voice vote, all were in favor.

Maintenance Agreement for Copier @ \$70.00/month - Mr. Carrazzone moved to approve the maintenance agreement, seconded by Mr. Perry. Motion carried and in a voice vote all were in favor.

2009 Municipal Alliance County Contract - The Committee reviewed this paperwork and on a motion made by Mr. Perry and seconded by Mr. Carrazzone, the contract was approved. Motion carried and in a voice vote, all were in favor.

Plumbing SubCode Official Appointment - The Committee appointed Mr. Robert Trivett to this position on the recommendation of the Construction Official David Peck. Motion was made by Mr. Perry and Seconded by Mr. Carrazzone. Motion carried and in a voice vote, all were in favor.

Brought up was the concern that Mr. Trivett has not been paid for inspections that he has done since coming on board in January 2009 as a temporary employee until interviews were conducted. This issue was discussed at one of the budget meetings. Mr. Trivett needs to submit an invoice of his inspections (report list from Road Runner) done up to March 31, 2009 and then Mr. Peck needs to let the CFO what agreement was on paying him, per inspection or what.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

At this time, Mr. Carrazzone moved to open this portion of the meeting up to the audience, seconded by Mr. Perry. Motion carried and in a voice vote, all were in favor.

Seeing as no one wished to speak; this portion of the meeting was then closed on a motion made by Mr. Carrazzone, seconded by Mr. Perry. Motion carried and in a voice vote, all were in favor.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Perry had nothing to report on at this time.

Mr. Carrazzone had nothing to report on at this time.

Mr. Duffy reported that he attended a meeting with the Freeholders where they discussed shared services. A sub-committee was formed to look into this.

Since there was no further business to discuss, this meeting adjourned at 8:27PM on a motion made by Mr. Perry and seconded by Mr. Carrazzone. Motion carried and in a voice vote, all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith M. Fisher, RMC
Township Clerk

Unofficial Minutes