

TOWNSHIP OF HARDWICK
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

Wednesday, February 4, 2009

The monthly meeting of the Hardwick Township Committee was held in this date at the Municipal Building, 40 Spring Valley Road, Hardwick Township. This meeting was called to order at 6:36PM by the Township Clerk Judith Fisher. Mrs. Fisher noted that this meeting as being held in accordance with the "Open Public Meeting Act". The public was then led in the pledge of allegiance. Present were Committeemen Kevin Duffy and James Perry; absent was Committeeman Alfred Carrazzone. Also present were Engineer Ted Rodman, CPWM Thomas Campbell, CFO Gregory Della Pia and Attorney Michael Lavery, Esq.

Resolution

BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to NJSA 10:4-12 and 10:4-13 that said public body holds a closed session regarding potential litigation, Professional Service Contract with Engineer Ted Rodman and an Attorney Client – Personnel Issue. It is expected that the discussion undertaken in closed session will be made public when and if the Committee takes action.

Motion was made by Mr. Perry to go into Executive Session at 6:37PM, seconded by Mayor Duffy. Motion carried and in a voice vote, all were in favor.

At 7:12PM, Mr. Perry moved that the Committee come out of Executive Session, seconded by Mayor Duffy. Motion carried and in a voice vote, all were in favor.

Attorney Michael Lavery noted that he met in closed session with the Committee and discussed one Attorney Client Privilege – Personnel issue, a Professional Service Contract with Ted Rodman and one potential litigation. No official action was taken at that 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, Superintendent Brian Fogelson from the North Warren Regional High School was present to give a preview of their budget for 2009-2010 to the Committee. He introduced Board Administrator Christine Sharkey, Hardwick Township Representative Maria Rivara and Board president Paul Chipko. Mr. Fogelson started by thanking everyone for the joint project of a new parking lot for the students. He then noted that in July he had met with all the Mayor's and had a discussion with them regarding their input in the budget and the preparation of the same. Tonight's presentation is an overview of the process for their budget. On February 24th, he will again be meeting with the Mayor's for their input and review of the budget. Noted was that they anticipate a flat growth in enrollment and the next few years the growth should be relatively stable. The population is at about 1120 students. There was a brief question and answer period for the Committee and audience. Mayor Duffy thanked Mr. Fogelson and the other members of the School Board for coming out tonight and that he is looking forward to the joint meeting of the Mayor's on February 24th when they will have the opportunity to look over their budget before it is presented to the public for a vote on April 21st.

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS:

Mr. Perry moved to pay the bills presented tonight, seconded by Mr. Duffy. Discussion: The EMR bill will be pulled from the bills list and presented in March for payment because of a conflict with Mr. Perry, who is unable to approve it. Motion carried and roll call followed: Mr. Perry, yes, Mr. Duffy, yes, Mr. Carrazzone, ABSENT.

REPORTS:

Mr. Rodman handed out information from a meeting that he attended in Knowlton Township. This was in regards to a Wastewater Management Plan. The requirements for this was presented and discussed by Bob Collins who is with Cerezio & Panaro. The deadline for filing this Plan is July 7, 2009. The memo that is attached indicates what is required to be included in a WMP and is also addresses the alternative of not submitting a WMP by the deadline.

There was a brief discussion but no decision made by the Committee at this time.

Mr. Rodman also talked about repairs that will be made to the existing old coverts near the bridge that crosses the Paulinskill in Marksboro. The DEP has called two engineering firms to give quotes on the design and repairs. Township permits will not be required per Mr. Rodman.

Mr. Campbell, CPWM reported that letters have been sent to 23 residents so far reminding them about a Snow Removal Ordinance that no snow is to be plowed into the township roadways. He also noted that he took out an ad in the paper to remind the residents about snow removal.

The Committee thanked the DPW for a good job snow plowing during the last storm.

Mr. Della Pia, CFO had nothing to report on at this time.

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

Judith Fisher, Township Clerk reviewed correspondent with the Committee. She also noted that Laura Brill is almost done with the revisions to the Tax Maps.

OEM and the Fire Warden were not present tonight to give their reports.

RESOLUTION

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

The Clerk noted that another resolution has come in from Bryram Township and talks about a Coalition. Copies were made available for the Committee. After a brief discussion, it was decided to hold this until Mr. Carrazzone is present to discuss it further.

Tax Collector (2) Refunds

Refund to Lien Holder, Kenneth Kanter \$136.75

Refund overpayment of 2009 Taxes, Robert & Ruth Keefe \$564.10

On a motion made by Mr. Perry and seconded by Mr. Duffy, the above two (2) resolutions were approved. Motion carried and in a voice vote, all were in favor.

Township Auditor - Deferred School Tax Resolution

On a motion made by Mr. Perry and seconded by Mr. Duffy this resolution was approved. Motion carried and in a voice vote, all were in favor.

ORDINANCE 2nd READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK 2009/01

On a motion made by Mr. Perry and seconded by Mr. Duffy, this portion of the meeting was opened to the public for any comments on this ordinance. Seeing that there were none, this portion of the meeting was then closed on a motion made by Mr. Perry and seconded by Mr. Duffy. Motion carried, and in a voice vote, all were in favor.

On a motion made by Mr. Perry and seconded by Mr. Duffy Ordinance 2009/01 was adopted on second reading. Motion carried and a roll call vote followed: Mr. Perry, yes, Mr. Duffy, yes, Mr. Carrazzone, ABSENT.

OLD BUSINESS:

DIRECTORS/LIAISONS

The Committee will hold this over for further discussion at their Work Agenda Meeting on Wednesday, February 25th.

NEW BUSINESS

Plumbing SubCode Official The Clerk noted that three resumes have been received and copies given to the Building Department. The Committee instructed Mr. Peck, Building Inspector to interview the candidates and then make a recommendation back to the Committee for the Work Session February 25th.

For now, Mr. Peck has Mr. John Trivett doing the Plumbing Inspections since Mr. Dale Glynn who was appointed in January has noted he was not interested in the appointment. Mr. Peck recommended that the Committee appoint Mr. John Trivett the temporary position of Plumbing SubCode Official for 60 days or until a permanent appointment can be made. Mr. Perry then moved to appoint Mr. John Trivett, temporary Plumbing SubCode Official for 60 days, seconded by Mr. Duffy. Motion carried and in a voice vote, all were in favor.

Warren County Mosquito Extermination Commission Copies of the agreement for aerial spraying was presented tonight to the Committee. A copy of this agreement has been given to the Environmental Commission to comment on. The Clerk noted that she has no report back from the Commission to date. After a brief discussion, Mr. Perry moved to authorize the Mayor to sign this agreement subject to the Environmental Commission review and approval, seconded by Mr. Duffy, Motion carried and in a voice vote, all were in favor. The Environmental Commission will be meeting on February 11th. This agreement needs to be back to Warren County by February 28th.

Shooting Range Permits:

The Clerk noted that applications and fees have been received from YMCA Camp Ralph Mason and Carrazzone. The Zoning Officer has made his inspection and approved these sites. On a motion made by Mr. Perry and seconded by Mr. Duffy, Range permits were approved for YMCA Camp Ralph Mason and Carrazzone. Motion carried and in a voice vote, all were in favor. Application and fee from NoBeBosco has not been received to date.

Ted Rodman, Township Engineer - Review of Contract for 2009

Mr. Lavery, Township Attorney is reviewing this.

DISCUSSION

Gypsy Moth Spraying - The Township will not be participating in this program

Budget Meeting - REMINDER Saturday, February 14th at 9:00AM

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Perry reported that there is an outstanding bill relating to the work done for the parking lot at the High School. Mr. Frank Desiderio, Committeeman in Frelinghuysen had hired an excavator for the work at \$1500.00. To date, only Knowlton and Frelinghuysen have paid. Hardwick's portion is \$500.00. The Clerk noted that she has not seen a bill come in for this project. The Committee asked that the Clerk contact Frelinghuysen about this outstanding bill. Mr. Perry then thanked the DPW for a job well done on the snow storms and plowing.

Mr. Duffy reported that he will be scheduling a North Warren Mayor's meeting very soon. He also noted that there will be a meeting of the Mayor's at NWR with Brian Fogelson regarding the School Budget. This meeting is scheduled for February 24th. He also thanks the DPW for a job well done with the last snow storm.

Being there was no further business to conduct, this meeting adjourned at 8:23PM on a motion made by Mr. Perry and seconded by Mr. Duffy. Motion carried and in a voice vote, all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith M. Fisher, RMC
Township Clerk