

TOWNSHIP OF HARDWICK
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

May 6, 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 6:34PM by the Township Clerk Judith Fisher who noted that this meeting was 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, Alfred Carrazzone and James Perry; also present were Township Engineer Ted Rodman, CPWM Thomas Campbell, Township Attorney Michael Lavery and Construction Official Dave Peck. Absent tonight was CFO Gregory Della Pia.

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 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:
Contractual
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.

Motion was made by Mr. Perry to go into closed session at 6:35PM, seconded by Mt. Duffy. Motion carried and in a voice vote, all were in favor.

Time In: 6:35PM

Present: Committeemen Kevin Duffy, Alfred Carrazzone and James Perry

Also present: Attorney Michael Lavery and Clerk Judith Fisher

Time Out: 7:11PM

Motion was made by Mr. Perry and seconded by Mr. Carrazzone to come out of closed session at 7:11PM. Motion carried and in a voice vote, all were in favor.

Mr. Lavery noted that the Committee came out of closed session at 7:11PM where they discussed three matters: 1) current litigation PSEG; 2) contractual with Hardwick Township Board of Education regarding Spring Valley Schoolhouse and 3) Attorney Client regarding TowerCo. No official action was taken by the Committee at this time. Copies of these 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 to pay the bills as presented before the Committee tonight, seconded by Mayor Duffy. Motion carried and a roll call voted was unanimous.

Reports

Engineer Ted Rodman reported that the annual report for Stormwater was filed on May 1, 2009. The DOT grants for road state aid are due June 1st. He will be applying for the remainder of Millbrook-Stillwater Road Section III. The driveway report for April was reviewed. There was one new application for block 1001, lot 12.06, 37 Spring Valley Road. There was one approved application for a driveway and that was for 37 Spring Valley Road. Mr. Della Pia, CFO has submitted a list of escrow account to Mr. Rodman and he will be reviewing the same. There were a few questions, which Mr. Rodman will direct to Mr. Della Pia. Damage to Ward Road was discussed. There are two locations, first at 10 Ward Road where an excavator damaged the road. Mr. Campbell had talked with the operator regarding this damage and pictures were taken. The owner of this location was having an oil tank removed. Mr. Campbell did get the name of the contractor. The second area was at 47 Ward Road where a new home is being built. This has rumble strip damage. Again pictures were taken. The contractor there was Harmony Contractor and the contractor was spoken to who noted that he has insurance for the damage. After a brief discussion, the Committee asked Mr. Campbell and Mr. Rodman to get estimates on repairing these sections. The Clerk was also asked to contact our Insurance Carrier to see if the Township could put a claim in

for the sections of road that were damaged. The Committee also discussed if they should put the homeowners on notice regarding the damage.

Attorney Report - Mr. Lavery reported that he had nothing more to report on at this time.

Township Clerk, Judith Fisher reviewed correspondence with the Committee.

CFO, Gregory Della Pia was absent for the meeting

OEM and Fire Warden were not present for the meeting

DPW - Mr. Campbell reported that he obtained quotes for repairing the front sidewalk. The low quote was from Link Paul Masonry for \$1600.00 to replace the damaged sections. The work would be done over a weekend. The DPW would be working with the contractor by removing the damaged section after they are saw-cut out. The area would then be framed out and concrete poured and then taped off until dry. Mr. Perry moved to award this work to Link Paul Masonry for \$1600.00, seconded by Mr. Carrazzone. Motion carried and a roll call vote was unanimous. Quotes received were from Link Paul Masonry for \$1600; KDP Masonry for \$1700 and Trinca Masonry for \$1750.

Clean Up Week is going on now and it is a little slower than last year.

Mr. Campbell is looking for summer help and he is recommending that the Committee hire back Mr. Anthony Littell for the summer. Mr. Perry moved that Mr. Anthony Littell be hired for summer help, seconded by Mr. Duffy. Motion carried and in a voice vote, all were in favor.

INTRODUCTION OF THE 2009 MUNICIPAL BUDGET/RESOLUTIONS

Resolution - Late Introduction of the 2009 Municipal Budget

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

Introduction of the 2009 Municipal Budget

Surplus anticipated General Revenue	\$ 175,877.00
Total Miscellaneous Revenue	553,542.00
Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	105,000.00
Local Property Taxes	<u>281,621.00</u>
Total General Revenue	\$1,116,040.00
Total Operations	\$ 683,339.00
Capital Improvements	96,750.00
Debt Service	81,650.00
Statutory Expenditures	35,567.00
Reserve for Delinquent Taxes	<u>218,734.00</u>
Total 2009 Municipal Budget	\$1,116,040.00
2009 Municipal Tax Rate	\$0.17857

Mr. Perry commented that he would like to see the donations for the emergency services back to the original funding and not cut. The suggestions from Mr. Della Pia, CFO was that the Committee can wait to the end of the year and then transfer funds into the line item for them or the Committee could take the funding from surplus. Another suggestion was to possibly take it from Planning Board. No matter what, the Mayor was interested in ways to do this. For now, the emergency services donation will stay the way it was budgeted.

Mr. Perry moved to approve the 2009 Municipal Budget on first reading, seconded by Mr. Carrazzone. Motion carried and the roll call vote was unanimous.

Resolution

Special Items of General Revenue anticipated with Prior Written Consent of the Director of Local Government Services – Public and Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations:

Clean Communities Program - 2009	\$ 5,108.00
Clean Communities Program - 2008	566.00
NJ DOT Grant – Mill-Still – Section II	95,000.00
Municipal Alliance on Alcohol and Drug Abuse	<u>2,941.00</u>
	\$103,615.00

Mr. Perry moved to adopt this resolution as presented, seconded by Mr. Carrazzone. Motion carried and in a voice vote, all were in favor.

Resolution

Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of the Director of Local Government Services – Other Special Items:

Interfund Returned	\$138,000.00
Alina Lodge IN Lieu Payments	26,000.00
Cell Tower Revenue	<u>50,000.00</u>
	\$214,000.00

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

Resolution

Township of Hardwick making application to the Local Finance Board for a reduced Pension Contribution pursuant to N.J.S.A. 43:15A-24(c) and/or N.J.S.A. 43:16A-15(9)

Mr. Perry moved to adopt this resolution as presented tonight, seconded by Mr. Carrazzone. Motion carried and a roll call vote was unanimous.

ORDINANCE - 2ND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING 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

Mr. Perry moved to open this portion of the meeting to the public for comments on ordinance 2009/02 Recycling Ordinance, seconded by Mr. Carrazzone. Motion carried and in a voice vote, all were in favor.

Seeing there was no public comment; this portion of the meeting was then closed on a motion made by Mr. Perry and seconded by Mr. Carrazzone. Motion carried and all were in favor.

Mr. Perry moved to adopted Ordinance 2009/02 Recycling Ordinance on second reading, seconded by Mr. Carrazzone. Motion carried and in a voice vote, all were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS: HOLD

Planning Board/Environmental Commission Appointment, Term to Expire 12/31/2010
Appointment to Collation of Concerned Municipalities

NEW BUSINESS:

Appointment of the Deputy OEM Coordinator per Joseph Dunn, OEM

In a letter from Mr. Dunn, he is appointing Mr. David Peck to the position of Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator.

Hiring of Summer Help for the DPW was done earlier in the meeting under the DPW Report.

Quote for Repairing the Front Walkway was also done earlier under the DPW Report.

North Warren Municipal Court - The Annual Audit Report was reviewed by the Committee.

Discussion - Construction Official, Term to Expire June 3, 2009

Public Participation

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

Seeing there were no comments from the public, this portion of the meeting was then closed on a motion made by Mr. Parry and seconded by Mr. Carrazzone. Motion carried and in a voice vote, all were in favor.

Committee Reports

Mr. Perry commented that the Blairstown Police have been present in Hardwick a lot. They were present at the accident involving the drowning at the Paulinskill.

Attorney Michael Lavery noted that even though Hardwick is not a part of their jurisdiction, they can cross the line if in pursuit. Other issues were discussed. It was suggested that Mayor Duffy speak with Blirstown's Mayor Mach about this situation. Also noted is that Jerry O'Brien is interested in doing the plumbing repairs in the Municipal Building/Garage when needed. He would only charge for the parts and not labor.

The Construction Official Dave Peck was present to discuss the Old Hardwick House on the corner of 521 and Spring Valley Road. He informed the Committee that he made an inspection of the structure and found it to not be safe. A letter was sent to the owner noting that they had 20 days to secure the building or a violation notice would be sent. Right now areas needed to be boarded out and the front porch secured or taken down. Mr. Peck for now is looking for guidance from the Committee and Attorney after the time expires and nothing is done. Mr. Lavery noted that at that time, the Township DPW could board the building up and take down the porch. They would need to keep a record of any cost incurred in doing this. Mr. Carrazzone noted that the County is interested in the property when and if the owner takes the building down. He also noted that the County would purchase the property and then reimburse the owners the cost for the demolition of the building. Mr. Peck will keep the Committee updated.

Mr. Carrazzone did not have anything to report on at this time.

Mr. Duffy reported that White Lake Day is scheduled for June 20th. He then spoke about a letter that he received from Mrs. Jean Kopp. Mr. Duffy will be contacting them.

Approval of the Minutes:

March 25, 2009, Work Agenda Meeting
March 26, 2009, Budget Work Session
April 1, 2009, Regular Meeting

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

Being there was no other business to conduct, Mr. Perry moved to adjourn tonight's meeting at 8:04PM, seconded by Mr. Carrazzone. Motion carried and in a voice vote, all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith M. Fisher, RMC
Township Clerk