MINUTES OF THE HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING HELD ON JUNE 23, 2021

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Kaminski at approximately 7:00 P.M. with the opening statement that the meeting had been duly advertised and met all the requirements of the Sunshine Law. Also present were: Deputy Mayor Cicerale, Councilman Kula, Councilman Miller, Councilman Verrilli, Manager/Deputy Clerk Carrine Piccolo-Kaufer, and Township Attorney Fred Semrau of Dorsey & Semrau.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. Snow Removal – Qualified Private Communities

Township Manager and Department of Public Works Director discussed with the Council, staffing and operations within the public works department, and the consideration to return snow removal on some of the private roads in the different qualified communities within Hardyston back to the private communities. Township Manager stated that the communities would have the ability to apply through the Municipal Services Reimbursement Act for reimbursement within the agreement with the township for reimbursement. She stated that this would apply to Walden Village I, Walden Village II, Scenic Lakes and Indian Fields.

Councilman Cicerale recused himself from this conversation. A resolution has been placed on the regular meeting agenda to follow for Council consideration.

B. American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 – Use of Grant Funds

At this time Councilman Cicerale returned to the meeting. Township Manager updated the Council on the status of the grant funds to be awarded to the township and explained the eligible ways that the funds may be used.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilman Kula asked for a status update on large trucks traveling on Big Spring Road. Township Manager stated that the Police Department has put out speed trailers and they are monitoring the road. She stated that they are collecting data to figure out exactly the amount of activity that is taking place and then the township can move forward from there.

Councilman Miller inquired as to the status of the Route 23 upgrades. Township Manager stated that she had reached out to the legislative office and was told that the easements are being finalized and it is anticipated that the project will go out to bid by August.

<u>PUBLIC COMMENT</u> (in accordance with P.L. 2002, c.80): A motion was made and seconded to open the meeting to the public. All in favor. Motion carried. Resident Marty Schweighgardt commented on the lighting not being bright enough at the entrance to the Municipal Building, painting the guardrail and on paving. A motion was made and seconded to close the meeting to the public. All in favor. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: At approximately 7:50 p.m., a motion was made by Verrilli to adjourn seconded by Kula. All in favor. Motion carried.

Jane Bakalarczyk, RMC/CMC	
Municipal Clerk	