

**MINUTES OF THE HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING HELD JANUARY 14, 2025**

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER: Chairman, Mr. Miller called the meeting to order at 7:14 p.m.

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE: Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, adequate notice as defined in Section 3D of Chapter 231 P.L. 1975 has been made to the New Jersey Herald and is posted on the bulletin board at the Hardyston Township Municipal Building.

ROLL CALL:

Carl Miller – Present

Stanley Kula – Present

Gil Roessner – Absent

Tony Alfano – Present

Mike Restel – Absent

ALSO PRESENT:

Carrine Kaufer, Township Manager

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Alfano seconded by Roessner to approve the minutes of the October 21, 2024 meeting. In favor, Miller, Kula, and Alfano.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a) Township Website Update
- b) Banner Program – Mr. Alfano's idea is to have banners up on Rt 23 in Stockholm. He counted 20 light poles. Ideas for the banners were Veterans, HS Grads, and sponsors of businesses. Mr. Kula suggested hanging the banners on Rt 94 as well.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a) North Church Technical Center Signage – Discussion amongst the commissioners included getting this project up and running since it was previously discussed last year and then put on the back burner. Ms. Kaufer will contact our sign company (Signs by American Wood Carving) to get a quote.
- b) Luxury Resort Hotel at Crystal Springs – Per Ms. Kaufer, we haven't heard anything additional from Mr. Lam on the hotel. Ms. Kaufer thinks he is probably still navigating some of the DEP paperwork and working with his professionals.
- c) Pilz Property – designated as a redevelopment area with the attention of solar but is now being reconsidered. Per Ms. Kaufer the redevelopment plan is being amended. There is at least one interested developer that has given us a concept plan, and there is an RFP on our website for this property.

- d) Mouse Trap Factory next to municipal building – Per Ms. Kaufer there will be a pending application for an expansion for additional storage space. They will be in front of the Land Use Board probably in the first half of 2025.
- e) Lasinski Road Project – Per Ms. Kaufer there hasn't been any additional contact or progress on the potential redevelopment of this site.
- f) Kamel Properties – he owns the old Cava Winery property (where they are putting the Claremont Distillery) and many underutilized properties in Stockholm. Ms. Kaufer will reach out to him to have him come to the next EDC Meeting to talk about his inventory and what his game plan is.
- g) Lasinski Road Solar Project – per Mr. Miller it is still in agency closure. We aren't waiting for the closure of the landfill but waiting for the Land Use Board permitting for flood hazard areas and land use regulations through the DEP.
- h) National Fitness Campaign Fitness Court – Discussion amongst the commission members included ideas for business sponsorships via letters from the EDC and/or partnering with the YMCA to get additional funding. We received a grant for this, but additional funding is needed.

BILLS:

There were no bills to approve.

CORRESPONDENCE:

There was no correspondence to review.

DISCUSSION:

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

There was no public participation.

Adjournment: Having no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Alfano and seconded by Mr. Miller at 8:26 pm. All in favor, Miller, Kula, and Alfano.

Respectfully submitted,
Dana Vitz
Commission Secretary