

**MINUTES OF THE HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP JOINT LAND USE BOARD REORGANIZATION MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 12, 2024**

**CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. The following Statement of Compliance was read: 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 and on the Hardyston Township website.

**OATH OF ALLEGIANCE:** The *Oath of Allegiance* was administered to 2023 Township Council appointments Scott Lobban and Carl Miller.

**FLAG SALUTE:** William Hickerson led the flag salute.

**ROLL CALL:**

Brian Kaminski (Class I) – Absent  
Carl Miller (Class III) – Present  
James Homa (Class IV) – Present  
Sally Goodson (Class IV) – Present  
Tony Alfano (Alt. 1) – Present

Scott Lobban (Class II) – Present  
William Hickerson (Class IV) – Present  
Vally Cicerale (Class IV) – Present  
Ed Zinck (Class IV) – Present  
James Caiazzo (Alt. 2) – Present

**ELECTION AND APPOINTMENTS:**

**Election of Chairman:** A motion to appoint Bill Hickerson to the position of Chairman was made by Carl Miller and seconded by Sally Goodson. There was no discussion. Roll Call: Carl Miller – yes, Jim Homa – yes, Sally Goodson – yes, Tony Alfano – yes, Savas Savidis – yes, Scott Lobban – yes, Bill Hickerson – yes, Vally Cicerale – yes, Ed Zinck – yes – yes, James Caiazzo – yes, Carl Paladino – yes. The motion carried.

**Election of Vice Chairman:** A motion to appoint Jim Homa to the position of Vice Chairman was made by Carl Miller and seconded by Sally Goodson. There was no discussion. Roll Call: Carl Miller – yes, Jim Homa – yes, Sally Goodson – yes, Tony Alfano – yes, Savas Savidis – yes, Scott Lobban – yes, Bill Hickerson – yes, Vally Cicerale – yes, Ed Zinck – yes – yes, James Caiazzo – yes, Carl Paladino – yes. The motion carried.

**Election of Secretary:** A motion to appoint Anne-Marie Wilhelm to the position of Board Secretary was made by Carl Miller and seconded by Vally Cicerale. There was no discussion. Roll Call: Carl Miller – yes, Jim Homa – yes, Sally Goodson – yes, Tony Alfano – yes, Savas Savidis – yes, Scott Lobban – yes, Bill Hickerson – yes, Vally Cicerale – yes, Ed Zinck – yes – yes, James Caiazzo – yes, Carl Paladino – yes. The motion carried.

**Appointment of Attorney:** A motion to appoint Thomas J. Molica, Esq. of the firm Vogel, Chait, Collins, and Schneider, to the position of Board Attorney and Richard Briigliodoro, Esq., of the Weiner Law Group, LLP, as Special Counsel was made by Carl Miller and seconded by Jim Homa. There was no discussion. Roll Call: Carl Miller – yes, Jim Homa – yes, Sally Goodson – yes, Tony Alfano – yes, Savas Savidis – yes, Scott Lobban – yes, Bill Hickerson – yes, Vally Cicerale – yes, Ed Zinck – yes – yes, James Caiazzo – yes, Carl Paladino – yes. The motion carried.

**Appointment of Engineer:** A motion to appoint Michael G. Vreeland, P.E., P.P., of the firm Van Cleef Engineering Associates, LLC, to the position of Board Engineer was made by Carl Miller and seconded by Vally Cicerale. There was no discussion. Roll Call: Carl Miller – yes, Jim Homa – yes, Sally Goodson – yes, Tony Alfano – yes, Savas Savidis – yes, Scott Lobban – yes, Bill Hickerson – yes, Vally Cicerale – yes, Ed Zinck – yes – yes, James Caiazzo – yes, Carl Paladino – yes. The motion carried.

**Appointment of Planners and Conflict Engineer:** A motion to appoint Special Projects Planners Fred Heyer, P.P. and Susan Gruel, P.P., of the firm Heyer, Gruel & Associates, PA, was made by Carl Miller and seconded by Sally Goodson. There was no discussion. Roll Call: Carl Miller – yes, Jim Homa – yes,

Sally Goodson – yes, Tony Alfano – yes, Savas Savidis – yes, Scott Lobban – yes, Bill Hickerson – yes, Vally Cicerale – yes, Ed Zinck – yes – yes, James Caiazzo – yes, Carl Paladino – yes. The motion carried.

A motion to appoint Carrine Piccolo-Kaufer, P.P., A.I.C.P., as Alternate Board Planner was made by Carl Miller and seconded by Sally Goodson. There was no discussion. Roll Call: Carl Miller – yes, Jim Homa – yes, Sally Goodson – yes, Tony Alfano – yes, Savas Savidis – yes, Scott Lobban – yes, Bill Hickerson – yes, Vally Cicerale – yes, Ed Zinck – yes – yes, James Caiazzo – yes, Carl Paladino – yes. The motion carried.

A motion to appoint Conflict Engineer Thomas Knutelsky, P.E., P.P, of Harold Pellow & Associates, Inc., was made by Carl Miller and seconded by Jim Homa. There was no discussion. Roll Call: Carl Miller – yes, Jim Homa – yes, Sally Goodson – yes, Tony Alfano – yes, Savas Savidis – yes, Scott Lobban – yes, Bill Hickerson – yes, Vally Cicerale – yes, Ed Zinck – yes – yes, James Caiazzo – yes, Carl Paladino – yes. The motion carried

A motion to adopt the *Resolution of the Joint Land Use Board of the Township of Hardyston Ratifying And Authorizing the Award of Contracts for Professional Services* inserted below made by Carl Miller and seconded by Jim Homa. There was no discussion. Roll Call: Carl Miller – yes, Jim Homa – yes, Sally Goodson – yes, Tony Alfano – yes, Savas Savidis – yes, Scott Lobban – yes, Bill Hickerson – yes, Vally Cicerale – yes, Ed Zinck – yes – yes, James Caiazzo – yes, Carl Paladino – yes. The motion carried.

**RESOLUTION OF THE JOINT LAND USE BOARD OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDYSTON  
RATIFYING AND AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACTS FOR PROFESSIONAL  
SERVICES**

**DECIDED AND ADOPTED: February 12, 2024**

**WHEREAS**, the Joint Land Use Board of the Township of Hardyston will require professional services for legal, engineering, and planning services; and

**WHEREAS**, the above-mentioned services can be performed adequately and effectively by Richard Brigliadoro, Esq., of the Weiner Law Group, LLP; Michael G. Vreeland, P.E., P.P., of the firm of Van Cleef Engineering Associates, LLC., Thomas J. Molica, Esq., of the firm Vogel, Chait, Collins & Schneider, PC; Susan Gruel, P.P., and Fred Heyer, P.P., of the firm of Heyer, Gruel & Associates, PA; and Thomas G. Knutelsky, P.E., P.P., of the firm Harold E. Pellow & Associates, Inc., respectively; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Treasurer attests to the availability of funds for these services from the general revenues of the Township of Hardyston; and

**WHEREAS**, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 permits a contract for professional services to be awarded without the need for competitive bids; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40:11-5 requires that the award for professional services be publicly advertised;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Joint Land Use Board of the Township of Hardyston, County of Sussex, and State of New Jersey, as follows:

The Chairman and Secretary of the Joint Land Use Board of the Township of Hardyston are hereby authorized and directed to enter into contracts with 1. Thomas J. Molica, Esq., of the firm Vogel, Chait, Collins & Schneider, PC for legal services for the period of January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024, in accordance with the contracts made a part hereof; 2. Michael G. Vreeland, P.E., P.P., of the firm of Van Cleef Engineering Associates, LLC., for engineering and planning services for the period of January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024, in accordance with the contracts made a part hereof; 3. Fred Heyer, P.P., and Susan Gruel, P.P., of the firm of Heyer, Gruel & Associates, PA, for planning services (Conflict/Special Projects) for the period of January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024, in accordance with the contracts made a part hereof; 4. Thomas G. Knutelsky, PE., P.P., of Harold E. Pellow & Associates, Inc., for engineering and planning services (Conflict/Special Projects) for the period of January 1, 2024, through

December 31, 2024, in accordance with the contracts made a part hereof; and 5. Richard Briigliodoro, Esq., of the Weiner Law Group, LLP, (Conflict/Special Projects) for the period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.

These contracts are entered into without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" pursuant to the non-fair and open process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.

A copy of the resolution will be published in the official newspaper of the Township within 10 days of passage.

Anne-Marie Wilhelm,  
Land Use Administrator

I hereby certify that adequate funds are available in the 2024 Municipal Budget for the payment of professional services in accordance with the contracts noted above.

/s/Grant W. Rome  
Grant W. Rome, CFO  
Municipal Treasurer

**Designation of Meeting Dates and Times:** Following discussion, a motion to adopt the 2024 meeting dates and times resolution inserted below was made by Bill Hickerson and seconded by Ed Zinck.

**RESOLUTION  
OF THE  
JOINT LAND USE BOARD OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDYSTON  
Decided and Adopted: February 12, 2024**

**WWHEREAS**, the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975 requires certain public bodies to comply with the provisions of Section 13 of said Act, the The Hardyston Township Planning Board shall conduct a regularly scheduled open public meeting on Thursday, December 17, 2020, at 7:00 PM at the Hardyston Township Municipal Building Complex, Suite A, 149 Wheatsworth Road, Hardyston Township, New Jersey 07419. Joint Land Use Board of the Township of Hardyston is providing public meeting access in person.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Joint Land Use Board of the Township of Hardyston, County of Sussex, and State of New Jersey that the schedule of meeting dates is as follows:

February 12, 2024  
March 11, 2024  
April 8, 2024  
May 13, 2024  
June 10, 2024  
July 8, 2024  
August 12, 2024  
September 9, 2024  
October 14, 2024  
November 11, 2024  
December 9, 2024

The Board will meet at 7:00 p.m. on the second Monday of every month. The meetings will be held at the Hardyston Township Municipal Building and Police Station Complex, 149 Wheatsworth Road, Suite A, Hardyston, New Jersey 07419. The agenda for all meetings, more or less shall be: 1. Call to Order; 2. Statement of Compliance; 3. Roll Call; 4. Flag Salute; 5. Approval of Minutes; 6. Approval of Resolutions; 7. Hearings; 8. Public Comment; 9. Old Business; 10. Payment of Bills; 11. New Business; 12. Discussion; 13. Adjournment

The reorganization meeting for 2025 will be held on January 13, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. The regular meeting of the Hardyston Township Joint Land Use Board for the month of January will be held on January 13, 2025 at 7:15 p.m., following the reorganization meeting.

Any physically or mentally challenged resident that may need special accommodations to attend any of the following meetings shall contact the Clerk's office seven (7) days prior to any advertised meeting.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution shall be posted on the Municipal Building bulletin board reserved for that purpose.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the New Jersey Herald and the Sunday New Jersey Herald.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, a copy of this resolution shall also be filed with the Township Clerk and mailed to any person who requests it and who has paid the fee established by the public body to cover the cost of providing that notice.

Anne-Marie Wilhelm  
Land Use Administrator

**Designation of Official Newspaper:** A motion to adopt a resolution naming The New Jersey Herald and the Sunday Herald as the 2024 official newspapers was made by Carl Miller and seconded by Jim Homa. There was no discussion. Roll Call: Carl Miller – yes, Jim Homa – yes, Sally Goodson – yes, Tony Alfano – yes, Savas Savidis – yes, Scott Lobban – yes, Bill Hickerson – yes, Vally Cicerale – yes, Ed Zinck – yes – yes, James Caiazzo – yes, Carl Paladino – yes. The motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Having no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Carl Miller and seconded by Jim Homa. All were in favor. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by,

*/s/ Anne-Marie Wilhelm*  
Anne-Marie Wilhelm  
Land Use Administrator