

**MINUTES
HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP
MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY
May 5, 2025**

The meeting of the Hardyston Township Municipal Utilities Authority was held on Monday, May 5, 2025 at 7:00 p.m., at the Municipal Building located at 149 Wheatsworth Road.

Members Present: Mr. Kaminski, Mr. Codner, Mr. O’Grady, Mr. Caiazzo, and Mr. Marotta

Members Absent: Mrs. Carey

Also present: Mrs. Carrine Piccolo-Kaufer, and Mr. Mike Vreeland.

After salute to the flag, Mr. Codner stated compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

OATH OF OFFICE: Mr. Marotta was sworn in as Alternate #2.

MINUTES: A MOTION was made by O’Grady seconded by Kaminski, to approve the minutes of the March 3, 2025 meeting. In favor Cicerales, Kaminski, Caiazzo, O’Grady and Codner.

OLD BUSINESS:

Indian Fields:

Phase II As-Built Plans- Mr. Vreeland discussed the status of the receipt of the deliverables from Barberi and Associates for the Indian Field Phase II As-Built. He stated that we have received the final Drawing from Mr. Barberi. Mr. Vreeland stated they are currently reviewing the final drawing and retainage has been held from the final payment.

Crystal Springs:

Mr. Vreeland provided an update on the capacity of the existing sewer pump station and the need for the construction of the additional pump station contemplated as part of the overall build-out of Crystal Springs.

Operational Considerations / Metering / Strategic Planning:

1. Conversion to a Meter Based Billing System – nothing new to report.
2. Fixed Assets/Developer Conveyance - nothing new to report.

New Business

- a. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT FOR LEGAL SERVICES WITH DIFRANCESCO BATEMAN KUNZMAN DAVIS LEHRER & FLAUM, PC

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL
SERVICE CONTRACT FOR LEGAL SERVICES WITH DIFRANCESCO BATEMAN
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WHEREAS, there exists a need for the retention of an attorney for the Hardyston Township Municipal Utilities Authority to render professional advice and consulting services to the Authority and to examine and prepare all legal documents; and

WHEREAS, the firm of DiFrancesco Bateman Kunzman Davis Lehrer & Flaum, PC has provided a proposal for such services and bill for such services at the rate of One-Hundred and Eight Dollars(\$180) per hour for work performed, not to exceed twenty-thousand (\$20,000) dollars; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contract Law (N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-1 et seq.) requires that the resolution authorizing the award of contracts for “professional services” without competitive bids on the contract itself must be available for public inspection;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Hardyston Township Municipal Utilities Authority as follows:

1. The proposal of DiFrancesco Bateman Kunzman Davis Lehrer & Flaum, PC, who shall perform legal services submitted to this Board, a copy of which is annexed hereto, shall be and is hereby approved.
2. The contract with DiFrancesco Bateman Kunzman Davis Lehrer & Flaum, PC for the Hardyston Township Municipal Utility Authority for the period May 1, 2025 to reorganization in February 2026, is a contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a “professional service” in accordance with 40A: 11-5(1) (a) of the Local Public Contracts Law.
3. A notice of this action shall be printed once in the official newspaper of the Township of Hardyston.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

A MOTION was made by Kaminski and seconded by O’Grady to pay the bills, as per the bill list for April 7, 2025 and May 5, 2025. In favor: Cicerale, Kaminski, Caiazzo, Codner and O’Grady

CORRESPONDENCE:

A MOTION was made by Cicerale and seconded by Caiazzo to accept the correspondence as presented. In favor: Cicerale, Kaminski, Caiazzo, Codner, and O'Grady.

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

Nothing new to report

PROFESSIONAL'S REPORTS:

Administrator – Nothing further to report.

Operator – Nothing further to report.

Billing Clerk – Nothing further to report.

CFO – Was not present.

Accountant – Was not present.

Attorney – Was not present.

Engineer – Mr. Vreeland stated that we may have 2 warehouse approvals on Park Drive with Fire protection. There is a possibility of 4 new customers.

OPEN PUBLIC PORTION:

The meeting was opened to the public.

There being no further business, A MOTION was made by O'Grady to adjourn seconded by Kaminski meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Niebuhr

Board Secretary