

**MINUTES
HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP
MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY
August 3, 2026**

The meeting of the Hardyston Township Municipal Utilities Authority was held on Monday, August 3, 2026 at 7:00 p.m., at the Municipal Building located at 149 Wheatsworth Road.

Members Present: Mr. Alfano, Mrs. Carey, Mr. O’Grady (via Microsoft Teams), Mr. Caiazzo, and Mr. Codner,

Members Excused: Mr. Marotta

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

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

MINUTES: A MOTION was made by Mr. Caiazzo seconded by Mr. Alfano, to approve the minutes of the July 6, 2026 meeting. In favor, Alfano, Caiazzo, Codner, Carey and Marotta.

OLD BUSINESS:

a. **Indian Fields:**

1. **Phase II As-Built Plans-** Mr. Holt indicated that the preliminary title work was received and there will be meeting scheduled with Mr. Holt & Mr. Vreeland to review the easements and refine the areas that require easements to be recorded.
2. **Indian Field Wells - NJDEP Status Update-** Mr. Vreeland stated he had a conversation with Mr. Bean to begin engaging with vendors regarding pricing for UV components for well treatment. Mr. Vreeland recommended joining the North Jersey Wastewater Cooperative to have access to coop pricing.

b. **Crystal Springs:**

1. **Grand Cascades/Crystal Springs Resort Water Usage & Rate-** Ms. Kaufer advised nothing new to report
2. **Sewer/Pump Station Expansion/Upgrade –** Mr. Vreeland advised nothing new to report.
3. **Inverness Conveyance-** Mr. Vreeland advised the inspections have been completed and the punch list has been sent to the Developer. The hydrant repairs should be completed within 2 weeks.

4. **18 Tannery Hill Water Service Line Repair/Relocation** – Ms. Kaufer advised has been completed.
- c. **Operational Considerations / Metering / Strategic Planning:**
 1. **Conversion to a Meter Based Billing System** – nothing new to report
 2. **Fixed Assets/Developer Conveyance** – Mr. Vreeland advised that staff had completed inspections of the cleanouts, connections and shutoffs for 10 of the 11 neighborhoods. Additionally inspections for fire hydrants, sanitary manholes, and water mains had been completed for 8, 7 and 5 of the remaining neighborhoods scheduled for conveyance, respectively.

New Business

- a. A MOTION to adopt the Resolution to Amend the 2027 Introduced Operating Budget was made by Mr. O’Grady. Second by Mr. Caiazzo. In favor Alfano, Caiazzo, Codner, Carey and O’Grady.

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2027 INTRODUCED OPERATING BUDGET
WHEREAS, the Authority 2027 operating budget for the year ending August 31, 2027 was introduced on the 6th day of July 2026; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:31-2.8 provides that all amendments to the 2027 operating budget shall be approved and adopted by resolution of the Authority, passed by not less than a majority of the full membership; and

WHEREAS, an amendment to the 2027 operating budget is required to increase the revenue anticipated to be earned from interest on investments and decrease the amount of unrestricted net position realized in the 2027 operating sewer budget; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following amendments be made to the 2027 operating budget of the Hardyston Township Municipal Utilities Authority for its year ending August 31, 2027:

<u>REVENUES</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
<u>Interest on Investments - Sewer</u>	<u>\$40,000</u>	<u>\$60,000</u>
<u>Total Revenue - Sewer</u>		<u>\$1,354,380</u>
<u>\$1,374,380</u>		

<u>OPERATING APPROPRIATIONS</u>		
<u>Unrestricted Net Position Utilized - Sewer</u>	<u>\$92,720</u>	<u>\$72,720</u>
<u>Total Appropriations Sewer</u>	<u>\$1,354,380</u>	<u>\$1,374,380</u>

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that two certified copies of this complete amendment and resolution be filed forthwith to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services for his certification of the Authority budget so amended.

- b. A MOTION to adopt the Resolution Approving the 2027 Adopted Budget for Fiscal Year Beginning September 1, 2026 and Ending August 31, 2027 was made by Mr. Alfano. Second by Mr. O'Grady. In favor Alfano, Caiazzo, Codner, Carey and O'Grady.

2027 ADOPTED BUDGET RESOLUTION

Hardyston Municipal Utilities Authority

FISCAL YEAR: September 01, 2026 to August 31, 2027

WHEREAS the Annual Budget and Capital Budget/Program for the Hardyston Municipal Utilities Authority for the fiscal year beginning September 01, 2026 and ending August 31, 2027 has been presented for adoption before the governing body of the Hardyston Municipal Utilities Authority at its open public meeting of August 3, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Annual Budget and Capital Budget as presented for adoption reflects each item of revenue and appropriation in the same amount and title as set forth in the introduced and approved budget, including all amendments thereto, if any, which have been approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services; and

WHEREAS, the Annual Budget presented for adoption reflects Total Revenues of \$1,986,408.00, Total Appropriations, including any Accumulated Deficit, if any, of \$2,059,128.00, and Total Unrestricted Net Position utilized of \$72,720.00; and

WHEREAS, the Capital Budget as presented for adoption reflect Total Capital Appropriations of \$0.00 and Total Unrestricted Net Position Utilized of \$0.00; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing body of the Hardyston Municipal Utilities Authority at an open public meeting held on August 3, 2026 that the Annual Budget and Capital Budget/Program of the Hardyston Municipal Utilities Authority for the fiscal year beginning September 01, 2026 and ending August 31, 2027 is hereby adopted and shall constitute appropriations for the purposes stated; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Annual Budget and Capital Budget/Program as presented for adoption reflects each item of revenue and appropriation in the same amount and title as set forth in the introduced and approved budget, including all amendments thereto, if any, which have been approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

A MOTION was made by O’Grady and seconded by Caiazzo to pay the bills, as per the bill list for August 3, 2026. In favor: Alfano, Caiazzo, Codner, Carey and O’Grady.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A MOTION was made by Alfano and seconded by Carey to accept the correspondence as presented. In favor: Alfano, Caiazzo, Codner, Carey and O’Grady.

OFFICER’S REPORTS:

Nothing further to report

PROFESSIONAL REPORTS:

Administrator – Ms. Kaufer raised concerns regarding the possible increase with the Upper Wallkill WWTP Rehabilitation and Upgrade Project. Mr. Kaufer also advised Mr. Codner put in his resignation and we will be re-organizing positions at the next MUA meeting pending new appointments of members by the Township Council.

Operator – Nothing further to report

Billing Clerk – Nothing further to report.

CFO – Was not present.

Accountant – Was not present.

Attorney – Nothing further to report.

Engineer – Nothing further to report.

OPEN PUBLIC PORTION:

The meeting was opened to the public. No public comment was made. Meeting was closed to public.

There being no further business, A MOTION was made by Alfano and seconded by Caiazzo to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Niebuhr

Recording Secretary