

MINUTES OF THE HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 25, 2012

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Miller, 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 Hamilton, Councilman Kula, Councilman Cicerale, Councilman Ross, Manager Marianne Smith, Clerk Jane Bakalarczyk and Township Attorney Tracy Wang of Dorsey & Semrau

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. Advance Refunding Proposal

Township Auditor Chuck Ferraioli and the Council discussed a debt savings opportunity for the Township with regard to bonds. Council agreed to have a resolution in favor of the proposal drafted for consideration at a future Council meeting.

B. Review of Existing Ordinances Regulating Signage

Township Council, Zoning Official, Township Planner and the Township Engineer discussed making some changes to the existing sign ordinance. Further discussions to follow.

C. Second Amendment to Affordable Housing Developer's Agreement with Crystal Springs Builders

Township Planner stated that Crystal Springs Builders has requested that in lieu of continuing to post the letter of credit for the Grand Cascades Lodge affordable housing obligation, they would like to transfer the Grand Cascades Lodge affordable housing obligation, which consists of 9 units, to the Village Center South development and to construct the units as part of that development which currently has an affordable housing obligation of 128 units. Council agreed to consider the amendment at the next Council meeting.

D. NJDOT Grant Application for \$250,000 for Holland Mountain Road Improvement Project

Township Council agreed to have the Township Engineer prepare a resolution authorizing the submission of the grant application placed on the next Council meeting agenda

E. Metra Industries, Inc. – Unfinished Bonded Site Improvements

Township Engineer stated that he has sent a letter on two different occasions to Metra Industries, located on Park Drive, as to when the site improvements will be completed and still has not received a response. He suggested that a letter be sent from the Township Attorney. Council agreed.

F. Proposals to Complete Landfill Gas Monitoring Relative to Closure Plan Analysis

Township Manager stated that the Department of Environmental Protection requested further sampling in order to continue with the review of the landfill closure plan. Two proposals were presented to the Council for engineering services for their review. Council asked that this item be placed on the next Council meeting agenda.

G. Best Practices Checklist

As stated in Local Finance Notice LFN 2012-18, the State's Fiscal Year 2013 Appropriations Act (P.L. 2012, c.18) requires the Division of Local Government Services to determine how much of each municipality's final 5% allocation of CMPTRA and ETR aid will be disbursed based on the results of a Best Practices Inventory to be completed by each municipality. The Inventory encourages municipalities to embrace practices that promote financial accountability

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and transparency. Township Manager stated that the checklist has been completed and will be submitted to the State. Council and Manager reviewed the checklist. Manager stated that the Township did very well.

H. Local Tax Appeal Liability for 2012

Township Manager stated that the Township did well with regard to tax appeals.

PUBLIC COMMENT (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. No public comment. A motion was made and seconded to close the meeting to the public. All in favor. Motion carried.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: No further comments.

ADJOURNMENT: At approximately 8:30 p.m., a motion was made by Ross to adjourn seconded by Hamilton. All in favor. Motion carried.

Jane Bakalarczyk, RMC/CMC
Municipal Clerk