

**MINUTES OF THE HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
HELD ON JANUARY 27, 2021**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Kaminski at approximately 7:00 P.M. with the opening statement that *the notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act were satisfied with respect to this meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Township of Hardyston which was held both in person and via Zoom webinar. Specifically, the time, date, and public call-in information were included in the meeting notice, posted in the Municipal Building, and on the Township webpage. Additionally, the agenda and public call-in information for this meeting was posted in the Municipal Building and on the Township website.* Also present were: Deputy Mayor Cicerale, Councilman Kula, Councilman Miller, Councilman Verrilli, Manager Carrine Piccolo-Kaufer, and Clerk Jane Bakalarczyk. Township Attorney Fred Semrau of Dorsey & Semrau was present via Zoom.

At this time, Mayor Kaminski and the Council congratulated and thanked former Councilwoman Leslie G. Hamilton for her many years of service to Hardyston Township.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. Swearing-In of Hardyston Township Volunteer Fire Department 2021 Officers

2021 Officers of the Hardyston Township Volunteer Fire Department were sworn in by Mayor Kaminski.

B. Interviews for appointment to the Hardyston Township Planning/Zoning Board

Council held an informal interview with Tony Alfano, Jay Spector and Eric Balinski for an appointment to the Hardyston Township Planning/Zoning Board.

C. 2021 Budget

A preliminary discussion was held regarding the 2021 Municipal Budget regarding revenue projections, property valuation and statutory appropriations.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: None.

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. At this time, JCP&L representative Jackie Espinoza, who was present via Zoom, updated the Council on tree trimming within the Township. A motion was made and seconded to close the meeting to the public. All in favor. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: At approximately 8:10 p.m., a motion was made by Verrilli to adjourn seconded by Miller. All in favor. Motion carried.

Jane Bakalarczyk, RMC/CMC
Municipal Clerk