

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

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Kaminski 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 Cicerale, Councilman Kula, Councilman Miller, Councilman Verrilli, Manager Carrine Piccolo-Kaufner, Clerk Jane Bakalarczyk and Township Attorney Fred Semrau of Dorsey & Semrau.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. Hardyston Township Public Defender Interview

Due to the resignation of the current Public Defender, the Council held an informal interview with John Grey, Esq. for the position of Municipal Public Defender.

B. Manager's Report

Township Manager updated the Council on the following items:

1. Drainage Easement Update – 3 Beach View Court
2. Tax Sale Results
3. Revenue Snapshot
4. Salt Storage Building
5. FEMA Reimbursements

C. Ordinance Discussions

Discussions were held regarding the following ordinances:

1. Ordinance 2021-09 – Amendments to Requirements for Fire Suppression System
2. Ordinance 2021-10 – Amendments to Land Use Fees
3. Ordinance 2021-11 – Amendment to Zoning to Permit Farming as Principal Use

The above ordinances were placed on the agenda for the regular portion of the meeting to follow for Council consideration.

D. Third Party Energy Supplier Bid Results

Township Manager stated that the bid was won by Direct Energy Business (NRG) for the purchase of electricity for certain township facilities.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Deputy Mayor Cicerale suggested updating contact lists for the community groups and homeowner's associations within the township. He also inquired about automatic deposits for payroll for all employees and status reports from the various departments.

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. Resident William Walsh thanked the Council for coming up with a solution to fix his drainage issue by repairing the retaining wall. 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 Kula to adjourn seconded by Cicerale. All in favor. Motion carried.

Jane Bakalarczyk, RMC/CMC
Municipal Clerk