

**MINUTES OF THE HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
HELD ON AUGUST 28, 2024**

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. Stormwater Management Ordinances

Township Manager and Council reviewed and discussed several stormwater management ordinances. The ordinances were placed on the regular agenda to follow for Council consideration.

B. Fire Truck Acquisition

Township Manager and Council discussed the bond ordinance for the purchase of a new fire truck. The ordinance was placed on the regular meeting agenda for Council consideration.

C. Future Workshop Meetings

Township Manager and Council discussed scheduling additional workshop meetings on the second Wednesday of each month for 2025.

D. Meeting Decorum/Public Comment Policy

Township Manager, Council and Township Attorney discussed a proposed statement to be read prior to the public comment portion for future Council meetings.

E. Redevelopment Plan – Block 16, Lot 8.01 & Block 14, Lot 24.01: Amendments to Village Center Ordinance Standards

Township Manager and Council discussed the ordinance and it was placed on the regular meeting agenda for Council consideration.

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.

The following individuals presented public comments:

1. Brian Tobachnick – (Hardyston) Expressed concerns about the Lasinski Road redevelopment project.
2. Michele VanAllen – (Hardyston) Expressed concerns about the Lasinski Road redevelopment project.
3. Edward Rotunda – (Hardyston) Expressed concerns about the Lasinski Road redevelopment project.
4. Nick Demsak – (Hardyston) Expressed concerns about the Lasinski Road redevelopment project and commented on the Fire Truck ordinance.

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5. Franklin Resident - Expressed concerns about the Lasinski Road redevelopment project.
6. Vivian – (Sparta) Expressed concerns about the Lasinski Road redevelopment project.
7. Kathy – (Sparta) Commented on the Sunshine Law.
8. Dave Dreifus – (Hamburg) Requested that the Council waive the raffle license fees for the Wallkill Valley Band Boosters.

A motion was made and seconded to close the meeting to the public. All in favor. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Hardyston on the 28th day of August, 2024, that:

1. Prior to the conclusion of this **Workshop Meeting**, the Township Council shall meet in Executive Session, from which the public shall be excluded, to discuss matters as permitted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12, sub-section (s):
2.
 - () b. (1) Confidential or excluded matters, by express provision of Federal law or State statute or rule of court.
 - () b. (2) A matter in which the release of information would impair a right to receive funds from the Government of the United States.
 - () b. (3) Material the disclosure of which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy.
 - () b. (4) A collective bargaining agreement including negotiations.
 - () b. (5) Purchase, lease or acquisition of real property, setting of banking rates or investment of public funds, where it could adversely affect the public interest if disclosed.
 - () b. (6) Tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public, if disclosure could impair such protection. Investigation of violations of the law.
 - (X) b. (7) Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations other than in subsection b. (4) herein or matters falling within the attorney-client privilege.
 - () b. (8) Personnel matters.
 - () b. (9) Deliberations after a public hearing that may result in penalties.
3. The time when the matter(s) discussed pursuant to Paragraph 1 hereof can be disclosed to the public is as soon as practicable after final resolution of the aforesaid matter(s).

Motion to adopt: Kula
 Seconded by: Verrilli

MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Kula	<u> x </u>	_____	_____	_____
Miller	<u> x </u>	_____	_____	_____
Verrilli	<u> x </u>	_____	_____	_____
Kaminski	<u> x </u>	_____	_____	_____
Cicerale	<u> x </u>	_____	_____	_____

Motion carried.

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A motion was made by Kaminski to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Verrilli. All in favor. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: At approximately 8:45 p.m., a motion was made by Kula to adjourn seconded by Miller. All in favor. Motion carried.

Jane Bakalarczyk, RMC/CMC
Municipal Clerk