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 Verrilli, Councilman Kula, Councilman Miller, Councilman Cicerale, Manager Carrine Piccolo-Kaufer, Clerk Jane Bakalarczyk, and Township Attorney Robert Rossmeissl of Dorsey & Semrau.

SALUTE THE FLAG

CONSENT AGENDA: ALL MATTERS LISTED BELOW ARE CONSIDERED TO BE ROUTINE IN NATURE AND WILL BE ENACTED BY ONE MOTION. THERE WILL BE NO SEPARATE DISCUSSION OF THE ITEMS. IF ANY DISCUSSION IS DESIRED, THAT PARTICULAR ITEM WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA AND WILL BE CONSIDERED SEPARATELY.

Monthly Reports:

- 1. Municipal Clerk Report May 2025
- 2. Tax Collector Report May 2025
- 3. Construction Certificate Activity Report May 2025
- 4. Construction Permit Activity Report Hardyston May 2025
- 5. Construction Permit Activity Report Hamburg May 2025
- 6. Construction Permit Activity Report Franklin May 2025
- 7. Construction Permit Activity Report Newton May 2025
- 8. Construction Permit Activity Report Sussex May 2025
- 9. Construction Permit Activity Report Wantage May 2025
- 10. Police Department Report May 2025
- 11. Municipal Court Report May 2025
- 12. Zoning Officer Report May 2025
- 13. Land Use Report May 2025
- 14. Sussex County Health Department Report May 2025
- 15. Department of Public Works May 2025

Minutes:

1. Regular Minutes of 5/28/25

Agreements/Applications/Licenses:

- 1. Raffles St. Jude The Apostle Church
- 2. Raffles Friends of Robbie, Inc.
- 3. Amusement License Anthony Pignataro Corp. (Tony's Rt. 23)
- 4. Kennel License Renewal The Pet Spa & Resort

A motion was made by Miller to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Verrilli. All in favor. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION: JCP&L – Cozy Lake Project

JCP&L representative Amy Overman and Jack Reid, Cozy Lake Project Manager gave an overview of the NJ Reliability Improvement Plan for Cozy Lake.

MANAGERS REPORT:

Township Manager reported and gave the Council updates on the following:

- In-house custodial services
- Planet Networks
- Server Upgrades
- Housing Element & Fair Share Plan
- Affordable Housing
- Potential new business Davis Road

ORDINANCES	
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ORDINANCES 2ND READING:

2025-04

None

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDYSTON, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY CREATING CHAPTER 126, TEMPORARY OUTDOOR STRUCTURES, OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDYSTON TO ALLOW THE UTILIZATION OF TEMPORARY OUTDOOR STRUCTURES AND TO CREATE A PERMITTING PROCESS FOR THE APPROVAL THEREOF

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Township Council of the Township of Hardyston that the seasonal use of outdoor structures by certain establishments in the Township provides both an economic and quality of life benefit to the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council wishes also to prevent the visual nuisance that can be created by the unregulated and permanent placement of such structures by certain establishments; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council wishes to address these concerns, modifying the Township Municipal Code accordingly.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Hardyston, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 126 of the Township Municipal Code, Temporary Outdoor Structures, is created as follows:

Chapter 126 Temporary Outdoor Structures

Temporary outdoor structures, including temporary outdoor tents, shall be permitted to be placed upon properties in non-residential zones as a conditional use, in accordance with this subsection.

§126-1. Permitted time of year.

Placement of temporary outdoor structures shall be permitted only on a seasonal basis, from April 1st until October 31st annually.

§126-2. Applicable regulations.

Nothing in this Chapter shall exempt the placement and operation of a temporary outdoor structure from any local, state, or federal regulatory obligation that would otherwise apply, including but not limited to compliance with Health Department obligations, local and state fire safety obligations, Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control obligations, and the New Jersey Uniform Construction Code and local Building Department obligations.

§126-3. Construction or alteration of permanent structures prohibited

This Chapter does not permit the construction of or alteration to any building or structure. No changes may be made that alter the existing character of any building or structure.

§126-4. Temporary outdoor structures used for restaurant seating

As concerns temporary outdoor structures utilized for the purpose of restaurant seating, the following standards shall apply:

- A. Temporary outdoor structures utilized for restaurant seating areas can be located upon on relatively level grass areas and in parking lots where an adequate number of parking stalls remain in the opinion of the Township Zoning Officer. Preference should be given to creating outdoor restaurant seating on upon grass areas.
- B. Where a temporary outdoor structure is placed in a parking lot, bollards or other protection structures shall be erected along the perimeters of the outdoor restaurant seating area in order to enhance public safety;
- C. Serving stations and a host podium may be located within a temporary outdoor structure utilized for a restaurant seating area;
- The proposed hours of operation of a temporary outdoor structure used for restaurant seating will be included in the temporary outdoor structure application;
- E. No temporary outdoor structure may be located within an approved restaurant delivery area/loading zone;
- F. As concerns temporary outdoor structure applications for use as restaurant seating, a drawing of the proposed outdoor restaurant seating area must accompany the application. This drawing shall show the location and size of all proposed tables and chairs and distances to other tables and chairs and distances from any other structures such as a host podium and serving stations. Where available, the sketch shall be superimposed upon an existing site plan drawing or survey.
- G. This subsection applies only to establishments already approved to operate as a restaurant.

§126-5. Permitting process for temporary outdoor structures

Permit applications for construction and operation of a temporary outdoor structure shall be made to the Township Zoning Officer on forms prescribed and issued by the Zoning Officer, pursuant to the following terms:

- A. The permit shall be valid only on a seasonal basis, from April 1st until October 31st annually.
- B. Cost for the annual permit shall be \$100.

C. The Township Zoning Officer shall have 30 days to approve or deny a permit application and, as necessary, may consult the Township Manager and Chief of Police, who also shall have the power to deny approval of a permit for any reason, including to protect the health, safety and welfare of the general public.

§126-6. Penalties.

Any person(s) who violates any of the provisions of Article XIX shall be subject to the penalties set forth in the Township's General Penalty Ordinance, Chapter 1, of the Township Code of Ordinances, and each day that the violation persists shall be considered a separate and distinct offense. The Municipal Court shall have jurisdiction to enforce and collect any such penalty imposed in a summary manner and in accordance with the Penalty Enforcement Law, N.J.S.A. 2A:58-1, et seq.

SECTION 2. If any section, sub-section, paragraph, sentence or any other part of this ordinance is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of this ordinance.

SECTION 3. All ordinances of the Township of Hardyston which are inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance may be renumbered for purposes of codification.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage, approval and publication as required by law.

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. A motion was made by Miller to approve Ordinance 2025-04 on second reading, seconded by Kula. All in favor. Motion carried.

2025-05

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDYSTON, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING ARTICLE XIX, SIGNS, OF CHAPTER 185, ZONING, OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDYSTON TO REMOVE AND REVISE CERTAIN OBSOLETE AND DUPLICATIVE PROVISIONS

A motion was made by Kula to carry Ordinance 2025-05 to a future meeting, seconded by Verrilli. All in favor. Motion carried.

2025-06

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDYSTON, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING ARTICLE III, SUPPLEMENTARY ZONE DISTRICT REGULATIONS, OF CHAPTER 185, ZONING, OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDYSTON TO SUPPLEMENT REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE PARKING OF RECREATIONAL VEHICLES AT SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCES

A motion was made by Kula to carry Ordinance 2025-06 to a future meeting, seconded by Verrilli. All in favor. Motion carried.

2025-07

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING MUNICIPAL CONSENT FOR THE OPERATION OF A CABLE TELEVISION SYSTEM WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDYSTON, NEW JERSEY TO CSC TKR, LLC

A motion was made by Kula to carry Ordinance 2025-07 to a future meeting, seconded by Verrilli. All in favor. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Township Manager reported and gave the Council updates on the following:

- A. 3490 Rt. 94 Redevelopment Site
- B. Street Lighting
- C. First Aid Squad Building
- D. Solar Project Lasinski Road

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Tax Collector Resolution
 - 1. Resolution #42-25 Lien Redemption 19 Eagles Nest Lane Block 17.03, Lot 1.02, Q C1604

RESOLUTION #42-25

WHEREAS, at the Municipal Tax Sale held on October 9, 2024, a lien was sold on Block 17.03 Lot 1.02 Qualification C1604, also known as 19 Eagles Nest Lane, for 2023 water and sewer charges; and,

WHEREAS, this lien, known as Tax Sale Certificate #2024-004, was sold to Clemente Enterprises, LLC, for a 0% redemption fee and \$700.00 premium,

WHEREAS, Cotality, on behalf of the mortgage lender, has affected redemption for Certificate #2024-004 in the amount of \$3,148.49.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Hardyston that the Treasurer be authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$3,148.49 payable to Clemente Enterprises, LLC, for the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #2024-004.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Treasurer be authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$700.00 (Premium) to the aforementioned lien holder.

A motion was made by Kula to approve the resolution as presented, seconded by Verrilli. All in favor. Motion carried.

B. Resolution #43-25 – Resolution authorizing the disposal of surplus property

RESOLUTION #43-25

A Resolution Authorizing the Disposal of Surplus Property

WHEREAS, the Hardyston Township is the owner of certain surplus property which is no longer needed for public use; and

WHEREAS, the Hardyston Township Council is desirous of selling said surplus property in an "as is" condition without express or implied warranties.

NOW THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED by the Hardyston Township Council, as follows:

- (1) The sale of the surplus property shall be conducted through Municibid pursuant to State Contract T2581 in accordance with the terms and conditions of the State Contract. The terms and conditions of the agreement entered into with Municibid is available online at Municibid.com and also available from Hardyston Township.
- (2) The sale will be conducted online and the address of the auction site is Municibid.com.
- (3) The sale is being conducted pursuant to Local Finance Notice 2008-9.
- (4) A list of the surplus property to be sold is as follows:

2003	Sterling L8513	VIN# 2FZAAWBS23AL80702
2011	Ford Crown Vic	VIN# 2FABP7BV2BX114419
1990	Case IH 385	VIN# B470005B022645
1999	Sterling L8513	VIN# 2FZ6MLBB6YAB43068

- (5) The surplus property as identified shall be sold in an "as-is" condition without express or implied warranties with the successful bidder required to execute a Hold Harmless and Indemnification Agreement concerning use of said surplus property.
- (6) Hardyston Township reserves the right to accept or reject any bid submitted.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

A motion was made by Kula to approve the resolution as presented, seconded by Verrilli. All in favor. Motion carried.

 C. Resolution #44-25 – NJ Department of Community Affairs LEAP Implementation Grant
 Resolution FY25

RESOLUTION #44-25

NJ DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS LEAP IMPLEMENTATION GRANT RESOLUTION FY25

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey has appropriated \$6 million for Shared Services and Implementation, Challenge, and County Coordinator Grants to assist local units with the study, development, and implementation of new shared and regional services; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services (DLGS) is tasked with administering these grant funds through the Local Efficiency Achievement Program (LEAP); and

WHEREAS, LEAP Implementation Grants exist to support costs associated with shared service implementation to ensure that meaningful, efficiency generating initiatives are not hindered by short term transitional expenses; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Vernon, the Township of Lafayette, the Township of Hardyston, the Borough of Hamburg, the Borough of Franklin, the Township of Montague, and

the Borough of Ogdensburg have entered into shared services agreements, but face certain expenses associated with implementation that present a burden to the local units; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of these shared services agreements is to provide animal control services, which involve providing temporary housing for animals collected in the course of the agreement;

WHEREAS, it is ideal to have a quarantine unit for newly retrieved animals to mitigate any spread of communicable diseases within the shelter population, this agreement would allow for the construction of new quarantine units in the Vernon Animal Shelter, which will benefit the residents of all participating local units; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Vernon has agreed to be the lead agency in this program and will submit the application to DLGS on behalf of all participating units; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey has made LEAP grants available to assist local units to study, develop and implement new shared services initiatives; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the <u>Township of Hardyston</u> that the <u>Township of Hardyston</u> does hereby join with the Township of Vernon in applying for a LEAP Implementation Grant in the amount of \$213,750 to support implementation of this shared service.

A motion was made by Kula to approve the resolution as presented, seconded by Miller. All in favor. Motion carried.

D. Resolution #45-25 – Resolution to participate in the Union County Cooperative Pricing
Agreement

RESOLUTION #45-25

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDYSTON AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP TO PARTICIPATE IN THE UNION COUNTY COOPERATIVE PRICING AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et. seq. authorizes contracting units to enter into Cooperative Pricing Agreements; and

WHEREAS, the County of Union hereinafter referred to as "the Lead Agency" has offered voluntary participation in a renewal participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the purchase of work, materials and supplies; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Hardyston in the County of Sussex desires to participate in the Union County Cooperative Pricing Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Hardyston, in the County of Sussex, State of New Jersey that the Township Council authorizes the Township of Hardyston to participate in the Union County Cooperative Pricing Agreement and execute a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the County of Union upon its approval by the Division of Local Government Services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County of Union as Lead Agency is expected to comply with the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law (<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 40A:11-1 et. seq. and all of the provisions of the revised statutes of the State of New Jersey).

A motion was made by Kula to approve the resolution as presented, seconded by Miller. All in favor. Motion carried.

E. Resolution #46-25 – Resolution authorizing the public display of fireworks at Hardyston

Day on September 5, 2025 (Rain Date September 6th)

RESOLUTION #46-25

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PUBLIC DISPLAY OF FIREWORKS AT HARDYSTON DAY ON SEPTEMBER 5, 2025 (RAIN DATE SEPTEMBER 6th)

WHEREAS, the Hardyston Township Recreation Committee has submitted an application to the Hardyston Township Council for permission for the public display of fireworks on September 5, 2025 (rain date - September 6, 2025) in conjunction with the Township's Hardyston Day events; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Hardyston has adequate insurance coverage for the day of the event,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Hardyston Township Council, in accordance with Chapter 94 of the Hardyston Township Code regarding "Fire Prevention" and the Uniform Fire Code, that permission is hereby granted to the Hardyston Township Recreation Committee for the public display of fireworks on September 5, 2025; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hardyston Township Recreation Committee must obtain a permit from the Hardyston Township Fire Official and comply with all requirements imposed by the Hardyston Township Fire Official. Failure to obtain a permit or adhere to all of the said requirements will render this permission null and void and subject to enforcement proceedings, fines and penalties as permitted by law. A certified copy of this Resolution shall be provided to the Hardyston Township Fire Official.

A motion was made by Verrilli to approve the resolution, seconded by Kula. All in favor. Motion carried.

- F. Resolution #47-25 2025 2026 Annual Liquor License Renewal
 - Stone Hill Recreation SPE LLC #1911-33-006-012 (The Crystal Tavern, Restaurant La Tour, The Wine Cellar, Vista 180 Café)

RESOLUTION #47-25

HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL

WHEREAS, the following Liquor License is to be renewed effective July 1, 2025, for a one year period; and

WHEREAS, all necessary fees and documentation have been properly filed with the Hardyston Township Municipal Clerk; and

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Liquor License shall be renewed for a period of one year effective July 1, 2025 for the following license holder.

1. Stone Hill Recreation SPE LLC - #1911-33-006-012

A motion was made by Verrilli to approve the resolution as presented, seconded by Miller. All in favor. Motion carried.

- G. Resolution #48-25 2025 2026 Annual Liquor License Renewal
 - Stone Hill Recreation SPE LLC #1911-36-007-004 (Grand Cascades Lodge The Springs Bistro, The Biosphere Café, The Chef's Garden)

RESOLUTION #48-25

HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL

WHEREAS, the following Liquor License is to be renewed effective July 1, 2025, for a one year period; and

WHEREAS, all necessary fees and documentation have been properly filed with the Hardyston Township Municipal Clerk; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Liquor License shall be renewed for a period of one year effective July 1, 2025 for the following license holder.

1. Stone Hill Recreation SPE LLC - #1911-36-007-004

A motion was made by Verrilli to approve the resolution as presented, seconded by Miller. All in favor. Motion carried.

- H. Resolution #49-25 2025 2026 Annual Liquor License Renewal
 - Stone Hill Recreation SPE LLC #1911-33-005-010 (Owen's Pub)

RESOLUTION #49-25

HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL

WHEREAS, the following Liquor License is to be renewed effective July 1, 2025, for a one year period; and

WHEREAS, all necessary fees and documentation have been properly filed with the Hardyston Township Municipal Clerk; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Liquor License shall be renewed for a period of one year effective July 1, 2025 for the following license holder.

1. Stone Hill Recreation SPE LLC – #1911-33-005-010

A motion was made by Verrilli to approve the resolution as presented, seconded by Miller. All in favor. Motion carried.

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I. Resolution #50-25 – 2025 – 2026 Annual Liquor License Renewal

• Hamburg Golf Course Beverage, Inc. - #1911-33-002-011 (Pocket License)

RESOLUTION #50-25

HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL

WHEREAS, the following Liquor License is to be renewed effective July 1, 2025, for a one year period; and

WHEREAS, all necessary fees and documentation have been properly filed with the Hardyston Township Municipal Clerk; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Liquor License shall be renewed for a period of one year effective July 1, 2025 for the following license holder and the license continues to be inactive.

1. Hamburg Golf Course Beverage, Inc. - #1911-33-002-011

A motion was made by Verrilli to approve the resolution as presented, seconded by Miller. All in favor. Motion carried.

- J. Resolution #51-25 2025 2026 Annual Liquor License Renewal
 - Anthony Pignataro Corp. #1911-33-004-006 Tony's Pizza Rt. 23

RESOLUTION #51-25

HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL

WHEREAS, the following Liquor License is to be renewed effective July 1, 2025, for a one year period; and

WHEREAS, all necessary fees and documentation have been properly filed with the Hardyston Township Municipal Clerk; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Liquor License shall be renewed for a period of one year effective July 1, 2025 for the following license holders.

1. Anthony Pignataro Corp. – #1911-33-004-006

A motion was made by Verrilli to approve the resolution as presented, seconded by Miller. All in favor. Motion carried.

- K. Resolution #52-25 2025 2026 Annual Liquor License Renewal
 - RBAA, LLC #1911-44-003-010 Sussex County Discount Wine & Liquor Rt. 94

RESOLUTION #52-25

HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL

WHEREAS, the following Liquor License is to be renewed effective July 1, 2025, for a one year period; and

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WHEREAS, all necessary fees and documentation have been properly filed with the Hardyston Township Municipal Clerk; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Liquor License shall be renewed for a period of one year effective July 1, 2025 for the following license holders.

1. RBAA, LLC - #1911-44-003-010

A motion was made by Verrilli to approve the resolution as presented, seconded by Miller. All in favor. Motion carried.

- L. Tax Collector Resolution
 - 1. Resolution #53-25 Lien Redemption 22 Greenhill Road Rear Block 14, Lot 32

RESOLUTION #53-25

WHEREAS, at the Municipal Tax Sale held on October 11, 2023, a lien was sold on Block 14 Lot 32, also known as 22 Greenhill Road Rear, for 2022 property taxes; and,

WHEREAS, this lien, known as Tax Sale Certificate #2023-002, was sold to Getro Maceno, for a 16% redemption fee and \$0.00 premium,

WHEREAS, Cotality, on behalf of the mortgage lender, has affected redemption for Certificate #2023-002 in the amount of \$543.00.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Hardyston that the Treasurer be authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$543.00 payable to Getro Maceno, for the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #2023-002.

A motion was made by Kula to approve the resolution as presented, seconded by Miller. All in favor. Motion carried.

M. Resolution #54-25 – Salary Resolution Amendment

RESOLUTION #54-25

2025 SALARY & WAGES FOR TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES

BE IT RESOLVED by the Hardyston Township Council that the annual salaries and wages shall be paid as follows effective July 1, 2025:

<u>Position</u> <u>Hourly Salary</u>

Summer Seasonal Laborer - Part Time

\$16.00/hour

A motion was made by Verrilli to approve the resolution as presented, seconded by Miller. All in favor. Motion carried.

N. Resolution #55-25 – Chapter 159 - 2025 Local Recreation Improvement Grant

RESOLUTION #55-25

SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION - CHAPTER 159

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have

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been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item appropriation for an equal amount, and

WHEREAS, the Township of Hardyston has been awarded \$60,500.00 from The New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, for the Local Recreation Improvement Grant and wishes to amend its 2025 budget to include this amount as a revenue;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Township of Hardyston hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2025 in the sum of \$60,500.00 which is now available as a revenue from:

Miscellaneous Revenues:

Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of the Director of Local Government Services:

Public and Private Revenues Off-Set with Appropriations:

New Jersey Department of Community Affairs- Local Recreation Improvement Grant, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$60,500.00 be and hereby appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations

(a) Operations Excluded from "CAPS"

Public and Private Programs Off-Set by Revenues:

New Jersey Department of Community Affairs- Local Recreation Improvement Grant

A motion was made by Kula to approve the resolution as presented, seconded by Miller. All in favor. Motion carried.

O. Resolution #56-25 – Chapter 159 – National Fitness Campaign Award

RESOLUTION #56-25

SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION - CHAPTER 159

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item appropriation for an equal amount, and

WHEREAS, the Township of Hardyston has been awarded \$40,000.00 from The National Fitness Campaign Grant Committee, for the 2025 Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield Grant and wishes to amend its 2025 budget to include this amount as a revenue;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Township of Hardyston hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2025 in the sum of \$40,000.00 which is now available as a revenue from:

Miscellaneous Revenues:

Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with

Prior Written Consent of the Director of Local Government

Services:

Public and Private Revenues Off-Set with Appropriations:

National Fitness Campaign Committee - 2025 Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield Grant, and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$40,000.00 be and hereby appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations

(a)Operations Excluded from "CAPS"

Public and Private Programs Off-Set by Revenues:

National Fitness Campaign Committee - 2025 Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield Grant

A motion was made by Kula to approve the resolution as presented, seconded by Verrilli. All in favor. Motion carried.

P. Resolution #57-25 – Resolution authorizing a contract for the purchase of fitness court equipment through the National Fitness Campaign Grant to National Fitness Campaign, LP

RESOLUTION #57-25

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDYSTON, COUNTY OF SUSSEX AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF A FITNESS COURT FROM NATIONAL FITNESS CAMPAIGN

WHEREAS, the Township of Hardyston wishes to purchase and install an outdoor Fitness Court for public use, for the benefit of residents' physical and mental health (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Township has applied for and been awarded a Local Recreation Improvement Grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for advancement of the Project, in the amount of \$60,500 (the "LRIG"); and

WHEREAS, the Township has applied for and been awarded a grant from the Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey and National Fitness Campaign for advancement of the Project, in the amount of \$40,000 (the "BCBS/NFC Grant"); and

WHEREAS, the total cost of the Project shall not exceed \$250,500 ("Project Cost"), and shall be defrayed by the aforementioned grants, bringing the remainder of the Project Cost to \$150,000; and

WHEREAS, the Township continues to seek addition sponsors for the Project to further defray the Project Cost; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative, in the meantime, that the Township approve the Project, so as to take advantage of the NFC Grant, which is time-sensitive; and

WHEREAS, the Township wishes, accordingly, to proceed at this time with the purchase of the Fitness Court equipment (the "Equipment"); and

WHEREAS, the Equipment must be furnished by National Fitness Campaign, LP, as National Fitness Campaign, LP is the only vendor that can provide the required Equipment, which:

- 1) entails a specialized fitness program;
- 2) is part of an integrated digital ecosystem, including a mobile app for residents;
- 3) caters to the specifications of the BCBS/NFC grant; and

WHEREAS, the contract for purchase of the Equipment (the "Contract") is being awarded, accordingly, without public advertising and competitive bidding, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11.5(1)(a)(ii), Extraordinary Unspecifiable Services, as it is specialized and qualitative in nature, requiring expertise, extensive training and proven reputation in the field of endeavor; and

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WHEREAS, the Contract is subject to appropriate notice and completion of required paperwork pursuant to the provisions of <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 19:44A-20.1 et seq; and

WHEREAS, the Township Manager has provided the Governing Body with a Standard Certification Declaration For An Extraordinary Unspecifiable Service, pursuant

to <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 5:34-2.3(b) and in the form prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services; and

WHEREAS, approval of the Contract is contingent upon National Fitness Campaign, LP having completed and submitted its:

- Business Entity Disclosure Certification, which certifies that it has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Township of Hardyston in the previous year and the contract will prohibit it from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.8
- 2. Political Contribution Disclosure Form pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.26
- 3. Valid New Jersey Business Registration Certification

WHEREAS, the installation of the Equipment will be done by a separate vendor in accordance with New Jersey Prevailing Wage Laws.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Hardyston, that the Township Mayor, Manager, and Clerk are authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to enter into a contract for the purchase of a Fitness Court from National Fitness Campaign, LP, in an amount not to exceed \$195,000 with \$40,000 of the cost to be covered by the Township's Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey and National Fitness Campaign grant, and \$60,500 of the cost to be covered by the Township's Local Recreation Improvement Grant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that execution of the contract shall be subject to final approval of the Township Manager and Township attorney.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a notice of this action shall be placed in an official newspaper pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) and N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(a)(2).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution and the supporting documents shall be maintained in the Office of the Clerk of the Township of Hardyston and be available for public inspection.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution shall be sent to National Fitness Campaign, LP, at its address of P.O. Box 2367, San Francisco, CA, 94133-9413.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

A motion was made by Kula to approve the resolution as presented, seconded by Miller. All in favor. Motion carried.

Q. Resolution #58-25 – Shared Service Agreements – Fire Prevention - Sparta Township

RESOLUTION #58-25

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDYSTON, COUNTY OF SUSSEX AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR FIRE PREVENTION SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Township of Hardyston ("Hardyston") and the Township of Sparta ("Sparta") desire to enter into a shared services agreement (the "Shared Services Agreement") for the provision by Hardyston of Fire Prevention Services to Sparta; and

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WHEREAS, pursuant to the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq., municipalities are permitted to enter into such shared services agreements; and

WHEREAS, Hardyston has determined that it has the capacity to provide Fire Prevention Services to Sparta pursuant to the terms of the Shared Services Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Hardyston recognizes the potential cost benefits of entering into the Shared Services Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council has reviewed the Shared Services Agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto, and finds execution of same to be in the best interests of the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council wishes to authorize execution of the Agreement, pending approval by the New Jersey Division of Fire Safety.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Hardyston that, contingent upon approval by the New Jersey Division of Fire Safety, the Township Manager and Clerk be authorized to enter into the Shared Services Agreement between the Township of Hardyston and the Township of Sparta, whereby the Township of Hardyston shall provide Fire Prevention Services to the Township of Sparta, for a term to commence July 1, 2025, or as soon thereafter as the Agreement is approved by the New Jersey Division of Fire Safety, and to terminate December 31, 2029.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, pursuant to the Shared Services Agreement, costs shall be assessed to the Township of Sparta by the Township of Hardyston pursuant to Articles VI, VII, and VIII of the Shared Services Agreement, attached.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall be attached to the Shared Services Agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of the Shared Services Agreement shall be maintained in the Office of the Clerk of the Township of Hardyston and be available for public inspection.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution and the Shared Services Agreement shall be filed, for informational purposes, with the Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services, pursuant to rules and regulations promulgated by the Division.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

A motion was made by Kula to approve the resolution as presented, seconded by Miller. All in favor. Motion carried.

R. Resolution #59-25 – Shared Service Agreements – Fire Prevention - Byram Township

RESOLUTION #59-25

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDYSTON, COUNTY OF SUSSEX AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR FIRE PREVENTION SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Township of Hardyston ("Hardyston") and the Township of Byram ("Byram") desire to enter into a shared services agreement (the "Shared Services Agreement") for the provision by Hardyston of Fire Prevention Services to Byram; and MINUTES OF THE HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON JUNE 25, 2025

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq., municipalities are permitted to enter into such shared services agreements; and

WHEREAS, Hardyston has determined that it has the capacity to provide Fire Prevention Services to Byram pursuant to the terms of the Shared Services Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Hardyston recognizes the potential cost benefits of entering into the Shared Services Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council has reviewed the Shared Services Agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto, and finds execution of same to be in the best interests of the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council wishes to authorize execution of the Agreement, pending approval by the New Jersey Division of Fire Safety.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Hardyston that, contingent upon approval by the New Jersey Division of Fire Safety, the Township Manager and Clerk be authorized to enter into the Shared Services Agreement between the Township of Hardyston and the Township of Byram, whereby the Township of Hardyston shall provide Fire Prevention Services to the Township of Byram, for a term to commence July 1, 2025, , or as soon thereafter as the Agreement is approved by the New Jersey Division of Fire Safety, and to terminate December 31, 2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, pursuant to the Shared Services Agreement, costs shall be assessed to the Township of Byram by the Township of Hardyston pursuant to Articles VI, VII, and VIII of the Shared Services Agreement, attached.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall be attached to the Shared Services Agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of the Shared Services Agreement shall be maintained in the Office of the Clerk of the Township of Hardyston and be available for public inspection.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution and the Shared Services Agreement shall be filed, for informational purposes, with the Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services, pursuant to rules and regulations promulgated by the Division.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

A motion was made by Kula to approve the resolution as presented, seconded by Miller. All in favor. Motion carried.

S. Resolution #60-25 – Resolution conditionally approving the Township's Fourth Round

Affordable Housing Trust Fund Spending Plan

RESOLUTION #60-25

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDYSTON, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY CONDITIONALLY APPROVING THE TOWNSHIP'S FOURTH ROUND AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND SPENDING PLAN

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WHEREAS, the Township of Hardyston (hereinafter "Township" or "Hardyston") has an approved Development Fee Ordinance which sets forth standards for the collection, maintenance, and expenditure of development fees; and

WHEREAS, the Development Fee Ordinance established an Affordable Housing Trust Fund that includes development fees, payments from developers in lieu of constructing affordable units on-site, barrier free escrow funds, rental income, repayments for affordable housing program loans, recapture funds, proceeds from the sale of affordable units, and/or funds collected in connection with the Township's affordable housing program; and

WHEREAS, the Township's current Affordable Housing Trust Fund Spending Plan was approved by the Court in 2016 as part of the Township's Third Round Affordable Housing declaratory judgment action entitled: In the Matter of the Application of the Township of Hardyston, under Docket No.: SSX-L-431-15 (the "2015 Action"); and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2024, Governor Murphy signed into law P.L. 2024, c.2, which amended the 1985 New Jersey Fair Housing Act (hereinafter the "FHA-2") which governs how municipalities will comply with their affordable housing obligations for the Fourth Round (2025-2035); and

WHEREAS, the Administrative Office of the Courts issued Directive #14-24 ("AOC Directive #14-24), setting forth additional instructions as to how municipalities file their compliance documents with the Affordable Housing Dispute Resolution Program ("the Program"); and

WHEREAS, the Township has prepared a proposed Fourth Round Spending Plan consistent with the FHA-2, AOC Directive #14-24, and applicable regulations, which projects anticipated revenues to the Township's Affordable Housing Trust Fund and describes the anticipated expenditures of funds; and

WHEREAS, presently the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Planning Services, has proposed new rules, entitled the "Fair Housing Act Rules" which regulate affordable housing trust funds and what is deemed acceptable and unacceptable uses of such funds, however, the statutory required rulemaking process for these rules remains ongoing and final adoption, publication and the effective date for same has not yet occurred; and

WHEREAS, on June 12, 2025 the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency apparently approved new revisions to the current version of the emergency amendments to the Housing Affordability Controls previously adopted on December 20, 2024, and which sets forth monetary ranges related to the expenditure of affordable housing trust funds for the continued preservation of each municipality's existing affordable housing stock, and which regulations have yet to be made available to the public and are unpublished; and

WHEREAS, at the same time the Township remains obligated to meet a June 30th deadline imposed by the State to adopt a spending plan that complies with the very same regulations that the above-referenced State agencies have failed to timely publish and adopt in accordance with the statutorily mandated rulemaking process, which has led to great deal of uncertainty and confusion at the local government level.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Hardyston, in the County of Morris, and State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Township Council of the Township of Hardyston hereby conditionally approves the Fourth Round Spending Plan of the Township, subject to the Township's reservation of its right to amend same following completion of the statutorily mandated rulemaking process, including publication, public comment and final adoption of the "Fair Housing Act Rules" and "Housing Affordability

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- 2. Controls" by the Division of Local Planning Services and the Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency, respectively.
- 3. The Township Affordable Housing Counsel is hereby directed to file this resolution and the Township's proposed Fourth Round Spending Plan with the

Program and the Court in the Township's pending declaratory judgment action entitled: <u>In re Application of the Township of Hardyston</u>, Docket No.: SSX-L-00054-25 (Township's "2025 Action").

- 4. The Township Affordable Housing Counsel, Municipal Planner, and all other appropriate officials, employees and other professionals of the Township are hereby authorized and directed to take any and all steps necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Resolution such that the Township maintains its immunity from exclusionary zoning and builder's remedy litigation.
- 5. The Township further reserves the right to amend and supplement its Fourth Round Spending Plan in accordance with applicable law should such further amendments be required or necessary.
- This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

A motion was made by Kula to approve the resolution as presented, seconded by Miller. All in favor. Motion carried.

T. Resolution #61-25 – Resolution endorsing the 2025 Housing Element and Fair Share Plan adopted by the Township of Hardyston Planning Board on June 24, 2025

RESOLUTION #61-25

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDYSTON, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY ENDORSING THE 2025 HOUSING ELEMENT AND FAIR SHARE PLAN ADOPTED BY THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDYSTON PLANNING BOARD ON JUNE 24, 2025

WHEREAS, in 2024 the New Jersey Legislature amended the New Jersey Fair Housing Act, N.J.S.A. 52:27D-301 et seq., through the adoption of P.L. 2024, c.2 ("FHA" or "FHA-2"); and

WHEREAS, P.L. 2024, c. 2 abolished the Council on Affordable Housing (COAH), created the Affordable Housing Dispute Resolution Program ("Program") and establishes new procedures and deadlines for municipalities to come into compliance with the FHA and the *Mount Laurel* doctrine for each future ten-year affordable housing round beginning with the Fourth Round, which starts on July 1, 2025 and ends on June 30, 2035; and

WHEREAS, in December 2024 the Administrative Office of the Courts issued Directive #14-24, which sets forth additional procedures all municipalities must follow to be in compliance with the FHA in order to maintain immunity from exclusionary zoning and builder's remedy litigation through the Program process set forth in P.L. 2024, c.2; and

WHEREAS, amongst other things, Directive #14-24 and P.L. 2024, c. 2, require each municipality to adopt a binding resolution setting forth its Fourth-Round present and prospective need obligations and file a declaratory judgment action with the Program through the New Jersey e-courts system by no later than February 3, 2025, and thereafter each municipality must adopt a Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan and file same with the Program on or before June 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, in compliance with P.L. 2024, c. 2 and Directive #14-24, the Township of Hardyston timely adopted a resolution setting forth the Township's pre-credited/unadjusted Fourth Round affordable housing obligations on January 22, 2025 MINUTES OF THE HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON JUNE 25, 2025

and on January 24, 2025 the Township timely uploaded same to the Program and filed a declaratory judgment action with the Program, which is entitled: <u>In re Application of the Township of Hardyston</u>, Docket No.: SSX-L- 000054-25 (Township's "2025 Action"); and

WHEREAS, on May 5, 2025 Morris/Sussex County Mount Laurel Judge, the Honorable Janine M. Allen, J.S.C., issued an Order in the Township's 2025 Action fixing the Township's Fourth Round pre-credited/unadjusted Present Need Obligation at "22" and gross Prospective Need Obligation at "647" and which such Order directs the Township to adopt its Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan and upload same to the Program on or before June 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the requirements of Directive #14-24 and P.L. 2024, c.2, and the above-referenced Order issued by Judge Allen in the Township's 2025 Action, the Township's Affordable Housing Planner has since prepared the Township's 2025 Housing Element and Fair Share Plan; and

WHEREAS, on timely prior notice to the public, on June 24, 2025, the Township of Hardyston Planning Board adopted the Township's 2025 Housing Element and Fair Share Plan following a public hearing thereon, all in accordance with the requirements of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., N.J.S.A. 40:49-2.1 of the Home Rule Act and the applicable provisions of the Municipal Land Use Law, N.J.S.A. 40:55D-1 et seq., and the Fair Housing Act, N.J.S.A. 52:27D-301 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Hardyston has since reviewed the 2025 Housing Element and Fair Share Plan, and now desires to endorse the 2025 Housing Element and Fair Share Plan, as previously adopted by the Planning Board of the Township of Hardyston on June 24, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Hardyston, in the County of Morris, and State of New Jersey, as follows:

- The Township does hereby endorse the 2025 Housing Element and Fair Share Plan, as adopted by the Township of Hardyston Planning Board on June 24, 2025, a copy of the 2025 Housing Element and Fair Share Plan and Hardyston Township Planning Board Resolution are annexed hereto at Exhibits "A" and "B" respectively.
- 2. The Township Municipal Attorney is hereby directed to file the Township's 2025 Housing Element and Fair Share Plan, this Resolution and all relevant supporting documentation and exhibits with the Program in the Township's 2025 Action in accordance with the requirements of Directive #14-24 and P.L. 2024, c. 2.
- 3. Should any challenge to the Township's 2025 Housing Element and Fair Share Plan be filed, the Township Affordable Housing Counsel and Municipal Planner/Engineer are hereby directed to defend the Township against such challenge(s) and take all necessary steps in furtherance of such defense.
- 4. The Township Affordable Housing Counsel, Municipal Planner, and all other appropriate officials, employees and other professionals of the Township are hereby authorized and directed to take any and all steps necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Resolution such that the Township maintains its immunity from exclusionary zoning and builder's remedy litigation and ultimately secures a "Compliance Certification" or Final Judgment of Compliance and Repose from the Program or Court, respectively.
- 5. A certified copy of this Resolution and the Township's 2025 Housing Element and Fair Share Plan shall remain on file in the Township Municipal Clerk's Office for the purpose of public inspection, and the Township Municipal Clerk is further directed to upload this Resolution and the Housing Element and Fair Share Plan to the Township's website in accordance with the requirements of the FHA and Directive #14-24.

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6. The Township further reserves the right to amend the 2025 Housing Element and Fair Share Plan in accordance with applicable law should such further amendments be required or necessary.

- 7. Notice of this action shall be published in the official newspaper for the Township of Hardyston should such publication be required in accordance with applicable law
- 8. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

A motion was made by Kula to approve the resolution as presented, seconded by Verrilli. All in favor. Motion carried.

U. Resolution #62-25 - Resolution Adopting Regulations for Vendor Certifications

RESOLUTION #62-25 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDYSTON ADOPTING THE REGULATIONS OF PL 2016, C29: VENDOR CERTIFICATIONS (NJAC 5:30-9A.6)

WHEREAS, on August 18, 2016 the State of NJ legislature adopted PL 2016, CH 29 which would allow local units to exercise greater flexibility on when to require a vendor certification prior to paying claims; and

WHEREAS, the Local Finance Board adopted the rules and regulations that the local units must adhere to in order to enact the provisions of the law; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:30-9A.6 allows that municipalities may by resolution set forth the circumstances when they will or will not require a vendor (claimant) signature on a purchase order; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has determined that the following circumstances be applied with respect to this act

Vendor Certification Required (stamp, fax, electronic or wet is acceptable)	Vendor Signature not Required (rule language)
Employee Reimbursements	Vendors who are paid through technologies
For Services provided exclusively and entirely by an individual or professional service	Vendors who do not provide certifications part of the normal course of business
Refund of municipal revenue	Debt Service
Retiree reimbursements	Non-Municipal Taxes
Individual/ sole proprietor or single member LLC	Utilities regulated by tariff
Any situation deemed necessary by the CFO or his designee	Professional Development expenses

NOW, THERFORE BE IT RESOLVED on the 25th day of June, 2025, by the Township of Hardyston, State of New Jersey, that the above vendor claimant circumstances recommended by the Chief Financial Officer be enacted effective June 26, 2025.

A motion was made by Kula to approve the resolution as presented, seconded by Miller. All in favor. Motion carried.

V. Board Appointment – Recreation Committee

The Council held an informal interview with Jessica Papp for a position on the Recreation Committee. Her appointment will be placed on the July agenda for Council consideration.

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- W. Correspondence
 - 1. Jefferson Township

- 2. Lafayette Township
- 3. Hampton Township
- 4. Vernon Township
- 5. Hamburg Borough
- 6. Sparta Township
- 7. Franklin Borough
- 8. West Milford Township
- 9. West Milford Township
- 10. State of NJ
- 11. State of NJ
- 12. NJDEP
- 13. Greenport Holdings, LLC
- 14. SRG Remediation Group

A motion was made by Kula to approve the correspondence as presented, seconded by Verrilli. All in favor. Motion carried.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilman Kaminski suggested passing a resolution to waive the municipal portion of the fee to obtain a concealed carry permit. Township Attorney stated that he will research further.

Councilman Miller stated that the Economic Development Commission is looking into ways of revitalizing the Stockholm section of the Township. He stated that he has been getting complaints about the condition of some of the commercial properties. He also asked the Township Manager to reach out to the NJDOT to see if they could re-do some of the striping at the intersection of Holland Mountain Road and Route 23.

Councilman Kula announced that the Summer Concerts in the Park will be held every Saturday in July.

Councilman Cicerale inquired as to what will be done with the water run-off problem at 2 Fox Trail in the Deer Trail section of the Township.

BILLS TO BE PAID: A motion was made by Verrilli to approve the bill list of 6/11/25 in the amount of \$1,698,265.14 and the bill list of 6/25/25 in the amount of \$673,162.27, which includes payroll for pay period ending 6/15/25 and 6/30/25 as presented, seconded by Miller. All in favor. Motion carried.

PUBLIC PORTION: A motion was made and seconded to open the meeting to the public. All in favor. Motion carried. Franklin Borough Council Member Concetto Formica stated that the Franklin Borough Council passed a resolution to waive the municipal portion of the fee to obtain a concealed carry permit and urged the Hardyston Township Council to consider doing the same. A motion was made and seconded to close the meeting to the public. All in favor. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Kula to adjourn at approximately 8:30 p.m., seconded by Verrilli. All in favor. Motion carried.

Jane Bakalarczyk, RMC/CMC Municipal Clerk