

MINUTES OF THE HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 28, 2026

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Kula 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 Alfano, Councilman Miller, Councilman Kaminski, Manager Carrine Piccolo-Kaufner, and Clerk Jane Bakalarczyk. Township Attorney Robert Rossmeissl of Dorsey & Semrau and Councilman Cicerale were in attendance via Microsoft Teams.

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

Agreements/Applications/Licenses:

1. Raffles – K of C Council #12649 St. John Vianney
2. Bingo – K of C Council #12649 St. John Vianney
3. Trailer Court License Renewal – Stanley Tabaka, Jr.
4. WTH Technology, Inc. – Think GIS Client Support Agreement – Police Dept.
5. R & R Radar, Inc. – Traffic Radar Maintenance Agreement - Police Department
6. Porter Lee Corp. – Crime Fighter BEAST Evidence Software – Police Dept.
7. BIS Digital – Liberty Digital Interview Recording System – Police Dept.

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

MANAGERS REPORT

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

- Communication Equipment
- Budget Preparation
- RFP for Architectural Design Services for Improvements to the Hardyston Recreation Complex (Wheatworth Road)
- Snow Storm Update
- Hardyston Outreach Program

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ORDINANCES

1ST READING:

2026-01

**BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE
ACQUISITION OF A NEW FIRE COMMAND VEHICLE
BY THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDYSTON, IN THE COUNTY
OF SUSSEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$100,000
THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF
\$95,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR
FINANCING SUCH APPROPRIATION**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP
OF HARDYSTON, IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, NEW JERSEY** (not less than
two-thirds of all the members thereof affirmatively concurring), **AS FOLLOWS:**

The improvement described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance is hereby authorized as a general improvement to be made or acquired by The Township of Hardyston, in the County of Sussex, New Jersey. For the said improvement or purpose stated in said Section 3, there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$100,000, said sum, except as provided below, being inclusive of all appropriations heretofore made therefor and including the sum of \$5,000 as the down payment for said improvement or purpose required by law and now available therefor by virtue of provision in a previously adopted budget or budgets of the Township for down payment or for capital improvement purposes.

For the financing of said improvement or purpose, including for the purposes of applicable United States Treasury regulations the reimbursement of expenditures heretofore or hereafter made therefor, and to meet the part of said \$100,000 appropriation not provided for by application hereunder of said down payment, negotiable bonds of the Township are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$95,000 pursuant to the Local Bond Law of New Jersey. In anticipation of the issuance of said bonds and to temporarily finance said improvement or purpose, negotiable notes of the Township in a principal amount not exceeding \$95,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

The improvement hereby authorized and purpose for the financing of which said obligations are to be issued is the acquisition, by purchase, of new fire fighting equipment for use by the Hardyston Township Fire Department, including one (1) fire command vehicle together with all equipment, attachments and accessories necessary therefor or incidental thereto, all as

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shown on and in accordance with the specifications therefor on file or to be filed in the office of the Township Clerk and hereby approved.

The estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for said purpose pursuant to this bond ordinance is \$95,000.

The estimated cost of said purpose is \$100,000, the excess thereof over the said estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued therefor being the amount of the said \$5,000 down payment for said purpose.

The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

The said purpose described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance is not a current expense and is a property or improvement which the Township may lawfully acquire or make as a general improvement, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefitted thereby.

The period of usefulness of said purpose within the limitations of said Local Bond Law, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the said bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is five (5) years.

The supplemental debt statement required by said Local Bond Law has been duly made and filed in the office of the Township Clerk and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey, and such statement shows that the gross debt of the Township as defined in said Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds and notes provided for in this bond ordinance by \$95,000, and the said obligations authorized by this bond ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

An aggregate amount not exceeding \$5,000 for interest on said obligations, costs of issuing said obligations and other items of expense listed in and permitted under section 40A:2-20 of said Local Bond Law may be included as part of the cost of said improvement and is included in the foregoing estimate thereof.

All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the chief financial officer, the acting chief financial officer or the treasurer of the Township (the "Chief Financial Officer"), provided that no note shall mature later than one year

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from its date. The notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer. The Chief Financial Officer shall determine all matters in connection with the notes issued pursuant to this bond ordinance, and the Chief Financial Officer's signature upon the notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of N.J.S.A. §40A:2-8. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the notes from time to time at public or private sale at not less than par and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the dates of delivery thereof. The Chief Financial Officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body of the Township at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the notes pursuant to this bond ordinance is made. Such report must include the principal amount, interest rate and maturities of the notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

The full faith and credit of the Township are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the said obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. Said obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Township, and the Township shall be obligated to levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable property within the Township for the payment of said obligations and interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

The capital budget or temporary capital budget of the Township is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith and the resolutions promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing all detail of the amended capital budget or temporary capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, are on file with the Township Clerk and are available for public inspection.

This bond ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by said Local Bond Law.

A motion was made by Miller to approve Ordinance 2026-01 on first reading, seconded by Kaminski. All in favor. Motion carried.

2026-02

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDYSTON,
COUNTY OF SUSSEX, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL**

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**ASSESSMENT FOR THE DEER TRAIL LAKE COUNTRY CLUB INC. DAM REPAIR
PURSUANT TO A DAM RESTORATION LOAN FROM THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION'S DAM RESTORATION AND INLAND WATER LOAN
PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Fawn Lake Dam is owned by Deer Trail Lake Country Club, Inc. ("Deer Trail Lake"), a private lake community located in Stockholm, NJ, and has been determined to be in need of certain repairs, improvements and/or restoration to be brought up to standards in compliance with the New Jersey Dam Safety Standards, N.J.A.C. 7:20-1.1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, Deer Trail Lake notified the Township of Hardyston that the Fawn Lake Dam, a high hazard dam, is in urgent need of repair, and that a successful application to the Dam Restoration Loan Program is the only viable pathway for Deer Trail Lake to address this need in the near-term future; and

WHEREAS, the 2003 Dam Bond Act, allocated ninety-five million (\$95,000,000.00) dollars to the 2003 Dam, Lake, and Stream Revolving Loan Fund, a revolving, non-lapsing fund ("2003 Fund") to provide loans, subject to the regulations set forth in Dam Restoration and Inland Waters Loan Program N.J.A.C. 7:24A-1.1 et seq., payable over twenty years (20), at two percent (2%) interest, to private lake associations, such as the Deer Trail Lake, to accomplish dam rehabilitation projects: and

WHEREAS, the 2003 Dam Bond Act specifically provides:

The cost of payment of the principal and interest on any loan made to the owner of a private dam, or to a private lake association, as a co-applicant with a local government unit, ***shall be assessed***, in the same manner as provided for the assessment of local improvements generally under chapter 56 of Title 40 of the Revised Statutes, ***against the real estate benefited thereby in proportion to and not in excess of the benefits conferred***, and such assessments shall bear interest and penalties from the same time and at the same rate as assessments for local improvements in the municipality where they are imposed, and from the date of confirmation shall be a first and paramount lien upon the real estate assessed to the same extent, and be enforced and collected in the same manner, as assessments for local improvements. P.L. 2003. Chapter 162. 5f(1). and;

WHEREAS, Deer Trail Lake indicated its intent, accordingly, to apply for a Dam Restoration Loan ('Dam Loan Application') via the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection ('NJDEP') Dam Restoration and Inland Water Loan Program; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:24A-1.1 et seq. the NJDEP requires the Township of Hardyston to serve as co-applicant with Deer Trail Lake wherein a private lake dam restoration is to occur,

WHEREAS, the NJDEP requires the municipal government in the municipality wherein a private lake dam restoration is to occur to act as co-borrower of funds in the event of default by the private lake association; and

WHEREAS, Deer Trail Lake requested that the Township commit to act as co-borrow for purposes of its Dam Loan Application; and

WHEREAS, the Township in 2022 approved Resolution #14-22, tentatively committing to serve as co-borrower in connection with the Dam Loan Application, subject to certain conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Township's tentative commitment pursuant to Resolution #14-22 was contingent upon the Township approving subsequent legislation and entering into a co-borrower agreement with Deer Trail Lake whereby the Township reserves the power to levy a special assessment ("Special Assessment") against both the residential and/or common properties of Deer Trail Lake for the repayment of any Dam Restoration Loan for which the Township is co-borrower; and

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WHEREAS, the Township made clear that it would not enter into a co-borrower agreement with Deer Trail Lake and serve as co-borrower any Dam Restoration Loan until the Township had first approved legislation establishing its power to levy the Special Assessment; and

WHEREAS, Deer Trail Lake has provided the Township with a letter from the NJDEP indicating acceptance by NJDEP of Deer Trail Lake's Dam Loan Application, as well as a loan agreement between NJDEP, Deer Trail Lake, and the Township (the 'Loan Agreement'); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Loan Agreement, Deer Trail Lake would obtain through the Dam Restoration Loan Program a loan of two million four hundred twenty thousand (\$2,420,000) dollars to finance its repair of the dam on Fawn Lake (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Loan Agreement cannot become effective unless/until executed by the Township and until the Township and Deer Trail Lake execute a separate co-borrower agreement; and

WHEREAS, the final costs of the project will not be determined until the dam repairs and renovations are complete; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 58:4-12 authorizes the Township to assess the amount of the principal, interest, and costs for the loan against the real property benefited by the loan, together with interest and penalties; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 58:4-12 authorizes the collection of the Assessment in the same manner as assessments for local improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Township Council are aware of the importance of ensuring that the Project be successfully completed.

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

- 1) The Township is empowered to levy a special assessment (the "Special Assessment") for the full cost of the principal, interest, and any associated costs, fees, or penalties expended to complete the improvements and repairs of the Fawn Lake dam (the 'Project), including, but not limited to, administrative costs/expenses and such costs, fees and expenses for professionals, appraisals/assessments, advertising, financing, engineers/surveyors, inspections, legal fees, fees/costs to acquire or condemn property, and litigation costs/expenses to the satisfaction of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, together with all costs associated with establishing and enforcing the Special Assessment, as provided pursuant to N.J.S.A. 58:4-12 and N.J.S.A. 40:56-1 et seq. and as otherwise authorized in accordance with applicable law.
- 2) Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 58:4-12 and N.J.S.A. 40:56-1 et seq., the reasonable and necessary costs associated with establishing and enforcing the Special Assessment herein shall include but not be limited to the repayment of the loan monies, the interest thereon, any associated penalties, late payments and other charges imposed in connection therewith, costs incidental to the special assessment process, and administrative expenses including costs required for the completion of an appraisal report necessary to determine the proper allocation of the Special Assessment.
- 3) The procedures for making and collecting this prospective Special Assessment, which are set forth in N.J.S.A. 40:56-1 et seq. and N.J.S.A. 40:49-6, have been and shall be properly followed, with the prospective Special Assessment constituting a first and paramount lien on the affected property pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:56-33 and with a record of same being maintained in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:56-41.3.
- 4) The Township will not contribute to the repayment of any part of the costs of the Project.

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- 5) The Township Clerk shall cause a notice of this proposed Special Assessment to be mailed to the owners of real estate impacted by the Special Assessment prior to the future Special Assessment for the Project. The notice shall contain a description of the property impacted sufficiently to identify it. Such notice shall be served in accordance with law and proof of service shall be filed with the tax office within ten (10) days after such service. A copy of the list of affected properties is attached to this Ordinance as Exhibit A.

- 6) The Township Manager, Clerk, and Mayor are authorized to execute the Co-Borrower Agreement in connection with the Fawn Lake Dam restoration loan.

- 7) Upon execution of the Co-Borrower Agreement, the Township Manager, Clerk and Mayor are authorized to execute the Fawn lake Dam restoration loan agreement as Co-Borrower.

- 8) If any section or provision of this Ordinance shall be held invalid in any court of competent jurisdiction, the same shall not affect the other sections or provisions of this Ordinance, except so far as the section or provision so declared invalid shall be inseparable from the remainder or any portion thereof.

- 9) 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.

- 10) This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage, approval, and publication as required by law.

EXHIBIT A

Bloc k	Lot	Property Location
33	2.01	2 ALPINE RD
33	9.07	5 ALPINE RD
33	3	6 ALPINE RD
33	9.08	9 ALPINE RD
33	4	12 ALPINE RD
33	5	16 ALPINE RD
33	8	18 ALPINE RD
33	9.01	19 ALPINE RD
34	11	1 BEECH CT
34	12	3 BEECH CT
34	14	7 BEECH CT
34	15	9 BEECH CT
34	16	11 BEECH CT
36	9.15	1 BUCK HAVEN TR
36	9.05	2 BUCK HAVEN TR
36	9.14	3 BUCK HAVEN TR
36	9.13	5 BUCK HAVEN TR
36	9.07	6 BUCK HAVEN TR

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36	9.12	7 BUCK HAVEN TR
36	9.08	8 BUCK HAVEN TR
36	9.11	9 BUCK HAVEN TR
36	9.09	10 BUCK HAVEN TR
36	9.10	11 BUCK HAVEN TR
26	2	4 CUB LN
25	1.02	5 CUB LN
26	3	6 CUB LN
36	11.03	2 DEER TR
23	2.02	4 DEER TR
22	5	7 DEER TR
23	2.01	8 DEER TR
22	4	9 DEER TR
22	3	11 DEER TR
22	2	15 DEER TR
25	2	16 DEER TR
22	1.02	17 DEER TR
25	1.01	18 DEER TR
25	4	20 DEER TR
22	1.01	21 DEER TR
30	1	25 DEER TR
30	2	27 DEER TR
31	4	28 DEER TR
30	3	29 DEER TR
31	3	30 DEER TR
30	4	31 DEER TR
31	2	32 DEER TR
30	5	35 DEER TR
30	6	37 DEER TR
31	1.04	38 DEER TR
30	7	39 DEER TR
31	1.05	40 DEER TR
34	1.01	43 DEER TR
33	9.04	44 DEER TR
33	9.05	46 DEER TR
34	2	47 DEER TR
33	10	50 DEER TR
34	3	51 DEER TR
33	13	52 DEER TR
34	4	53 DEER TR
33	14	54 DEER TR
33	15	56 DEER TR
34	6	57 DEER TR
33	16	58 DEER TR
21	15.02	59 DEER TR
33	17	60 DEER TR
21	16	61 DEER TR
36	9.04	1 DOE RUN
36	9.03	3 DOE RUN
36	9.16	6 DOE RUN
36	9.02	7 DOE RUN

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36	9.17	8 DOE RUN
36	9.35	9 DOE RUN
36	9.34	11 DOE RUN
36	9.24	14 DOE RUN
36	9.33	15 DOE RUN
36	9.25	16 DOE RUN
36	9.32	17 DOE RUN
36	9.26	18 DOE RUN
36	9.31	19 DOE RUN
36	9.27	20 DOE RUN
36	9.30	21 DOE RUN
33	9.02	22 DOE RUN
36	9.29	23 DOE RUN
33	9.12	24 DOE RUN
36	9.28	25 DOE RUN
33	9.11	26 DOE RUN
33	6	27 DOE RUN
33	9.10	28 DOE RUN
34	8	3 DOGWOOD TR
34	9.01	5 DOGWOOD TR
21	15.01	6 DOGWOOD TR
21	14	10 DOGWOOD TR
34	9.02	11 DOGWOOD TR
21	13	14 DOGWOOD TR
21	12	18 DOGWOOD TR
21	11	22 DOGWOOD TR
34	9.03	25 DOGWOOD TR
21	10	26 DOGWOOD TR
34	9.04	29 DOGWOOD TR
21	9	30 DOGWOOD TR
21	8	32 DOGWOOD TR
21	7	34 DOGWOOD TR
29	5	2 FAWN LAKE RD
29	4	4 FAWN LAKE RD
31	5	5 FAWN LAKE RD
29	3	6 FAWN LAKE RD
29	2	8 FAWN LAKE RD
32	1	9 FAWN LAKE RD
32	2	11 FAWN LAKE RD

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32	3	13 FAWN LAKE RD
28	1	14 FAWN LAKE RD
32	4	15 FAWN LAKE RD
32	5.01	19 FAWN LAKE RD
32	5.03	21 FAWN LAKE RD
33	1	22 FAWN LAKE RD
32	6	23 FAWN LAKE RD
33	2.02	24 FAWN LAKE RD
32	7	25 FAWN LAKE RD
33	2.03	26 FAWN LAKE RD
32	8	27 FAWN LAKE RD
33	2.04	28 FAWN LAKE RD
32	9	29 FAWN LAKE RD
32	10.01	31 FAWN LAKE RD
33	2.06	32 FAWN LAKE RD
32	10.02	33 FAWN LAKE RD
33	2.07	34 FAWN LAKE RD
32	10.03	35 FAWN LAKE RD
32	11	37 FAWN LAKE RD
33	12	38 FAWN LAKE RD
33	11	40 FAWN LAKE RD
32	13	41 FAWN LAKE RD
32	14	43 FAWN LAKE RD
32	15	45 FAWN LAKE RD
28	5	5 FOX DEN LN
27	2	6 FOX DEN LN
28	6	7 FOX DEN LN
27	1	8 FOX DEN LN
23	1	2 FOX TR
25	3	3 FOX TR
24	6	6 FOX TR
26	1	7 FOX TR
24	4	10 FOX TR
26	8	11 FOX TR
26	7	15 FOX TR
26	6	17 FOX TR
28	4	20 FOX TR

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26	5	21 FOX TR
28	2	26 FOX TR
29	1	29 FOX TR
27	4	1 LAUREL DR
24	2	2 LAUREL DR
27	5	3 LAUREL DR
27	6	5 LAUREL DR
24	1.01	6 LAUREL DR
27	7	7 LAUREL DR
24	1.02	10 LAUREL DR
29	6	1 PARTRIDGE RD
29	7	3 PARTRIDGE RD
25	1.03	4 PARTRIDGE RD
29	8.01	5 PARTRIDGE RD
29	8.02	7 PARTRIDGE RD
26	4	8 PARTRIDGE RD
29	9	9 PARTRIDGE RD
29	10	11 PARTRIDGE RD
36	9.23	1 WHITE TAIL CT
36	9.18	2 WHITE TAIL CT
36	9.22	3 WHITE TAIL CT
36	9.19	4 WHITE TAIL CT
36	9.21	5 WHITE TAIL CT
36	9.20	6 WHITE TAIL CT

A motion was made by Miller to approve Ordinance 2026-02 on first reading, seconded by Alfano. All in favor. Motion carried.

ORDINANCES

2ND READING:

None

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
- E. ADA Doors – Municipal Building
- F. Display of Hardystonite in Municipal Building
- G. Drainage Issue – 2 Fox Trail

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NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Resolution #13-26 – Governor’s Council on Substance Use Disorder Fiscal Grant
Cycle
July 2027 – June 2031

RESOLUTION #13-26
Governor’s Council on Substance Use Disorder (GCSUD)
Fiscal Grant Cycle July 2027 – June 2031

WHEREAS, the Governor’s Council on Substance Use Disorder (GCSUD) established the Municipal Alliances for the Prevention of Substance Use Disorder in 1989 to educate and engage residents, local government and law enforcement officials, schools, nonprofit organizations, the faith community, parents, youth and other allies in efforts to prevent substance use disorder in communities throughout New Jersey.

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Hardyston, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey recognizes that substance use disorder is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and, therefore, has an established Municipal Alliance Committee; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Council further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent substance use disorder in our community; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Council has applied for funding to the Governor’s Council on Substance Use Disorder through the County of Sussex;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township of Hardyston, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey hereby recognizes the following:

1. The Township Council does hereby authorize submission of a strategic plan for the Wallkill Valley Municipal Alliance grant for fiscal year 2027 in the amount of:

GCSUD Grant	\$5752.00
Cash Match	\$1438.00
In-Kind	\$4314.00
2. The Township Council acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

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

- B. Resolution #14-26 – Shared Service Agreements – Secretarial/Billing & Administration Services and Maintenance & Service – HTMUA

RESOLUTION #14-26

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE FOLLOWING SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Hardyston that the execution of the following agreement is hereby authorized:

1. Secretarial/Billing & Administration Services – HTMUA
2. Maintenance & Service – HTMUA

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

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- C. Resolution #15-26 - Shared Service Agreement – Hamburg Borough – Street Sweeping

RESOLUTION #15-26

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE FOLLOWING SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Hardyston that the execution of the following agreement is hereby authorized:

1. Shared Service Agreement – Hamburg Borough – Street Sweeping

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

- D. Resolution #16-26 - Shared Service Agreement – Ogdensburg Borough – Street Sweeping

RESOLUTION #16-26

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE FOLLOWING SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Hardyston that the execution of the following agreement is hereby authorized:

1. Shared Service Agreement – Ogdensburg Borough – Street Sweeping

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

- E. Resolution #17-26 – Shared Service Agreement – Park Maintenance and Solid Waste and Recycling Removal – Hardyston Township Board of Education

RESOLUTION #17-26

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE FOLLOWING SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENTS

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Hardyston that the execution of the following agreements is hereby authorized:

1. Park Maintenance – Hardyston Township Board of Education
2. Solid Waste and Recycling Removal – Hardyston Township Board of Education

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

- F. Resolution #18-26 - Certified Recycling Professional – Sussex County Municipal Utilities Authority (SCMUA)

RESOLUTION #18-26

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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE FOLLOWING SHARED
SERVICE AGREEMENT**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Hardyston that the execution of the following agreement is hereby authorized:

1. Certified Recycling Professional – Sussex County Municipal Utilities Authority (SCMUA)

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

- G. Resolution #19-26 – Resolution authorizing New Jersey Department of Community Affairs 2026 Local Recreation Improvement Grant Program

RESOLUTION #19-26

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY
AFFAIRS 2026 LOCAL RECREATION IMPROVEMENT GRANT PROGRAM**

Whereas, the Township of Hardyston desires to apply for and obtain a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (“Department”) 2026 Local Recreation Improvement Grant (“LRIG”) for an amount not to exceed \$75,000 to carry out a project to purchase portable field lighting for the Hardyston Township Sports and Recreation Complex; and,

Be it therefore RESOLVED,

- 1) that the Township of Hardyston does hereby authorize the application for such a grant; and,
- 2) recognizes and accepts that the Department may offer a lesser or greater amount and therefore, upon receipt of the grant agreement from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, does further authorize the execution of any such grant agreement; and also, upon receipt of the fully executed agreement from the Department, does further authorize the expenditure of funds pursuant to the terms of the agreement between the Township of Hardyston and the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs.

Be it further RESOLVED, that the persons whose names, titles, and signatures appear below are authorized to sign the application, and that they or their successors in said titles are authorized to sign the agreement, and any other documents necessary in connection therewith:

Stanley J. Kula
Mayor

Carrine Piccolo-Kaufer
Township Manager

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

- H. Resolution #20-26 – Resolution authorizing a stipend for the Township Tax Collector

RESOLUTION #20-26

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDYSTON, COUNTY OF SUSSEX AND
STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING A STIPEND FOR THE TOWNSHIP TAX
COLLECTOR**

WHEREAS, the Township of Hardyston is the beneficiary of the competent and professional service of its Tax Collector, Becky Westra (the ‘Tax Collector’); and

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WHEREAS, the Township benefits additionally from the services provided by the Tax Collector to the Borough of Hamburg pursuant to a shared services agreement between the Township and the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Hardyston finds that, in light of the services provided by the Tax Collector above & beyond what is contemplated pursuant to her regular employment with the Township, the Tax Collector should be awarded an annual stipend, effective November 1, 2025, the date of the commencement of the shared services agreement between the Township of Hardyston and the Borough of Hamburg; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council has determined that a stipend of \$10,000 per annum is appropriate compensation for the additional services provided by the Tax Collector.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of Hardyston, County of Sussex and State of New Jersey hereby authorize an annual stipend of \$10,000 to the Township Tax Collector, effective November 1, 2025.

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

- I. Resolution #21-26 - Resolution authorizing the award of a non-fair and open professional service contract for the position of employee benefit consultant and appointment of the Vozza Agency for same

RESOLUTION #21-26

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDYSTON, COUNTY OF SUSSEX AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT FOR THE POSITION OF EMPLOYEE BENEFIT CONSULTANT & APPOINTMENT OF THE VOZZA AGENCY FOR SAME

WHEREAS, the Township of Hardyston is a member of the North Jersey Municipal Employee Benefits Fund (the 'Fund'); and

WHEREAS, the bylaws of the Fund require the Fund Program Manager (the 'Program Manager') to perform certain risk management consulting services for Fund members; and

WHEREAS, recognizing that a member municipality may have a relationship with a licensed broker/consultant, a member municipality may appoint another firm to perform the portion of the professional producer and consulting services (the 'Services') normally provided by the Program Manager to the member municipality, as detailed in the 'Producers Agreement' attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, the Vozza Agency, Inc. has provided these Services for the Township for a number of years and possesses significant knowledge and institutional memory of the Township's employee benefits programs; and

WHEREAS, the judgmental nature of the Services renders comparative bidding impractical.

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

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1. The Township of Hardyston hereby appoints the Vozza Agency, Inc. as Its Producer of record for the term of January 1st 2026 through December 31st 2026, in connection with its membership in the North Jersey Municipal Employee Benefits Fund.
2. The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the Producers Agreement annexed hereto and to cause a notice of decision to be published according to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(l).
3. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law because said services are performed by a person licensed under law to practice a recognized profession.
4. The total fee authorized for this contract shall not exceed \$7,500 without the prior written approval of the Township Council.
5. Notice of this action shall be published once in the Township's official newspaper as required by law.
6. A copy of this resolution shall be provided to the Township Treasurer and to the Vozza Agency, Inc., at 77 Market Street, Suite 1, P.O. Box 100, Park Ridge, New Jersey, 07656, for their information and guidance.
7. Pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.), this Resolution and the contract hereby authorized shall be available for public inspection.

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

- J. Resolution #22-26 – Resolution authorizing amendments to Fire Prevention Shared Services Agreement between the Township of Hardyston and the Township of Sparta to include the transfer and provision of emergency vehicles and associated equipment

RESOLUTION #22-26

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDYSTON, COUNTY OF SUSSEX AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING AMENDMENTS TO FIRE PREVENTION SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDYSTON AND TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA TO INCLUDE THE TRANSFER AND PROVISION OF EMERGENCY VEHICLES AND ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution #58-25 adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Hardyston on June 25, 2025, the Township of Hardyston entered into a Fire Prevention Services Shared Service Agreement (“SSA”) with the Township of Sparta pursuant to the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et. seq.; and

WHEREAS, the SSA was last executed on July 1, 2025, and addresses the provision of administration and enforcement services by the Township of Hardyston's Fire Prevention Bureau under the State of New Jersey Uniform Fire Code, N.J.A.C. 5:70 et seq., and is on file for public inspection in the Office of the Municipal Clerk of the Township of Hardyston; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Hardyston Fire Official has determined that the Township of Hardyston is in needed of certain additional vehicles and equipment as necessary to efficiently provide the necessary inspection and enforcement services required under the SSA; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Hardyston and the Township of Sparta desire to amend the provisions of the SSA to allow for the transfer of ownership of certain vehicles and associated outfitted equipment from the Township of Sparta to the

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Township of Hardyston for the purposes of allowing Township of Hardyston officials to efficiently furnish administrative and enforcement services under the New Jersey Uniform Fire Code; and

WHEREAS, the vehicles and associated outfitted equipment thereon, to be transferred from the Township of Sparta to the Township of Hardyston are as follows:

<u>VEHICLE MAKE/MODEL</u>	<u>ESTIMATED VALUE</u>
I. 2014 FORD EXPLORER	
VIN # 1FM5K 8AR6E GC380 05	\$3,000.00
A. OUTFITTED EQUIPMENT	
i. Light/Siren Package	\$400
ii. Radio	\$300
iii. Fire Extinguisher 4A 80BC	\$150
iv. Shovel	\$50
v. Tablet	\$300
vi. HP Mobile Printer	\$350
TOTAL ESTIMATED VALUE	\$4,550

<u>VEHICLE MAKE/MODEL</u>	<u>ESTIMATED VALUE</u>
II. 2016 FORD EXPLORER	\$5,000
VIN # 1FM5K 8AR1G GD327 16	
A. OUTFITTED EQUIPMENT	
i. Light/Siren Package	\$400
ii. Radio	\$300
iii. MDT/Modem	\$600
iv. Knox Key Defender/Ekey	\$2,100
v. Fire Extinguisher 4A 80BC	\$150
vi. Combustible Gas Detector	\$170
vii. Reflective Vest	\$30
viii. Shovels (3)	\$150 (\$50 x 3)
ix. Halligan	\$300
x. Sledgehammer	\$40
xi. Axe	\$70
xii. Metal Rake	\$40
xiii. Tyvek Suits	\$150
xiv. N95 Box	\$100
xv. Rubber Gloves	\$40
xvi. Utility Gloves	\$30
xvii. Measuring Wheel	\$190
xviii. Hard Hat	\$40
xix. Tablet	\$300
xx. Keyboard	\$30
xxi. HP Mobile Printer	\$350
xxii. Camera/case	\$500
TOTAL ESTIMATED VALUE	\$11,080

WHEREAS, the estimated values for the vehicles and equipment items listed above have been reviewed by the Township’s Qualifying Purchasing Agent (QPA) and the Township’s QPA has determined that the represented estimated values for each vehicle and the associated outfitted equipment therein, is/are fair and reasonable in comparison to vehicles of the same make/model, age and milage, and in comparison to the same equipment or substantially similar available for purchase; and

WHEREAS, in lieu of requiring the Township of Hardyston to purchase the above-listed vehicles and equipment from the Township of Sparta, the Township of

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Sparta has offered to transfer title and ownership of the above-listed vehicles and associated outfitted equipment to the Township of Hardyston and apply the estimated value for the purchase of such vehicles and equipment in the total amount of \$15,630 as an off-set to a portion of funds in Sparta Fire Prevention Office's 2025 Penalty Reserve Account Balance to be transferred to the Township of Hardyston Fire Prevention Penalty Reserve Account in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:71-2.6 and N.J.A.C. 5:70-2.12A of the Uniform Fire Code; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:71-2.6(d) of the Uniform Fire Code authorizes all revenues generated and collected pursuant to the Uniform Fire Code to be appropriated by the municipality to the local enforcing agency for the purposes of enforcing the Code, operating the local enforcing agency and advancing local fire prevention interests and N.J.A.C. 5:70-2.12A authorizes all monies collected for penalties to be applied to the costs of the municipality for firefighter training and/or firefighting equipment; and

WHEREAS, the SSA between the Township of Hardyston and the Township of Sparta must be amended by Rider to the SSA to reflect the change in order to accept and approve the transfer of title and ownership of the above-listed vehicles and associated outfitted equipment, and apply the value of same as an off-set against the funds due from the Township of Sparta's Fire Prevention Office's 2025 Penalty Reserve Account Balance to the Township of Hardyston; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(2) the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law, the Townships of Hardyston and Sparta are each authorized to execute an amendment ("Rider") to the SSA and the Township of Hardyston is authorize to accept such vehicles and equipment from the Township of Sparta without public advertising for bids in accordance with the provisions and exceptions of the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law; and

WHEREAS, the terms of Rider amending the SSA are fully set forth in the Rider annexed hereto at Exhibit A, and incorporated by reference herein; and

WHEREAS, in order to effectuate any amendments to the SSA, the Governing Bodies of the Township of Sparta and the Township of Hardyston much each approve the Rider to the SSA by resolution and execute the Rider as an amendment to the SSA.

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

1. The Township of Hardyston accepts and approves the purchase and transfer of title from the Township of Sparta of (A) a 2014 Ford Explorer assigned Vehicle Identification Number: 1FM5K 8AR6E GC380 05, along with all associated outfitted equipment listed above; and (B) a 2016 Ford Explorer assigned Vehicle Identification Number: 1FM5K 8AR1G GD327 16, along with all associated outfitted equipment and supplies listed above having a total estimated value of \$15,630; and
2. The Township of Hardyston agrees to and authorizes the Township of Sparta to apply the amount of \$15,630.00 (representing the total estimated value to acquire the above-listed vehicles, equipment and supplies) against the 2025 Sparta Fire Prevention Office's Penalty Reserve Account Balance in the amount of \$24,109.00 that is due to be transferred the Township; and
3. Transfer of title and possession of each vehicle and associated equipment/supplies shall occur contemporaneous with the time of transfer of payment; and
4. The Mayor and Township Council hereby approve the Rider to the Shared Services Agreement to reflect this change in the Shared Services Agreement between the Township of Sparta and the Township of Hardyston; and

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5. Except as otherwise modified by the Rider annexed hereto, all other terms and conditions set forth in the Fire Prevention Services Shared Service Agreement (“SSA”) between the Township of Hardyston and the Township of Sparta, dated July 1, 2025 shall remain the same; and
6. The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the Rider to the Shared Services Agreement and forward same to the Township of Sparta for review and execution; and
7. Upon receipt of a the fully executed Rider to the Shared Services Agreement, the from the Township of Sparta, the Clerk of the Township of Hardyston shall file the Rider to the Shared Services Agreement along with the original Shared Services Agreement with the Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services pursuant to the rules and regulations promulgated by the Division; and
8. A copy of this resolution along with a copy of the fully executed Rider and the Shared Services Agreement shall remain on file in the Office of the Township Clerk for inspection by the public.

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

- K. Resolution #23-26 - Salary Resolution Amendment

RESOLUTION #23-26

2026 SALARY & WAGES FOR TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES

BE IT RESOLVED by the Hardyston Township Council that the annual salaries and wages for the following positions shall be paid as follows effective January 1, 2026.

<u>Position</u>	<u>Hourly Salary</u>
Part-time Assistant Fire Official/Fire Investigator	\$32/hour
Part-time Fire Prevention Specialist	\$28/hour

<u>Position</u>	<u>Annual Salary</u>
Full-time Fire Prevention Specialist	\$56,000

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

- L. Resolution #24-26 – Resolution awarding a Professional Services Contract to Park Way Consulting Real Estate Advisory Services for real estate appraisal services

RESOLUTION #24-26

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF

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**HARDYSTON, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY
AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO PARK WAY
CONSULTING REAL ESTATE ADVISORY SERVICES TO PERFORM REAL
ESTATE APPRAISAL SERVICES RELATED FOR PHASE ONE
PRELIMINARY RISK ANALYSIS FOR THE FAWN LAKE DAM
RESTORATION PROJECT**

WHEREAS, there exists a need for professional appraisal services to be rendered to the Township of Hardyston relating to the Fawn Lake Dam special assessment project in the Township (the 'Project'); and

WHEREAS, the Township wishes to retain the services (the 'Appraisal Services') of Park Way Consulting Real Estate Advisory Services ('Park Way'), pursuant to the following compensation schedule, in accordance with Park Way's proposal dated December 19, 2025, a copy of which is annexed hereto as **Exhibit "A"**; and

<u>Description</u>	<u>Rate/Fee</u>
Preliminary Analysis - Risk Evaluation	\$10,000 and
Consulting/Meeting Attendance	\$135/hour

WHEREAS, the Township is commissioning the Appraisal Services in accordance with an application submitted by the Deer Trail Lake Country Club, Inc. to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (the 'NJDEP') for a Dam Restoration Loan, on which the Township is serving as 'co-borrower'; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Hardyston Township Ordinance 2026-02, all funds expended by the Township for Appraisal Services pursuant to this Resolution shall be recouped by the Township via a special assessment (the 'Special Assessment') to be placed upon the properties benefitting from the Dam Restoration Loan; and

WHEREAS, the Township's Certified Finance Officer has confirmed that sufficient funds are available for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, et seq.) requires that the resolution authorizing the award of contracts for "professional services" without competitive bid and the contract itself must be made available for public inspection.

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

1. The Township of Hardyston hereby awards and authorizes the Mayor and Township Manager to execute an agreement with Park Way Consulting Real Estate Advisory Services, 1 Brook Drive South, Morris Plains, New Jersey, 07950, for professional appraisal services related to performing a real estate appraisal for the purposes of completing the Phase One Preliminary Risk Analysis only for the properties in the Township associated with the Fawn Lake Dam Restoration Project, pursuant to the following compensation schedule, in accordance with Park Way Consulting Real Estate Advisory Services' proposal dated December 19, 2025:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Rate/Fee</u>
Preliminary Analysis - Risk Evaluation	\$10,000, and
Consulting/Meeting Attendance	\$135/hour.

2. The services proposed by Park Way Consulting Real Estate Advisory Services related to the Special Assessment Appraisal Report and related consulting services are not the subject of this authorization and will be revisited at a later date following the Township's review of the results of the Preliminary Analysis Risk Evaluation.
3. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a professional service in accordance with the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law because said services are performed by a person authorized by law to practice a recognized profession.
4. The total fee authorized for this contract shall not exceed \$15,000.00 without the prior written approval of the Township Council.

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5. Notice of this action shall be published once in the Township's official newspaper as required by law.
6. A copy of this resolution shall be provided to the Township Chief Financial Officer and to Park Way Consulting Real Estate Advisory Services, 1 Brook Drive South, Morris Plains, New Jersey, 07950, for their information and guidance.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

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

M. Central Auto Liquidators, Inc. - Junkyard License Renewal 2026

A motion was made by Miller to approve the junkyard license for 2026 per the recommendations of the Township Engineer as stated in his letter dated December 29, 2025, seconded by Kaminski. All in favor. Motion carried.

N. Board Appointments

A motion was made by Kaminski to appoint Tony Alfano to the Hardyston Township Municipal Utilities Authority as a Full Member to fill the unexpired term of Brian Kaminski with a term expiring 1/31/29, seconded by Cicerale. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was also made by Kaminski to appoint Michael Davina to the Land Use Board as Alternate 1 to fill the unexpired term of Tony Alfano with a term expiring 12/31/26, seconded by Cicerale. All in favor. Motion carried.

O. Correspondence

1. Ogdensburg Borough
2. Vernon Township
3. County of Sussex
4. State of NJ
5. The New York Susquehanna & Western Railway Corporation
6. Suburban Consulting Engineers, Inc.
7. Ames Rubber Corporation
8. Elizabethtown Gas
9. JCP&L
10. JCP&L
11. Suburban Consulting Engineers, Inc.
12. Jefferson Township

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

COUNCIL COMMENTS: Councilman Miller stated that there has been a suggestion from a member of the public to re-examine the Master Plan. He asked the Township Manager to look into what the cost might be to do so.

Deputy Mayor Alfano thanked the Fire Department, the Police Department, the Office of Emergency Management, the Department of Public Works and the Township Manager for being on standby during the weekend of the snow storm. Deputy Mayor Alfano also asked about possibly holding an event in town in celebration of the 250th Anniversary of the country. He suggested reaching out to the Recreation Committee for some ideas.

Councilman Kaminski also wanted to thank all of the departments involved in the pre-planning done in preparation for the snow storm.

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BILLS TO BE PAID: A motion was made by Kaminski to approve the bill list of 12/22/25 in the amount of \$390,684.01 which includes payroll for pay-period ending 12/15/25, the bill list of 1/15/26 in the amount of \$800,120.41 which includes payroll for pay-period ending 12/30/25 and 1/15/26, and the bill list of 1/28/26 in the amount of \$2,364,171.45 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. No public comment. A motion was made and seconded to close the meeting to the public. All in favor. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Kaminski to adjourn at approximately 8:15 p.m., seconded by Miller. All in favor. Motion carried.

Jane Bakalarczyk, RMC/CMC
Municipal Clerk