

**MINUTES OF THE HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
HELD ON APRIL 8, 2026**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Kula at approximately 6:05 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, Councilman Cicerale, Manager Carrine Piccolo-Kaufer, and Clerk Jane Bakalarczyk. Township Attorney Fred Semrau was present via Microsoft Teams.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Township Manager and Council discussed the following items:

A. Wheatsworth Park Improvements – Architect RFP

Township Manager and Council reviewed the RFP's and narrowed them down to three. It was the consensus of the Council to invite the top three companies to a future workshop and/or regular Council meeting before making a final decision.

B. Fawn Lake Dam Special Assessment Update

Township Manager stated that an amendment needs to be made to the list of properties listed in the ordinance and will be corrected at a future meeting.

C. Short Term Rental Ordinance Amendments

Township Manager provided the Council with a draft amended ordinance that was prepared by the Township Attorney. After review and discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to table this item for future discussion.

D. Board Member Application – Tracy Bauer

It was the consensus of the Council to have the Township Manager reach out to Ms. Bauer and have her attend an upcoming Council meeting for an informal interview for a potential appointment to the Recreation Committee.

E. April Agenda Items

Township Manager gave the Council an overview of the agenda items for the April 22, 2026 Council meeting.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilman Cicerale asked the Township Manager for an update on the preparation of a fee schedule for the sports groups that use the Wheatsworth fields. He also asked if ordinances could be discussed at the workshop meetings before they are introduced at a regular meeting. Township Manager stated that it is the practice of the Council to do so, but sometimes it is not always possible due to time constraints. Councilman Cicerale also suggested an ordinance to allow for the sale of firewood by residents.

Councilman Miller had a question regarding the appointments of alternates on the various boards.

Mayor Kula stated that an appointment needs to be made to fill the unexpired term of the Senior Citizen Coordinator.

PUBLIC COMMENT (in accordance with P.L. 2002, c.80): A motion was made and seconded to open the meeting to the public. All in favor. Motion carried. Resident Toni Manzi stated that she is against short term rentals in the Township. Resident Darlene Milligan addressed the Council regarding a zoning violation that she recently received. She also stated that there is a drainage issue on her property. A motion was made and seconded to close the meeting to the public. All in favor. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: At approximately 8:26 p.m., a motion was made by Kaminski to adjourn seconded by Alfano. All in favor. Motion carried.

Jane Bakalarczyk, RMC/CMC
Municipal Clerk