

**MINUTES OF THE HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING  
HELD ON MAY 13, 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. Councilman Cicerale, Township Attorney Fred Semrau and Township Attorney Robert Rossmeissl were present via Microsoft Teams.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Hardyston on the 13th day of May, 2026, that:

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

Motion to adopt: Alfano  
Seconded by: Kaminski

<b>MOTION</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Kula	x			
Miller	x			
Kaminski	x			
Cicerale	x			
Alfano	x			

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

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**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

Township Manager and Council discussed the following items:

A. Board Member Application – Tracy Bauer

Ms. Bauer was in attendance for an informal interview for a potential appointment to the Recreation Committee.

B. Hardyston Recreation Facilities – Code of Conduct

Township Manger and Council reviewed the draft Code of Conduct for use of athletic fields by youth sports programs. It was the consensus of the Council to have the Township Attorney prepare a draft resolution to adopt the Code of Conduct for consideration at the May 27, 2026 meeting.

C. May 27, 2026 Agenda Items

Township Manager gave the Council an overview of the agenda items for the May 27, 2026 Council meeting.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Mayor Kula stated that the Recreation Committee will help to facilitate the outreach to the residents regarding the Wheatsworth Park Improvements.

Deputy Mayor Alfano stated that Crystal Springs will soon be under new management. It was the consensus of the Council to invite the new management to a future Council meeting.

**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. Richard Dekmar stated that he is aware of a Township ordinance in which data centers is a permitted use in the Township. He stated that he is opposed to data centers in the Township. Laurel Schnurr also spoke against data centers being constructed in Hardyston Township. After a short discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to amend the ordinance and remove data centers as a permitted use. The Council directed the Township Attorney to prepare a draft ordinance for Council consideration at the May 27, 2026 Council meeting. Brian Tobachnick thanked the Council for agreeing to amend the ordinance. A motion was made and seconded to close the meeting to the public. All in favor. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:** At approximately 8:42 p.m., a motion was made by Kaminski to adjourn seconded by Miller. All in favor. Motion carried.

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Jane Bakalarczyk, RMC/CMC  
Municipal Clerk