

**MINUTES OF THE HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING HELD  
ON AUGUST 4, 2026**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Kula at approximately 6:00 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-Kaufer, Deputy Clerk Dana Vitz and Township Attorney Robert Rossmeissl of Dorsey & Semrau.

**SALUTE THE FLAG**

**COUNCIL APPOINTMENT – Resolution #67-26 – Council Vacancy Appointment Resolution**

**RESOLUTION #67-26**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDYSTON TO FILL  
COUNCIL VACANCY**

**WHEREAS**, a vacancy exists on the Township Council from a republican seat due to the unexpected passing of Frank Cicerale; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hardyston Republican Committee has submitted the names of three individuals to the Township Council for consideration to fill that vacancy.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Hardyston, County of Sussex and State of New Jersey that Anthony Ceglia is hereby appointed to temporarily fill the unexpired term of Frank Cicerale until December 31, 2026.

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

**OATH OF OFFICE** – Township Attorney Robert Rossmeissl administered the Oath of Office to Anthony Ceglia.

**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.**

**Agreements/Applications/Licenses:**

1. Hardyston Township Fire Department – New Member Application – Wade Riley

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. HTMUA appointment – Zach Dora

A motion was made by Kaminski to appoint Zach Dora to the Hardyston Township Municipal Utilities Authority as Alternate 2, with a term expiring 1/31/30, seconded by Alfano. All in favor. Motion carried. A motion was made by Kaminski to appoint William Marotta to the position of Alternate 1, with a term expiring 1/31/27, seconded by Alfano. All in favor. Motion carried. A motion was made by Kaminski to appoint Donna Carey to the position of Full Member to fill the unexpired term of Frank Cicerale, expiring 1/31/30.

- B. Stavola Beaver Run Quarry – temporary operating hours request

- C. HTMUA Volunteer Application – Joseph Branco

Joseph Branco was present via Microsoft Teams for an informal interview with the Council due to his interest in being appointed to the Hardyston Township Municipal Utilities Authority to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Robert Codner, whose term expires 1/31/29.

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**COUNCIL COMMENTS:** All present Council members welcomed Anthony Ceglia to the Council. Deputy Mayor Alfano suggested that the Township should hold CPR classes for adults. Township Manager is looking into this matter. Mayor Kula expressed his thanks to everyone involved in Safety Town, which was held at Wheatsworth Pavilion during the week of August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Newly appointed Councilman Ceglia expressed his thanks at being appointed to the Council and noted that he is looking forward to serving the community.

**PUBLIC PORTION:** A motion was made and seconded to open the meeting to the public. All in favor. Motion carried. Joe Gorberg of Hardyston proposed that the Township build a dog park, noting the nearest off-leash facilities are in Vernon and Wantage. He left a written proposal with the Township Manager. Trevor Wassel of Hamburg addressed the Council regarding a personal dispute with a member of the governing body. A motion was made and seconded to close the meeting to the public. All in favor. Motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Hardyston on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2026, that:

1. Prior to the conclusion of this **Regular 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):
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b. (1) Confidential or excluded matters, by express provision of Federal law or State statute or rule of court.
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b. (2) A matter in which the release of information would impair a right to receive funds from the Government of the United States.
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b. (3) Material the disclosure of which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy.
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b. (4) A collective bargaining agreement including negotiations.
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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.
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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.
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b. (7) Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations other than in subsection b. (4) herein or matters falling within the attorney-client privilege.
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b. (8) Personnel matters.
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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: Kaminski  
Seconded by: Alfano

| MOTION   | YES | NO | ABSTAIN | ABSENT |
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| Kula     | x   |    |         |        |
| Miller   | x   |    |         |        |
| Kaminski | x   |    |         |        |
| Alfano   | x   |    |         |        |
| Ceglia   | x   |    |         |        |

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

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**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made by Kaminski to adjourn at approximately 7:19 p.m., seconded by Alfano. All in favor. Motion carried.

Dana Vitz  
Municipal Deputy Clerk