MINUTES OF THE HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 23, 2026

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Kula at approximately 7:30 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 Ceglia, 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 – August 2026
2. Tax Collector Report – August 2026
3. Construction Certificate Activity Report –August 2026
4. Construction Permit Activity Report – Hardyston – August 2026
5. Construction Permit Activity Report – Hamburg – August 2026
6. Construction Permit Activity Report – Franklin – August 2026
7. Construction Permit Activity Report – Newton –August 2026
8. Construction Permit Activity Report – Sussex – August 2026
9. Construction Permit Activity Report – Wantage – August 2026
10. Police Department Report –August 2026
11. Municipal Court Report – August 2026
12. Land Use Report – August 2026
13. Zoning Officer Report – August 2026
14. Department of Public Works – July 2026
15. Department of Public Works – August 2026
16. Sussex County Health Department Report – August 2026

Minutes:

1. Regular Minutes of 8/26/26
2. Executive Minutes of 8/26/26

Agreements/Applications/Licenses:

1. Raffles – K of C Council #12649 St. John Vianney
2. Raffles – My Brother's Place, Inc.
3. Raffles – Sussex County Association of Realtors
4. Raffles – Andover Regional Education Foundation, Inc.

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

MANAGER'S REPORT

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

- ABC Licenses
- Site Contamination Issue - DPW
- 250th Celebration Time Capsule
- Community Center
- Energy Services – Municipal Building
- Dog Park

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ORDINANCES
1ST READING:

2026-18

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDYSTON AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 67.07, LOT 1.11, AS PART OF THE TOWNSHIP'S MARKET TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAM

Purpose Statement:

The purpose of this Ordinance shall be to authorize the sale of real property known as 22 Sundance Terrace, Block 67.07 Lot 1.11 in the Township of Hardyston to Buyer, Arlene Garcia, as part of the Township's market to affordable housing program.

WHEREAS, the Township owns Block 67.07 Lot 1.11, 22 Sundance Terrace ("the property") in the Township of Hardyston ("Township" or "Hardyston"); and

WHEREAS, the property is a moderate-income housing unit that the Township desires to convey to Arlene Garcia, 55 Franklin Street, 2nd Floor, Bloomfield, NJ 07003 ("the Buyer") as part of the Township's Market to Affordable Housing Program; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council has determined that it should convey the property to the Buyer as part of the Township's Market to Affordable Housing Program for the purpose of addressing the Township's affordable housing obligations pursuant to the Township's Housing Element and Fair Share Plan and the New Jersey Council on Affordable Housing ("COAH") Substantive Rules (N.J.A.C. 5:97-1 et seq).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Council of the Township of Hardyston that the Township shall convey Block 67.07 Lot 1.11, 22 Sundance Terrace in the Township of Hardyston to Buyer Arlene Garcia, for consideration in the amount of $158,246.00, and in accordance with the terms of a Contract for Sale to be executed by the Buyer and the Township.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the Mayor and Council of the Township of Hardyston, the Township Manager and Clerk, the Township Housing Liason, and Thomas Collins of Price, Meese, Shulman & D'Arminio, P.C. as Special Counsel to the Township of Hardyston are hereby authorized to prepare and execute any and all documentation to effectuate the sale of the property described herein.

Severability.

If any section, paragraph, subdivision clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be judged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to that section, paragraph, sub-division, clause or provision and the remainder of the Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

Effective Date.

This ordinance shall take effect after publication and passage in accordance with law.

A motion was made by Miller to approve Ordinance 2026-18 on first reading, seconded by Kaminski. All in favor. Motion carried.

ORDINANCES
2nd READING:

2026-15

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDYSTON, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING THE HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP CHARTER OF 1985 AND CHAPTER 3 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDYSTON TO REFLECT THE ORGANIZATION OF THE HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

WHEREAS, Section 3 of the Hardyston Township Charter of 1985 (the 'Charter') and Section 3-2 of the Township Municipal Code continue to refer to a three-member Township Council; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of Hardyston are aware that these provisions of the Charter and the Municipal Code no longer reflect the Township's governmental organization and that it is necessary to conform the Charter and Code to the Township's longstanding form of government.

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

1. Section 3 of the Hardyston Township Charter of 1985 is amended to read as follows:

   "The municipal council shall consist of five members who shall serve for terms of three years beginning on the first day of January next following their election."

2. Section 3-2 of the Municipal Code of the Township of Hardyston is amended to read:

   "The Township Council shall consist of five members who shall be elected at large and by the voters of the Township at the regular municipal election and who shall serve for terms of three years on a staggered basis, pursuant to the Charter, on the first day of January next following their election. Council members shall receive such compensation as may be provided by ordinance and shall be entitled to any expenses of office which they incur."

3. This ordinance is intended to conform the Hardyston Township Charter of 1985 and the Township Municipal Code to the Township's existing governmental organization and longstanding municipal practice.

4. The Mayor, Township Manager, Township Attorney, Township Clerk, and/or such other Township Officials as the law may provide, are hereby authorized to prepare and execute any documents as may be required to effectuate the implementation of this Ordinance.

5. If any article, section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance, and they shall remain in full force and effect.

6. In the event of any inconsistencies between the provisions of this Ordinance and any prior ordinance of the Township of Hardyston, the provisions hereof shall be determined to govern.

7. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication according to 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 Ceglia to approve Ordinance 2026-15 on second reading, seconded by Alfano. All in favor. Motion carried.

2026-16

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDYSTON, IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF CERTAIN PROPERTY NOT NEEDED FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the Township of Hardyston ('Township') is the owner of the property located at Lot 44, Block 79 on the Township tax map ('Subject Property'); and

WHEREAS, the Subject Property is smaller than the minimum lot size required for development, and currently contains no capital improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Subject Property is not needed for public purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Township wishes to convey the Subject Property to the owner of a property contiguous to the Subject Property; and

WHEREAS, the Township Tax Assessor has determined that the Fair Market Value of the Subject Property is $20,000.00, which price shall be the minimum price for which the Township shall convey the Subject Property to the owner of a contiguous property; and

WHEREAS, the Township has complied and will comply with all other relevant provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13(b)(5) in connection with the sale of the Subject Property to the owner of a contiguous property; and

WHEREAS, should the Township reach an agreement, for the sale of the Subject Property to the owner of a contiguous property, pursuant to this Ordinance, such agreement shall be subject to the approval and ratification of the Hardyston Township Council.

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

1. The Township Council hereby declares that the property located at Lot 44, Block 79 on the Township tax map ('Subject Property') is neither used presently nor needed in the future for the Township's public purposes.

2. The Township Council does hereby, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13(b)(5), authorize a sale of the Subject Property, for the consideration of no less than $20,000.00 to the owner of a property contiguous to the Subject Property.

3. The Mayor, Township Manager, Township Attorney, Township Clerk, and/or such other Township Officials as the law may provide, are hereby authorized to negotiate the sale of the Subject Property for the consideration of no less than $20,000.00 to the owner of a property contiguous to the Subject Property, in accordance with the terms of this Ordinance, N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13, and all relevant law, and to prepare an agreement for such sale, subject to the further approval of the Township Council.

4. The conveyance of the Subject Property shall be strictly 'as is.' No representation shall be made by the Township as to the utility, usability or, generally, the condition of the Subject Property.

5. If any article, section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

6. In the event of any inconsistencies between the provisions of this Ordinance and any prior ordinance of the Township of Hardyston, the provisions hereof shall be determined to govern.

7. The Township shall publish and publicly post notice of this Ordinance as required by N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13.

8. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication according to 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 Kaminski to approve Ordinance 2026-16 on second reading, seconded by Ceglia. All in favor. Motion carried.

2026-17

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDYSTON, IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CORRECTIVE QUITCLAIM DEED TO RICHARD S. POPPER FOR THE PROPERTY DESIGNATED AS BLOCK 15, LOT 15 ON THE TAX MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDYSTON

WHEREAS, the Township of Hardyston ('Township') on November 1, 1982 took ownership of Tax Sale Certificate No. 82-4 (the 'Tax Sale Certificate'), for delinquent taxes concerning the property located at Block 15, Lot 15 on the tax map of the Township of Hardyston (the 'Property'), owned at the time by Pleasant Valley Lake, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the Township subsequently initiated a foreclosure action on the Tax Sale Certificate in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, Sussex County, under Docket No. F-5607-86 (the "Foreclosure Proceeding"); and

WHEREAS, on February 9, 1987, the Township obtained final judgment in the Foreclosure Proceeding; and

WHEREAS, by deed dated February 9, 1987, Pleasant Valley Lake, Inc. sold the property in question to Richard S. Popper, said Deed being recorded on February 23, 1987 in Deed Book 1435 at page 104; and

WHEREAS, on February 6, 1987, payment had been made to the Township, in the amount of $15,459, for the redemption of the Tax Sale Certificate; and

WHEREAS, the Township had accepted payment for the redemption of the Tax Sale Certificate, yet failed to either record cancellation of the Tax Sale Certificate or intervene in the Foreclosure Proceeding to prevent the entry of final judgment; and

WHEREAS, the Township's Tax Collector confirms that the Township's current records indicate that Richard S. Popper is listed as the owner of the Property and that all real estate taxes are and have been paid and up to date; and

WHEREAS, the Township processed the redemption of the Tax Sale Certificate, honored the deed of February 9, 1987, and accepted Richard S. Popper's ownership of the Property; and

WHEREAS, Richard S. Popper has applied to the Township for the execution of a quitclaim deed formally conveying ownership of the Property from the Township to Mr. Popper, for purposes of clarifying his ownership in the Property's chain of title; and

WHEREAS, the Township Tax Collector, Township Manager, and Township Attorney have reviewed this matter and recommend that the Township Council authorize the execution of a quitclaim deed to Richard S. Popper for the property known as Block 15, Lot 15 on the tax map of the Township of Hardyston.

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

1. The Township Attorney is hereby authorized to prepare a quitclaim deed conveying the property located at Block 15, Lot 15 on the Township tax map to Richard S. Popper, for execution by the Township (the 'Conveyance').

2. The Mayor, Township Manager, Township Attorney, Township Clerk, and all other relevant Township Officials are authorized to take all necessary steps in order to effectuate the Conveyance.

3. If any article, section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

4. In the event of any inconsistencies between the provisions of this Ordinance and any prior ordinance of the Township of Hardyston, the provisions hereof shall be determined to govern.

5. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication according to 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 Kaminski to approve Ordinance 2026-17 on second reading, seconded by Miller. 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. First Aid Squad Building
C. Solar Project – Lasinski Road
D. ADA Doors – Municipal Building
E. Display of Hardystonite in Municipal Building
F. 250th Celebration

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Tax Collector Resolutions

    1. Resolution #76-26 – Disabled Veteran Refund – 59 Meadow Pond Road – Block 67.04, Lot 1.30

RESOLUTION #76-26

WHEREAS, Block 67.04 Lot 1.30 also known as 59 Meadow Pond Road owned by Jacob McCue, and

WHEREAS, Mr. McCue purchased the property March 26, 2019 and the property is 100% tax exempt due to a Veteran Exemption effective July 10, 2026.

WHEREAS Cotality, on behalf of the owner's lender paid the first, second and third quarter 2026 property taxes to Block 67.04 lot 1.30, and is due a refund in the amount of $1,392.97.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector be authorized to refund Cotality in the amount of $1,392.97.

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

2. Resolution #77-26 – Disabled Veteran Refund – 15 Eagles Nest Lane – Block 17.03, Lot 1.02

RESOLUTION #77-26

WHEREAS, Block 17.03 Lot 1.02 C1602 also known as 15 Eagles Nest Lane owned by Sherri Putnam, and

WHEREAS, Ms. Putnam purchased the property October 17, 2025 and the property is 100% tax exempt due to a Veteran Exemption effective November 4, 2025.

WHEREAS Cotality, on behalf of the owner paid the second quarter property taxes to Block 17.03 lot 1.02 C1602, and is due a refund in the amount of $1,660.87.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector be authorized to refund Cotality in the amount of $1,660.87.

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

3. Resolution #78-26 – Disabled Veteran Refund – 2 White Tail Court – Block 36, Lot 9.18

RESOLUTION #78-26

WHEREAS, Block 36 Lot 9.18 also known as 2 White Tail Court owned by Michael and Barbara Flaherty, and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Flaherty purchased the property August 31, 1989 and the property is 100% tax exempt due to a Veteran Exemption effective August 4, 2026.

WHEREAS Mr. and Mrs. Flaherty paid the first, second and third quarter 2026 property taxes to Block 36 lot 9.18, and are due a refund in the amount of $356.96.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector be authorized to refund Cotality in the amount of $356.96.

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

4. Resolution #79-26 – Disabled Veteran Refund – 4383 Rudetown Road - Block 17, Lot 5.04

RESOLUTION #79-26

WHEREAS, Block 17 Lot 5.04 also known as 4383 Rudetown Road owned by Keith and Renae Armstrong, and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong purchased the property August 04, 2003 and the property is 100% tax exempt due to a Veteran Exemption effective August 13, 2026.

WHEREAS Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong paid the first, second and third quarter 2026 property taxes to Block 17 lot 5.04, and are due a refund in the amount of $1,169.46.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector be authorized to refund Keith and Renae Armstrong in the amount of $1,169.46.

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

5. Resolution #80-26 – Disabled Veteran Refund – 2 Summer Street – Block 60.02, Lot 22

RESOLUTION #80-26

WHEREAS, Block 60.02 Lot 22 also known as 2 Summer Street owned by Dean and Caitlin Carrigan, and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Carrigan purchased the property June 14, 2013 and the property is 100% tax exempt due to a Veteran Exemption effective March 6, 2026.

WHEREAS Cotality on behalf of the owner's lender paid the first, second and third quarter 2026 property taxes to Block 60.02 lot 22, and are due a refund in the amount of $4,024.13.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector be authorized to refund Cotality in the amount of $4,024.13.

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

6. Resolution #81-26 –Disabled Veteran Refund – 208 North Church Road – Block 62, Lot 14

RESOLUTION #81-26

WHEREAS, Block 62 Lot 14 also known as 208 North Church Road owned by Rodriquez, Manuel and Cheryl, and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Rodriquez purchased the property June 28, 2023 and the property is 100% tax exempt due to a Veteran Exemption effective November 26, 2025.

WHEREAS Cotality, on behalf of the owner's lender paid the first quarter 2026 property taxes to Block 62 lot 14, and is due a refund in the amount of $1,543.88.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector be authorized to refund Cotality in the amount of $1,543.88.

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

7. Resolution #82-26 – Disabled Veteran Refund – 6 Lam Drive – Block 16.32 – Lot 1.14

RESOLUTION #82-26

WHEREAS, Block 16.32 Lot 1.14 also known as 6 Lam Drive owned by Panagiotis Paraskevoulakos, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Paraskevoulakos purchased the property May 13, 2022 and the property is 100% tax exempt due to a Veteran Exemption effective April 1, 2026.

WHEREAS Cotality on behalf of the owner's lender paid the first and third quarter 2026 property taxes to Block 16.32 lot 1.14, and are due a refund in the amount of $3,432.04.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector be authorized to refund Cotality in the amount of $3,432.04.

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

8. Resolution #83-26 – Disabled Veteran Refund – 60 Coventry Road – Block 16.35, Lot 1.05

RESOLUTION #83-26

WHEREAS, Block 16.35 Lot 1.05 also known as 60 Coventry Road owned by Lonnis and Denise Lewis, and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis purchased the property February 13, 2026 and the property is 100% tax exempt due to a Veteran Exemption effective February 19, 2026.

WHEREAS Cotality on behalf of the owner's lender paid the first, second and third quarter 2026 property taxes to Block 16.35 lot 1.05, and are due a refund in the amount of $2,926.32.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector be authorized to refund Cotality in the amount of $2,926.32.

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

9. Resolution #84-26 – Disabled Veteran Refund – 148 Big Spring Road – Block 71, Lot 9.03

RESOLUTION #84-26

WHEREAS, Block 71 Lot 9.03 also known as 148 Big Spring Road owned by James and Jane Caiazzo, and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Caiazzo purchased the property May 02, 1977 and the property is 100% tax exempt due to a Veteran Exemption effective July 2, 2026.

WHEREAS Mr. and Mrs. Caiazzo paid the first, second and third quarter 2026 property taxes to Block 71 lot 9.03, and are due a refund in the amount of $1,711.69.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector be authorized to refund James and Jane Caiazzo in the amount of $1,711.69.

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

10. Resolution #85-26 – Disabled Veteran Refund – 24 Clubhouse Road – Block 16.15, Lot 1

RESOLUTION #85-26

WHEREAS, Block 16.15 Lot 1 Qualifier C0503 also known as 24 Clubhouse Road owned by Deborah Lea Ortega, and

WHEREAS, Ms. Ortega purchased the property June 8, 2026 and the property is 100% tax exempt due to a Veteran Exemption effective July 7, 2026.

WHEREAS Massessa and Cluff law firm paid the third quarter 2026 property taxes at the time of the sale of property for Block 16.15 lot 1 Qualifier C0503, and are due a refund in the amount of $1,826.78.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector be authorized to refund Massessa and Cluff in the amount of $1,826.78.

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

11. Resolution #86-26 – Disabled Veteran Refund – 12 Summer Street – Block 60.02, Lot 18

RESOLUTION #86-26

WHEREAS, Block 60.02 Lot 18 also known as 12 Summer Street owned by Dennis and Christina Gordon, and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon purchased the property January 6, 1986 and the property is 100% tax exempt due to a Veteran Exemption effective May 27, 2026.

WHEREAS Cotality on behalf of the owner's lender paid the first, second and third quarter 2026 property taxes for Block 60.02 lot 18, and are due a refund in the amount of $3,148.06.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector be authorized to refund Cotality in the amount of $3,148.06.

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

B. Resolution #87-26 – Resolution authorizing agreement for Emergency Medical Services – St. Clare's

RESOLUTION #87-26

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE FOLLOWING AGREEMENT

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

1. Agreement for Emergency Medical Services – St. Clare's

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

C. Resolution #88-26 – Resolution amending Police Standard Operating Procedures entitled, Administration, Promotional Process, Volume 1, Chapter 5 in its entirety

RESOLUTION #88-26

RESOLUTION AMENDING POLICE STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES ENTITLED ADMINISTRATION, PROMOTIONAL PROCESS, VOLUME 1, CHAPTER 5 IN ITS ENTIRETY

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Hardyston that the Police Standard Operating Procedures entitled Administration, Promotional Process, Volume 1, Chapter 5 be amended in its entirety.

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

D. Resolution #89-26 – Resolution recognizing the 250th Anniversary Time Capsule

RESOLUTION #89-26

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDYSTON

RECOGNIZING THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY TIME CAPSULE

WHEREAS, 2026 marks the 250th anniversary of the founding of our Nation and provides an opportunity to celebrate our history, honor those who came before us, and preserve a record of the community we are today; and

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WHEREAS, the Township of Hardyston has created and placed a community time capsule containing memories, photographs, documents, reflections, and other items representing life in Hardyston and throughout our Nation in 2026; and

WHEREAS, the time capsule will remain sealed for fifty years and is intended to be opened in 2076, allowing future generations to discover and reflect upon the people, places, traditions, and experiences of our community; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council gratefully recognize the contributions of our schools, community organizations, Recreation Committee, Township Historian William Truran, and the Hardyston Heritage and Historical Society, whose efforts helped make this project a meaningful record of our community; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council especially recognize the late Councilman Frank Cicerale, who first brought forward the idea of a Hardyston Township time capsule as part of the Nation's 250th anniversary celebration, providing the inspiration for this lasting community legacy; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of Hardyston, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, that the Township hereby formally establishes and places the Hardyston Township 250th Anniversary Time Capsule adjacent to the Hardyston Veterans Memorial in commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the United States of America.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the time capsule shall be sealed and preserved for a period of fifty (50) years and designated for opening in 2076, at which time the Township is encouraged to conduct an appropriate public ceremony recognizing the 300th anniversary of the Nation and the community preserved within this capsule.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council extend their sincere appreciation to all who contributed to this historic project and honor the vision and memory of Councilman Frank Cicerale, whose idea helped make this legacy possible.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution shall be preserved with the time capsule as part of the permanent historical record of the Township of Hardyston.

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

E. Resolution #90-26 – Resolution to accept the performance bond and cash guarantee posted by CS Resort Manager, LLC for the Wild Turkey Way Realignment associated with Block 16, Lots 8.02 & 8.03 associated with site plan approvals for the Grand Cascades Hotel Condominium and Conference Center and to release and return the performance guarantees previously posted by Crystal Springs Builders, LLC in connection with the improvements

RESOLUTION #90-26

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDYSTON, COUNTY OF SUSSEX AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP TO ACCEPT THE PERFORMANCE BOND AND CASH GUARANTEE POSTED BY CS RESORT MANAGER LLC FOR THE WILD TURKEY WAY REALIGNMENT ASSOCIATED WITH BLOCK 16, LOTS 8.02 & 8.03 ASSOCIATED WITH SITE PLAN APPROVALS FOR THE GRAND CASCADES HOTEL CONDOMINIUM AND CONFERENCE CENTER AND TO RELEASE AND RETURN THE PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES PREVIOUSLY POSTED BY CRYSTAL SPRINGS BUILDERS, LLC IN CONNECTION WITH THE IMPROVEMENTS

WHEREAS, the Township of Hardyston has previously accepted a performance bond and cash guarantee from Crystal Springs Builders, LLC for the Wild Turkey Way Realignment on January 11, 2017; and

WHEREAS, CS Resort Manager, LLC has assumed the development and rights and responsibilities for the portion of the development of the Grand Cascades Hotel Condominium and Conference Center associated with the performance guarantees previously posted by Crystal Springs Builders, LLC; and

WHEREAS, on August 17, 2026, Crystal Springs Builders, LLC submitted a request to release the performance surety and cash bond for the Wild Turkey Way Realignment; and

WHEREAS, CS Resort Manager, LLC has posted performance bonds and cash guarantees to the replace the existing performance guarantees previously posted by Crystal Springs Builders, LLC; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer has inspected the site and reviewed the estimates used to establish the existing performance bonds; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer has determined that the amount of the performance guarantees posted by CS Resort Manager, LLC are sufficient to complete the improvements for the Wild Turkey Way Realignment covered by the performance guarantee; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer recommends that the Township release the cash bond and performance surety for each portion of the Crystal Springs Development to Crystal Springs Builders, LLC in the amount indicated below and accept the performance surety and cash bond for the same amount from CS Resort Manager, LLC to replace same.

Performance Bond Description	Total Bond Amount	Surety Portion	Cash Portion
Wild Turkey Way Realignment	$306,148.80	$275,533.92	$30,614.88

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Hardyston, in the County of Sussex, and State of New Jersey that the cash bond and original performance surety for the Wild Turkey Way Realignment, be released to Crystal Springs Builders LLC subject to and upon CS Resort Manager LLC's full posting of all performance sureties and cash portions as set forth herein, and subject to confirmation by the Township Manager, Engineer, and Attorney that all obligations of the Developer's Agreement remain effectively in force.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Hardyston, in the County of Sussex, and State of New Jersey that the cash bond and performance surety provided by CS Resort Manager, LLC for the Wild Turkey Way Realignment, are hereby accepted to replace the performance guarantees previously posted by Crystal Springs Builders, LLC at the recommendation of the Township Engineer.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Hardyston, in the County of Sussex, and State of New Jersey that the Township's acceptance of the replacement cash bond and performance surety provided by CS Resort Manager, LLC does not amend, waive, or release any condition of the applicable land-use approvals or any obligation under the Developer's Agreement, except to the extent CS Resort Manager, LLC is expressly substituted as obligor for the bonded Wild Turkey Way improvements.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

F. Proclamation – 200th Anniversary of the Stockholm United Methodist Church

PROCLAMATION

200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE STOCKHOLM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WHEREAS, the history of the Stockholm United Methodist Church dates to 1800, when the Bethel Methodist Society of Snufftown was organized and early worship services were held in homes, barns, beneath trees, and other gathering places throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, in 1826, land was purchased from the Ford family and construction began on the historic church building, which was completed and dedicated in December of that year; and

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WHEREAS, in 1966, the church received a bell from the Hardyston Municipal Building, and a bell tower was constructed. The bell continues to be rung each Sunday to mark the beginning of worship; and

WHEREAS, the historic significance of the church was recognized when it was designated a New Jersey State Historic Site in 1975 and a National Historic Site by the National Park Service in 1976; and

WHEREAS, for two centuries, the Stockholm United Methodist Church has served not only as a place of worship, but also as a place of fellowship, music, education, service, and community, contributing to the heritage and character of Stockholm and Hardyston Township; and

WHEREAS, this bicentennial anniversary provides an opportunity to honor the generations of congregants, clergy, families, and community members whose dedication and stewardship have preserved this treasured landmark and its traditions for future generations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of Hardyston proudly recognize and celebrate the 200th Anniversary of the Stockholm United Methodist Church.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, that we extend our sincere congratulations and appreciation to the congregation of the Stockholm United Methodist Church for 200 years of faith, fellowship, service, and community, and for its enduring contribution to the history and heritage of Hardyston Township.

PROCLAIMED this 23rd day of September, 2026.

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

G. Proclamation – Proclamation declaring September as National Childhood Cancer awareness month and recognizing the Wallkill Valley High School Baseball Booster Club's Strikeout Cancer Community Baseball Event and their efforts to raise awareness for childhood cancer

PROCLAMATION DECLARING SEPTEMBER AS NATIONAL CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH AND RECOGNIZING THE WALLKILL VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL BOOSTER CLUB'S STRIKEOUT CANCER COMMUNITY BASEBALL EVENT & THEIR EFFORTS TO RAISE AWARENESS FOR CHILDHOOD CANCER

WHEREAS, September is recognized as National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, providing an opportunity to honor children and families facing cancer, remember those whose lives have been lost, and support efforts to advance awareness, treatment, and hope; and

WHEREAS, the Wallkill Valley Baseball Booster Club's Strike Out Cancer Community Baseball Event scheduled for October 3rd, 2026, brings together the Wallkill Valley High School baseball team, local police and fire departments, youth baseball players, families, and residents for a day of baseball, camaraderie, and giving back; and

WHEREAS, this year's event honors Wallkill Valley High School student Cayden Collins, who is courageously fighting leukemia, and reflects the strength and compassion of our community coming together in support of Cayden and his family; and

WHEREAS, we encourage all residents to GO GOLD during September and join together in raising awareness and showing support for children and families affected by childhood cancer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Hardyston that September 2026 is hereby recognized as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in Hardyston Township.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, that we extend our heartfelt support to Cayden Collins and his family, and our appreciation to the Wallkill Valley Baseball Booster Club and everyone participating in the Strike Out Cancer event for bringing our community together in support of this important cause.

PROCLAIMED this 23rd day of September, 2026.

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

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H. Correspondence

1. Town of Newton
2. Fredon Township
3. Fredon Township
4. Hamburg Borough
5. Hamburg Borough
6. Franklin Borough
7. Frankford Township
8. Lafayette Township
9. Lafayette Township
10. Lafayette Township
11. Lafayette Township
12. Lafayette Township
13. Lafayette Township
14. Lafayette Township
15. County of Sussex
16. State of NJ
17. State of NJ
18. State of NJ
19. Suburban Consulting Engineers, Inc.
20. JCP&L
21. Bernd E. Hefele, Esq.

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

COUNCIL COMMENTS: Councilman Miller asked the Township Manager if the Township can do their own evaluation of the Hardyston Township Municipal Utilities Authority. Township Manager stated that asset management is done every year, but she will reach out to the Township Engineer.

Councilman Kaminski and Deputy Mayor Alfano invited everyone to join them at the Hardyston Family Festival Celebration on September 25 & 26, 2026. Councilman Ceglia stated that he looks forward to meeting everyone there.

BILLS TO BE PAID: A motion was made by Kaminski to approve the bill list of 9/10/26 in the amount of $664,521.21, which includes payroll for pay-period ending 8/30/26 and pay period ending 9/15/26, and the bill list of 9/23/26 in the amount of $1,862,984.67, 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. Resident Michele VanAllen stated that she attended the presentation by the Sussex County Municipal Utilities Authority at the Board of County Commissioners public meeting held on September 9, 2026 regarding the Wastewater Treatment Plant and asked if there was any additional information since that meeting.

Resident Darlene Milligan asked which towns are serviced by St. Clare's EMS.

A motion was made and seconded to close the meeting to the public. All in favor. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Miller to adjourn at approximately 8:16 p.m., seconded by Alfano. All in favor. Motion carried.

Jane Bakalarczyk, RMC/CMC
Municipal Clerk