MINUTES OF THE HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 23, 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, Councilman Ceglia, Manager Carrine Piccolo-Kaufer, Clerk Jane Bakalarczyk, and Township Attorney Robert Rossmeissl of Dorsey & Semrau.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Township Manager and Council discussed the following items:

A. Concord Energy Services – Government Energy Aggregation Program

A presentation was given by Lisa Hibbs, Director of Sales and Project Management explaining the program and the potential savings for residents.

B. Vernon Animal Control Shared Service Agreement

Township Manager stated that she will reach out to Vernon Animal Control and ask for justification of the proposed 5% increase to the agreement.

C. St. Clare's EMS Agreement Renewal

Township Manager stated that the agreement needs to be renewed, and that the 1 year extension agreement has been placed on the regular meeting agenda to follow for Council consideration.

D. Noise Ordinance – Commercial Golf Course Operations/Revised Noise Standards

Township Manager recommended that the ordinance be amended to clarify certain sections of the ordinance. Council agreed to review the ordinance and make any necessary changes.

E. Dedication of Post Road

Township Manager and Council discussed having a sign made to commemorate former Councilman Frank Cicerale who passed away in July 2026. Township Manager stated that a resolution will be prepared and placed on the October agenda for Council consideration.

F. Wild Turkey Realignment Bond Release

Township Manager stated that a resolution has been placed on the regular meeting agenda to follow for Council consideration.

G. Hardyston Township Police Department Rules & Regulations Promotion Process

Township Manager stated that a resolution amending the rules and regulations of the promotion process has been placed on the regular meeting agenda to follow for Council consideration.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Deputy Mayor Alfano stated that he attended the Wallkill Valley Board of Education meeting recently held and wanted to congratulate Katherine Barta for being elected to the Board.

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.

Hamburg resident John Conklin expressed his concerns regarding the blasting taking place at the quarry near his home.

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

ADJOURNMENT: At approximately 7:17 p.m., a motion was made by Miller to adjourn seconded by Alfano. All in favor. Motion carried.

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Jane Bakalarczyk, RMC/CMC
Municipal Clerk