MINUTES OF THE HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 8, 2026

The meeting was called to order via Zoom webinar by Mayor Kula at approximately 3:32 P.M. with the opening statement that the notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act were satisfied with respect to this meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Township of Hardyston which was held via Zoom webinar. Specifically, the time, date, and public call-in information were included in the meeting notice, posted in the Municipal Building, and posted on the Township website. Additionally, the agenda and public call-in information for this meeting was posted in the Municipal Building and on the Township website, at least 48 hour preceding the start time of this meeting.

Also present via Zoom webinar were: Deputy Mayor Alfano, Councilman Miller, Councilman Kaminski, Councilman Ceglia, Manager Carrine Piccolo-Kaufer, Clerk Jane Bakalarczyk, Township Attorney Robert Rossmeissl of Dorsey & Semrau and litigation counsel, Matthew Moench.

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NEW BUSINESS:

A. Ongoing Litigation – Docket #SSX-L-265-24

COUNCIL COMMENTS: None.

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. No public comment. 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 8th day of October, 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.

( ) 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: Miller
Seconded by: Kaminski

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

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

ADJOURNMENT: At approximately 4:05 p.m., a motion was made by Ceglia to adjourn seconded by Alfano. All in favor. Motion carried.

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Jane Bakalarczyk, RMC/CMC
Municipal Clerk