

TOWNSHIP OF HARDWICK
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

October 2, 2019

The monthly Business meeting of the Hardwick Township Committee was held on this date at the Municipal Building, 40 Spring Valley Road, Hardwick, New Jersey. This meeting was called to order at 6:33PM by the Township Clerk Judith Fisher who noted that this meeting was being held in compliance with the "Open Public Meetings Act":

In accordance with Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of 1975, notice of this meeting was given by way of notice with the New Jersey Herald and/or the Express-Times, filed in the Municipal Clerk's Office and posted in the Hardwick Municipal Building.

Roll Call:

Present: Mayor Kevin Duffy, Deputy Mayor Alfred Carrazzone, Committeeman James Perry

Also present: Township Attorney Michael Lavery, CPWM Thomas Campbell, Township Engineer Ted Rodman

Absent: None

Executive Session: RESOLUTION

A motion was made by Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Carrazzone and carried to adopt the Resolution to go into Closed Session at 6:34PM.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Pubic Meeting Act, Chapter 231, P. L 1975 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting under certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick, in the County of Warren and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from that portion of this meeting
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:
 - A. Contractual, Potential Litigation – Paulinskill Road
 - B. Attorney Client – Personnel – Township Employee

As nearly as can be ascertained, the matter or matters to be discussed at this time will be disclosed to the public when such matters are resolved.

Time In: 6:34PM

Present: Mr. Carrazzone, Mr. Duffy, Mr. Jim Perry

Also Present: CPWM Thomas Campbell, Twp. Attorney Michael Lavery, Township Clerk Judith Fisher

Absent: None

Time Out: 7:03PM

A motion was made by Mr. Carrazzone, seconded by Mr. Perry to come out of closed session at 7:03PM. Motion carried and unanimous.

Attorney Mr. Lavery noted that he met in closed session with the Committee and discussed two items: Potential Litigation – Paulinskill Road and Attorney/Client Information – Personnel, Township Employee. No official action was taken by the Committee at this time. Copies of the minutes will be made available at such time as the Committee determines that there is no harm to the public interest.

Payment of the Bills:

A motion was made by Mr. Carrazzone, seconded by Mr. Perry and carried to authorize the payment of the bills in the amount of \$139,562.32

Roll Call

Ayes: Mr. Jim Perry, Mr. Carrazzone, Mayor Duffy

Nays: None

Abstentions: None **Absent:**

The Township Committee recognized and congratulated Ethan Gash for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout with the following proclamation:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Township of Hardwick is interested in the ability of its citizens to lead healthy and productive lives; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Hardwick does believe that the future of our Township and indeed of all the world rests upon the next and each succeeding generation; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Hardwick is also aware the Boys Scouts of America have provided opportunities for personal growth to many young men for over 100 years; and

WHEREAS, members of the Boy Scouts of America have demonstrated their abilities as adults by becoming creators of great inventions and leaders of Communities, Corporations, and become Presidents in America, and

WHEREAS, **ETHAN GASH** has actively and successfully participated in the opportunities to demonstrate his personal growth by successfully meeting higher standards of character, performance and conduct required by the Scouting program; and

WHEREAS, **ETHAN GASH** has now succeeded in attaining the Rank of EAGLE SCOUT, as certified by this Court of Honor.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Mayor of the Township of Hardwick, I, Kevin Duffy, do hereby convey official congratulations of the Township of Hardwick to **ETHAN GASH** upon his achievement and also proclaim Wednesday, the 2nd day of October, of the year 2019 as **ETHAN GASH** day in the Township of Hardwick.

Kevin Duffy, Mayor

REPORTS

Ted Rodman, Twp. Engineer reported that Sunset Lake Road paving has been completed. The only items left to complete is the line stripping and guide rail; about 8 core samples are still needed too. There is about 4 tenths of a mile left to complete the road paving and that will be budgeted for in the 2020 budget. The driveway at 39 Riverview Drive has a pile of stone that was left by the owner in the cul-de-sac. He has been working on cleaning this up. He needs to move it as soon as possible. Mr. Rodman is suggesting that the driveway permit be issued so that he can get his CO, but that the escrow money, \$1200 be held until the stone is cleaned up. As for the Soil Importation, Downey on Butler Road has been approved and work has been completed. Rucereto on Meadow Cliff off of Sunset Lake Road is also done. If they should decide to import any more soil, they will need to reapply with a new application to the Zoning Officer.

Mr. Carrazzone talked with the Engineer about a 4 way stop at Stillwater Road and Spring Valley Road. This is a County road and the request will need to go to the County Engineer as a formal request. Since the Hardwick Seniors are asking for this, it was suggested that they write a letter to the Committee about this that will be forwarded to the County Engineer.

Tom Campbell, CPWM, brush has been cut on Sunset Lake Road along with some patching

Christine Rolef, CFO: The bills and her monthly report were reviewed.

Attorney: Mr. Lavery noted that he had a response from SBA about the Cell Tower maintenance on River View Drive. Someone will be out to look at what needs to be done. Contact person is Mitch West.

Clerk: Mrs. Fisher reviewed correspondents received

Grant: Mrs. Desiree Dunn noted that she attended a grant/tourism seminar at the Sussex County College. She will be attending a follow-up meeting,

OEM: No Report tonight

Retired Fire Warden: Mr. Wolff reported that there was a unattended camp fire where they had to call out several fire departments and Fire Service.

RESOLUTION

Motion by Mr. Carrazzone, second by Mr. Perry to approve **Resolution 2019-42** as presented. Motion carried and a voice vote was unanimous.

Resolution 2019-42

Recognizing the Negative Effects of a Proposed Large Warehouse Development Project on Hardwick Township

WHEREAS, a Conceptual plan has been proposed for 6 million square foot warehousing complex on an industrially zoned lot on Route 519 in White Township; and

WHEREAS, if this proposal advances, it will be the largest warehouse complex in the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Professional estimate of Truck traffic would produce many thousands of trucks per day traveling to and from the site; and

WHEREAS, trucks traveling to and from the site are likely to use Route 46 in both Knowlton and White Townships to reach their destination; and

WHEREAS, Warren County Planning Department's 2018 Transportation Technical Study (WCTTS), pages 36 and 70 cites: CR 519 Intersection with US 46 is approaching capacity, US 46 pavement deficient, NJRTM-E US 46 is approaching capacity, and CR 519 approaching capacity; and

WHEREAS, trucks will likely use two Route 46 bridges rates by the 2018 WCTTS, pg. 39, as "structurally deficient" bridges "for which the deck (riding surface), the superstructure (supports immediate beneath the driving surface) or the substructure (foundation and supporting posts and piers) are rated as poor or worse"; and

WHEREAS, increased truck traffic will be a safety hazard for parents and children waiting at bus stops and entering and exiting the White Township Elementary School and the Knowlton Township Elementary School which are both located on Route 46; and

WHEREAS, an additional unintended consequence may be longer response times for Fire, Rescue and Police Departments; and

WHEREAS, the unintended consequences of the warehouse development project are not limited to Hope Township and its residents

WHEREAS, vibration from existing truck traffic on Route 519 has contributed to damage to the stone foundations and structures of buildings within the Historic Village of Hope; and

WHEREAS, an increase in trucks traveling to the warehouse complex in White Township will likely exacerbate the truck problems on Route 519 and 46; and

WHEREAS, the loss of prime farmland to warehouses diminishes the food supply and directly impacts the rural character of the region; and

WHEREAS, real estate developers in the Lehigh Valley conducted three studies and concluded that warehouses in that region resulted on a decrease of home property values of 11.5%*; and

WHEREAS, the average worker in New Jersey makes \$13 hour, which is not a living wage, and the result will be an added burden on the state and county social safety net; and

WHEREAS, the consequences listed above do not benefit the resident of Warren County; and

WHEREAS, County Government was originally created for the primary purpose of providing Roads & Bridges for Commerce; and

WHEREAS, Commerce is the life blood of Healthy Communities, Counties, States and Country

WHEREAS, a 6 million square foot Warehouse complex exceeds all known transportation capacities within Warren County and will negatively affect all aspects of normal living for all Warren County residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick petitions all other 21 Municipalities to address the impact of the 6 million square foot Warehouse complex on their residents and their towns' future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick petition the Warren County Board of Freeholders to stop this project because of the many unintended Consequences of the 6 million square foot warehouse complex, including but not limited to the alteration of Warren County residents' quality of life, taxes, education, police, fire and rescue squads, property values and air quality..

And **NOW BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to Congressman Gottheimer, the Warren County Freeholders, Members of the 23rd and 24th Legislative Districts, the 21 Municipalities of Warren County, New Jersey, the New Jersey League of Municipalities, New Jersey Conference of Mayors.

CERTIFICATION

I, Judith M. Fisher, RMC, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Hardwick in the County of Warren, New Jersey hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and accurate copy of a Resolution adopted by the Hardwick Township Committee on October 2, 2019.

Judith M. Fisher, RMC, Municipal Clerk

*<http://www.mcall.com/news/local/mc-xpm-20140-02-10-mc-lower-nazareth-warehouse-hearing-20140210-story.html>

Motion by Mr. Carrazzone, second by Mr. Perry to approve **Resolution 2019-43** as presented.
Motion carried, followed by a roll call vote:

Roll Call

Ayes: Mr. Jim Perry, Mr. Carrazzone, Mayor Duffy

Nays: None

**2019-43 Authorizing Tax Collector to Accept Installment Payments on Delinquent Taxes
Block 301, Lot 12.02 155 Millbrook Road**

WHEREAS, David H. Seidel owes an amount of Fifteen Thousand Eighty-Three Dollars and Ninety Cents (\$ 15,083.90). The amount due represents taxes from the 1st quarter 2013 through the 2nd quarter of 2014 plus interest calculated to October, 2024. This property is located at 155 Millbrook Road and is known as Block 301, Lot 12.02.

WHEREAS, the owner of said property has requested to make installment payments **prior to tax sale** to bring all taxes current (the owner was recently discharged from bankruptcy and these taxes are open from the bankruptcy), and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:5-19 et seq. authorizes such installment payments large enough to pay all delinquent taxes, interest and costs within five (5) years.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized and directed to accept installment payments on delinquent taxes, interest and costs in accordance with the following:

1. Sixty equal payments of Two Hundred Fifty-One Dollars and Forty Cents (\$ 251.40). This amount will be sufficient to pay the balance in full within five (5) years of the date of this agreement for a total cost of \$ 15,083.90.
2. **All installment payments and subsequent taxes** must be paid within thirty (30) days of when they become due and payable or the balance of the 2013 & 2014 taxes, interest and costs will be subject to tax sale, immediately. Installment payments to begin November 1st, 2019.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify this to be a true and accurate copy of a Resolution adopted by the Township Committee at its' meeting held on October 2nd, 2019.

Judith Fisher, RMC
Township Clerk

Motion by Mr. Carrazzone, second by Mr. Perry to approve **Resolution 2019-44** as presented.
Motion carried, followed by a roll call vote:

Roll Call

Ayes: Mr. Jim Perry, Mr. Carrazzone, Mayor Duffy

Nays: None

2019-44 Refund Overpayment Block 1102 Lot 25.06 Girardin

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector advises of an overpayment of taxes for calendar year 2019. Mr. Girardin applied for and was granted total tax exemption for the tax year 2018 (he has 100% disabled status through the VA). This amount represents the homestead benefit credit (2016) that was applied to his 2019 4th quarter therefore creating an overpayment of taxes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 2nd day of October, 2019 by the Mayor and Township Committee that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to refund the above property taxes.

Block 1102, Lot 25.06 Girardin, Richard & Mary Sue \$242.85

Certification

I, Judith M. Fisher, Clerk of the Township of Hardwick, do hereby certify the foregoing Resolution to be a true and accurate copy adopted by the Township Committee on October 2, 2019.

Judith Fisher, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Motion by Mr. Carrazzone, second by Mr. Perry to approve **Resolution 2019-45** as presented.
Motion carried, followed by a roll call vote:

Roll Call

Ayes: Mr. Jim Perry, Mr. Carrazzone, Mayor Duffy

Nays: None

2019-45 Cancel Taxes Block 1004 Lot 4 Riso

WHEREAS, a resolution is required by the Tax Collector to cancel 2019 taxes deemed uncollectible, and

WHEREAS, the following property owner applied for and was granted a **100% disabled veteran exemption by the Tax Assessor effective May 28th, 2019**, therefore the taxes must be canceled of record:

BLOCK	LOT	OWNER	AMOUNT
1004	4	Alfred J. & Madelyn A. Riso	\$ 3,500.67

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 2nd day of October, 2019 by the Mayor and Township Committee that the Tax Collector is hereby released from collecting the taxes for the 2019 tax year on the above captioned property.

Certification

I, Judith M. Fisher, Clerk of the Township of Hardwick, do hereby certify the foregoing Resolution to be a true and accurate copy adopted by the Township Committee on October 2nd, 2019.

Judith Fisher, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Motion by Mr. Carrazzone, second by Mr. Perry to approve **Resolution 2019-46** as presented. Motion carried, followed by a roll call vote:

Roll Call

Ayes: Mr. Jim Perry, Mr. Carrazzone, Mayor Duffy

Nays: None

2019-46 Refund Tax Block 1004 Lot 4 Riso

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector advises of an overpayment of taxes for the tax year 2019. The property owner paid the 1st and 2nd quarter taxes as billed and the Tax Assessor granted a 100% disabled veteran exemption for 2019, effective May 28, 2019 therefore creating an overpayment of taxes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 2nd day of October, 2019 by the Mayor and Township Committee that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to make the refund of taxes as follows:

BLOCK	LOT	OWNER	AMOUNT
1004	4	Alfred J. & Madelyn A. Riso	\$ 550.44

Certification

I, Judith M. Fisher, Clerk of the Township of Hardwick, do hereby certify the foregoing Resolution to be a true and accurate copy adopted by the Township Committee on October 2nd, 2019.

Judith Fisher, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Motion by Mr. Carrazzone, second by Mr. Perry to approve **Resolution 2019-47** as presented. Motion carried and a voice vote was unanimous.

2019-47 To Urge Voters to Support the Referendum on the Election Ballot in November so that Veterans or Widowed Spouses of Veterans who Reside, in Continuing Car Retirement Communities (CCRU) will be Eligible for Property Tax Deductions

WHEREAS, the State Constitution of New Jersey authorizes veterans and widowed spouses of veterans who served in active duty during war and other times of emergency to received a property tax deduction, in the amount of \$250 per year, in well-deserved recognition of their service to our county; and

WHEREAS, veterans and widowed spouses who reside in Continuing Care Retirement Communities (CCRU) have been unfairly denied eligibility for the \$250 property tax deduction because they do not own their units, even though they instead contribute to property taxes through a monthly payment, and even though they have made the same sacrifices as all veterans in our great county; and

WHEREAS, there are twenty-five CCRCs in the State which collectively house approximately 2,500 veterans or widowed spouses who are being denied the property tax deduction, including Seabrook Village in Tinton Falls; and

WHEREAS, Senator Vin Gopal has sponsored legislation (S1331), that has been approved by the Senate and General Assembly, to extend the deduction to veterans and their widowed spouses in CCRCs;

WHEREAS, the extension of the deduction, because it required an amendment to the State Constitution, must be approved by the voters at the ballot in November before it will become valid and effective; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Township Committee desires to memorialize their support of the referendum on the ballot in November, and to urge the voters of this State to vote in favor of the property tax deduction for veterans and widowed spouses of veterans who reside in CCRCs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick urges voters to support the referendum on the ballot in November 2019, so that veterans and widowed spouses of veterans who reside in Continuing Care Retirement Communities (“CCRC”) will be eligible for the \$250 property tax deduction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Committee believes that this small benefit to our veterans and widowed spouses of veterans who reside CCRCs is a proper and warranted acknowledgment of the tremendous sacrifices that veterans have given to protect and serve our great nation.

CERTIFICATION

I. Judith Fisher, Township Clerk of the Township of Hardwick, certifying the foregoing to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Committee at their meeting held October 2, 2019.

Judith M. Fisher, RMC
Township Clerk

ORDINANCE: 1st Reading Introduction

Motion as made by Mr. Carrazzone, seconded by Mr. Perry and carried to approve **Ordinance 2019-09** for Introduction and First Reading.

2019-09 An Ordinance of the Township of Hardwick, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, Amending and Supplementing Chapter II “Administration”, to Add Section 2-25. Entitled “Reimbursement to Fire Department for Costs.

WHEREAS, the Fire Department provides fire suppression and emergency services in and around the Township of Hardwick; and

WHEREAS, the costs incurred for the maintenance of equipment used by the Fire Department grows each year; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Township Committee to create an Ordinance to allow a recovery plan for the costs and expenses incurred to remediate hazards; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter II of the Code of the Township is hereby amended to add Section 2-25 entitled “Reimbursement to Fire Department for Costs” which reads as follows:

2-25. Reimbursement to Fire Department for Costs.

§ 2-25.1 Definitions.

Costs. All costs incurred by the Township or Department, including but not limited to the following: actual labor costs of personnel, workers’ compensation benefits, cost of equipment operation, and cost of materials.

Hazardous Substance. Any and all elements and compounds, including petroleum products, which are defined as such by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, N.F.P.A. Guide of Hazardous Materials, list of hazardous substances adopted by the Federal Environmental Protection Agency, or list of toxic pollutants designated by Congress or the Environmental Protection Agency.

§ 2-25.2. Authorization to Recover Costs.

The governing body of the Township of Hardwick authorizes the Department to recover the costs of fire-fighting materials used and expended; the costs of the use of the fire trucks, fire engines, rescue equipment, and tankers; and the costs of personnel hours and hazardous situation abatement materials used in any hazardous abatement incident.

§ 2-25.3. Schedule of Fees and Costs.

Below is a schedule of fees and costs to be charged by the Department to any person, or their insurance carrier, for whom or for whose property such services were rendered.

Type of Incident	Description	Fee
Vehicle Incidents	Any hazardous abatement incident involving a vehicle substantial enough to cause the Department to use tools and skill to bring the incident under control.	For year 2019 the fee per vehicle shall be \$750. Thereafter the Township Committee will set the fee by Resolution.
Hazardous Substance	Intentional or unintentional discharge of a hazardous substance or hazardous material fires.	Actual costs incurred at an hourly rate set by the Township Committee for personnel involved in the response to the incident.

§ 2-25.4. Parties Responsible for Reimbursement to the Department.

Reimbursement to the Department shall be made by:

The owner or operator of the vehicle responsible for the hazardous condition;

Any person responsible for the discharge of any hazardous substance which is abated by the Department;

The owner or person responsible for the vessel containing the hazardous material causing the hazardous condition;

The owner or person responsible for the property from which the hazardous condition emanated;

§ 2-25.5. Third-Party Billing Agent.

The Department is hereby authorized to bill and collect costs due to it under this Article through a third-party billing agent, provided such agreement with the third-party billing agent is subject to the approval of the Township committee.

§ 2-25.6. Collection of Costs.

Said costs and fees as outlined above shall be recovered directly by the Department, or through a third-party billing agent, by billing to the responsible party.

§ 2-25.7. Report to the Township Committee.

The Department shall provide a monthly report to the Township Committee detailing all billing and receipts under this Article.

§ 2-25.8. Time Limit for Reimbursement.

Any person or entity responsible for any hazardous condition abatement incident shall reimburse the Department pursuant to the schedule of fees set forth above, or provide proof that they have submitted a claim to their insurance carrier for payment within 45 days after receipt of the Department’s invoice. These provisions shall be subject to the following:

Persons receiving services from the Department shall cooperate with the Department, or other billing personnel hired by the Department, to secure full payment for services rendered.

Due to anticipated time requirements for the preparation and processing of insurance claims, parties that have provided proof of a claim to their insurance carrier shall not be charged interest or subject to the penalties hereunder.

Responsible parties under this chapter shall ensure that the Department is authorized to receive any payments from any insurance carrier as required this chapter.

The Department reserves the right to determine that a bill, uncollectable by reason of unavailability of insurance coverage, can be written off.

§ 2-25.9. Violations and Penalties.

Any person violating any provision of this article and responsible for any hazardous condition within the service area of the Department who fails to reimburse the Department as provided herein, or submit a claim to the appropriate insurance carrier within the time required, shall be subject to a penalty and/or fine for each violation in accordance with Code of the Township of Mansfield.

SECTION 2

All ordinances or parts of ordinances which are consistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistencies only.

SECTION 3

If any 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.

SECTION 4

This Ordinance shall take effect after final passage and publication in accordance with the law.

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced to pass on the first reading meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick held on October 2, 2019 and ordered published in accordance with the law. Said Ordinance will be considered for final reading and adoption at a regular meeting of the Township Committee to be held on November 6, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the Township Committee may hear this Ordinance at the Municipal Building, 40 Spring Valley Road, Hardwick, New Jersey, at which time all persons interested may appear for or against the passage of said Ordinance.

Judith Fisher, R.M.C.
Township of Hardwick

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS

Best Practices 2019 - Due by October 30, 2019

A draft of the response was given to the Committee to review. Final discussion will be at the Work Meeting on October 16 along with Payment of the Bills.

DISCUSSION

2019- In-Building Radio Communications

An Ordinance of the Township of Hardwick, County of Warren, State of New Jersey to Require Large Hardened Buildings to Install Radio Booster Equipment to Support Interior Radio Communications with Law Enforcement Officers, Firefighters and Emergency Medical Personnel (Emergency First Responders) when Radio Communications Deficiencies Exist

The Committee discussed and it was suggested that it be forward to the Chairman of the Planning/Land Use Board for input. Mr. Perry also noted that he would bring it to the League to for their input.

Slabtown Creek Park: The dedication of the park is scheduled for Saturday, November 9 at 11AM. Mayor Duffy will be emailing several dignitaries and guess to attend.

White Lake – Update: Expansion of the new dock No update at this time

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: September 4, 2019, Business Mtg & Executive Session Motion made by Mr. Perry. second by Mr. Carrazzone to approve the above minutes subject to corrections. Motion carried and a voice vote was unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

A motion was made by Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Carrazzone and carried to open this portion of the meeting for comments from the Public.

Mrs. Dunn talked about Hardwick Day, October 20th at Princeton Blairstown Camp on Millbrook Road. She noted that she has about \$275 left in her budget and that if possible and if the funds are there, she could use about \$500 additional. A motion was then made by Mr. Perry, second by Mr. Carrazzone to increase her budget an additional \$500, subject to the available Funds. Motion carried followed by a roll call vote:

Roll Call

Ayes: Mr. Jim Perry, Mr. Carrazzone, Mayor Duffy

Nays: None

Mrs. Eleanor Smith asked about the Energy COOP, IDT. This was explained by Mayor Duffy

Mrs. Angel Robinson asked about Slabtown Creek Park and what the policy will be for garbage and a doggy station. The policy is that it is a carry in and carry out.

Mr. Ed Fisher, Sunset Lake Road asked Mr. Perry about his health insurance that he is getting through the Township. He wanted to know if he has paid anything back to the Township and if so, how much. Mr. Fisher reminded him that at several of the earlier meetings, he made a statement that he would pay the township back and that it would cost them(township) nothing. Mr. Carrazzone has also asked the question and Mr. Perry told him that the pay back was none of his damn business.

Mr. Thomas Campbell, Taxpayer also asked about the insurance payback to the township which was probably none to date. He also asked if Mr. Perry had the amount that the taxpayers have paid out so far. Mr. Perry did not have that number.

Seeing there were no other public comments, Mr. Carrazzone motioned to closed this portion of the meeting to the public, second by Mr. Perry. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Mr. Perry talked about a meeting he attended with Congressman Gottheimer exploratory only with century Link and Altice. There is a letter coming out from Mayor Starrs listing the roads/area that need coverage.

Mr. Carrazzone talked about a 4 way stop at the corner of Stillwater Road and Spring Valley, which are both County roads. It was suggested that since the Seniors are requesting this, that they write a letter to the Committee that can then be forward to the Freeholders and County Engineer.

Mr. Duffy spoke about Preservation Day that had a great turnout. The Vass House was also opened and had a great turn out too. Route 80 Rock Wall project is still ongoing. Cost is at \$60Million and still growing.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Carrazzone and carried to adjourn tonight's meeting of the Hardwick Township Committee at 8:16PM

Respectfully submitted

Judith M. Fisher, RMC