

**HARDING TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE**  
**MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2020**  
**EXECUTIVE SESSION at 5:30 PM**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**Kirby Hall, Blue Mill Road, New Vernon, New Jersey**

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**CALL MEETING TO ORDER – Mayor Yates**

*Mayor Yates called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.*

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**ADEQUATE NOTICE** of this Executive Session meeting of the Harding Township Committee was sent to the Observer Tribune on April 7, 2020 and published in the Observer Tribune on April 9, 2020.

*Mayor Yates announced adequate notice of the April 13, 2020 meeting of the Harding Township Committee was published in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.*

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**ROLL CALL – Municipal Clerk**

Ms. DiTosto, Mr. Jones, Mr. Modi, Mr. Platt, Mr. Yates

*Mrs. Sharp called the roll. Let the record show that Mrs. DiTosto, Mr. Modi, and Mr. Platt were present via telephone due to the COVID-19 emergency. Mr. Jones and Mayor Yates were present in person.*

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**RESOLUTION TC 20-083 – Executive Session**

**RESOLUTION TO RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*Mayor Yates asked for a motion to recess into Executive Session. Upon a motion made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Platt, and with a roll call vote of all ayes, none opposed, the meeting recessed into executive session at 5:35 pm.*

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Harding Township Committee that it shall adjourn into executive session to discuss the following subject matter(s) without the presence of the public in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 10:4-12b; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the matter(s) discussed will be made known to the public at such time as appropriate action is taken on said matter(s), and when disclosure will not result in unwarranted invasion of individual privacy or prejudice to the best interests of the Township of Harding provided such disclosures will not violate Federal, State or local statutes and does not fall within the attorney-client privilege. The Township Committee will return to public session after this executive session.

**Attorney Client Privilege:**

1. Personnel – R. Falzarano

**Contracts:**

1. Redevelopment – B. Goldsmith/J. Hague
2. Property Acquisitions – M. Roselli
2. The Gatehouse – M. Roselli

**Vote on Resolution:**

	MOTION	FOR APPROVAL	AGAINST APPROVAL	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ms. DiTosto	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Jones	1 <sup>st</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Modi	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Platt	2 <sup>nd</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Yates	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

### RECONVENE INTO PUBLIC SESSION – Mayor Yates

*Mayor Yates asked for a motion to reconvene into public session. Upon a motion made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Platt and with a roll call vote of all ayes, the meeting reconvened into general session at 7:30 pm.*

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Mayor Yates

*Mayor Yates opened the regular meeting, via telephone call, of the Township Committee to the public at 7:30 pm and asked that all join in the saying of the Pledge of Allegiance.*

**ADEQUATE NOTICE** of this meeting of the Harding Township Committee was given as follows: Notice was sent to the *DAILY RECORD* and the *OBSERVER TRIBUNE* on January 7, 2020, and published in the *OBSERVER TRIBUNE* on January 9, 2020; Notice was posted on the Bulletin Board in the Township Municipal Building on Blue Mill Road in Harding, NJ on January 7, 2020, and Notice was filed with the Municipal Clerk on January 7, 2020.

*Mayor Yates announced that adequate notice of this meeting was published in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Mayor Yates welcomed everyone to Harding Township's first virtual Town meeting.*

### RESOLUTION TC 20-084 -- RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

*Mayor Yates asked if there were any comments or questions regarding the March 9, March 19, and March 26, 2020 minutes. With no comments, the Mayor asked for a motion to accept the March 9, March 19, and March 26, 2020 minutes. A motion was made by Mr. Jones and seconded by Mr. Platt.*

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Harding that the minutes from the following meetings are approved as prepared and shall be filed as a permanent record in the Municipal Clerk's office: **March 9, 2020; March 19, 2020; and March 26, 2020.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Harding that the minutes from the following Executive Session meeting(s) are approved as prepared and shall be filed as a permanent record in the Municipal Clerk's office: **March 9, 2020; March 19, 2020; and March 26, 2020.**

**Mayor Yates** asked for a motion to accept the Township Committee meeting minutes. *Upon a motion made by Mr. Jones and seconded by Township Committee Member Platt.*

**Mayor Yates** asked the Municipal Clerk for a Roll Call:

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**Vote on Resolution:**

	MOTION	FOR APPROVAL	AGAINST APPROVAL	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ms. DiTosto	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Jones	1 <sup>st</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Modi	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Platt	2 <sup>nd</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Yates	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE – Mayor Yates**

*There were no announcements, presentations, reports, or correspondence.*

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

*There were no discussion items.*

**RESOLUTIONS – (NON-CONSENT – REQUIRING SEPARATE ACTION)**

**Mayor Yates** asked Committee Member Modi to proceed with Resolution TC 20-085 listed on the Non-Consent agenda.

*Mr. Modi read Resolution TC 20-085 as follows*

**Resolution TC 20-085 – Resolution to Amend 2020 Budget**

**WHEREAS**, the local municipal budget of the year 2020 was introduced and approved on the 9<sup>th</sup> of March 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the public hearing on said budget has been scheduled for the 13<sup>th</sup> of April 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, it is desired to amend said approved budget.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Harding, County of Morris, State of New Jersey that the following amendments to the approved budget of 2020 be made:

<b>3. Miscellaneous Revenues</b>	<b>From:</b>	<b>To:</b>
Section B: Section B: State Aid Without Offsetting Garden State Trust Fund	\$ 6,887.00	\$ 10,624.00
<b>Total Miscellaneous Revenues</b>	<b>\$1,536,254.28</b>	<b>\$1,539,991.28</b>

**6. Amount to be Raised by Taxes for Support of Municipal Budget**



a) Local Tax for Municipal Purposes Including Reserve for Uncollected Taxes

\$5,839,480.00 \$5,835,587.00

**Total General Revenues**

**\$9,565,734.28 \$9,565,578.28**

**8. General Appropriations**

**From: To:**

M. Reserve for Uncollected Taxes

Reserve for Uncollected Taxes

\$ 914,897.00 \$ 914,741.00

Reserve for Uncollected Taxes

\$ 914,897.00 \$ 914,741.00

**Total General Appropriations**

**\$9,565,734.28 \$9,565,578.28**

*Mr. Modi asked Mr. Falzarano to explain the amendment. Mr. Falzarano explained that the purpose of the amendment is to adjust the State Aid. We received \$3,737 in increased State Aid from when the budget was initially prepared. The reserve for uncollected taxes was adjusted which was about \$156.00 reduction. This is a very minor change, but the Township is required to do this formally. Mr. Modi thanked Mr. Falzarano and proceeded with the remainder of Resolution TC 20-085.*

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that two certified copies of this resolution be filed forthwith in the Office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services for certification of the 2020 local municipal budget so amended.

**NON-CONSENT AGENDA VOTE:**

*Committee Member Modi made a motion to approve the resolution placed on this evening's Non-Consent Agenda by consent of the Township Committee, seconded by Township Committee Member DiTosto.*

**Mayor Yates** asked the Municipal Clerk for a Roll Call: *Mrs. Sharp called the roll as follows:*

**Vote on Resolution:**

	MOTION	FOR APPROVAL	AGAINST APPROVAL	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ms. DiTosto	2 <sup>nd</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Jones	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Modi	1 <sup>st</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Platt	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Yates	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**RESOLUTIONS – (NON-CONSENT – REQUIRING SEPARATE ACTION)**

**Mayor Yates** asked Committee Member Modi to proceed with Resolution TC 20-086 listed on the Non-Consent agenda. *Mr. Modi read Resolution TC 20-086 by Title into the record. Mr. Modi commented that due to the COVID-19 emergency, the Finance Committee has actively discussed the 2020 budget with Mr. Falzarano. Mr. Falzarano has spoken to Mr. Himanshu Shah and the State to move forward. Mr. Modi wanted to report to everyone that the Township has been actively discussing the budget in light of the COVID-19. Mr. Modi proceeded with Resolution TC 20-086.*



**Resolution TC 20-086 – Adoption of Budget -- Municipal Budget Notice – Fiscal Year 2020**

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee introduced and approved the 2020 municipal budget on March 9, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the approved introduction of the budget was advertised as required by law on March 12, 2020 (Observer Tribune) with notice of the public hearing to be held on April 13, 2020.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the following statements of revenues and appropriations shall constitute the municipal budget for the year 2020:

SUMMARY OF REVENUES - CURRENT FUND		ANTICIPATED	
		2020	2019
1	SURPLUS	2,100,000.00	2,100,000.00
2	TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES	1,539,991.28	1,488,639.00
3	RECEIPT FROM DELINQUENT TAXES	90,000.00	90,000.00
4	LOCAL TAX FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSE	5,835,587.00	5,777,133.00
	TOTAL GENERAL REVENUES	9,565,578.28	9,455,772.00
SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS - CURRENT FUND		2020	2019
1	OPERATING BUDGET		
	SALARIES & WAGES	3,417,600.00	3,264,600.00
	OTHER EXPENSES	3,692,551.00	3,777,555.00
2	OPERATIONS – EXCLUDED FROM “CAPS”	572,086.28	507,675.00
3	DEFERRED CHARGES & OTHER APPROPRIATIONS	0.00	0.00
4	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUNDS	585,000.00	616,000.00
5	DEBT SERVICE	383,600.00	377,539.00
6	RESERVE FOR UNCOLLECTED TAXES	914,741.00	912,403.00
	TOTAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS	9,565,578.28	9,455,772.00
SUMMARY OF REVENUES - SEWER UTILITY FUND		ANTICIPATED	
		2020	2019
1	SURPLUS	39,000.00	30,000.00
2	TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES	200,000.00	200,000.00
	TOTAL GENERAL REVENUES	239,000.00	230,000.00
SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS - SEWER UTILITY FUND		2020	2019
1	OPERATING BUDGET		
	SALARIES & WAGES	25,000.00	25,000.00
	OTHER EXPENSES	192,000.00	188,000.00
2	DEFERRED CHARGES & OTHER APPROPRIATIONS	2,000.00	2,000.00
	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUNDS	20,000.00	15,000.00
	TOTAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS	239,000.00	230,000.00

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BALANCE OF OUTSTANDING DEBT	
TOTAL PRINCIPAL TO BE PAID IN 2020	395,000
TOTAL INTEREST TO BE PAID IN 2020	201,475
REMAINING PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST TO BE PAID AFTER 2019	5,822,850

	2020	2019
TOTAL NUMBER OF FULL TIME PERSONS BUDGETED	31	32
TOTAL NUMBER OF PART TIME PERSONS BUDGETED	16	15

*Mayor Yates opened the meeting for a public hearing on the 2020 municipal budget and any member of the public may be heard by pressing 5\*.*

**Mayor Yates:** *Seeing no one wishing to be heard closed the public hearing.*

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the budget resolution as read by title on second reading, and after public hearing at this meeting, be adopted and finally passed.

**NON-CONSENT AGENDA VOTE:**

**Mayor Yates** asked **Committee Member Modi** to proceed with Resolution TC 20-086 listed on the Non-Consent agenda.

*Committee Member Modi made a motion to approve Resolution TC 20-086 placed on this evening's Non-Consent Agenda by consent of the Township Committee, seconded by Township Committee Member Jones.*

**Mayor Yates** asked the Municipal Clerk for a Roll Call: *Mrs. Sharp called the roll as follows:*

**Vote on Resolution:**

	MOTION	FOR APPROVAL	AGAINST APPROVAL	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ms. DiTosto	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Jones	2 <sup>nd</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Modi	1 <sup>st</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Platt	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Yates	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT TIME LIMIT**

Hearing of citizens during the Public Comment section of the Agenda is an opportunity for any member of the public to be heard about issues which are/are not topics scheduled for Public Hearing tonight. To help facilitate an orderly meeting, and to permit all to be heard, speakers are asked to limit their comments to a reasonable length of time.

*Mayor Yates opened the meeting for public comments and informed those on the telephone call if you would like to ask a question, please dial 5 then press star(\*), this will bring you up in the que and enable us to unmute your call for you to ask your question.*

*With no one wishing to be heard, Mayor Yates closed the public comment at 7:36 pm.*

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## **ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING**

**ORDINANCE #02-2020 -- CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDING, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND ACQUISITIONS IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP AND APPROPRIATING THEREFORE THE SUM OF \$574,350**

**Mayor Yates** asked Township Committee Member Modi to proceed with Ordinance TC #02-2020.

**Township Committee Member Modi** read Ordinance TC 02-2020 by title as follows:

**HARDING TOWNSHIP  
CAPITAL ORDINANCE  
ORDINANCE #02-2020**

**“CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDING, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND ACQUISITIONS IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP AND APPROPRIATING THEREFORE THE SUM OF \$574,350”**

Which said Ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a regular Township Committee Meeting held on Mark 9, 2020.

**Mayor Yates** asked the Municipal Clerk to give a summary of the legal notice.

**The Municipal Clerk States:** *Mrs. Sharp read; a legal notice was sent for publication on March 9, 2020 to the Observer Tribune indicating that Ordinance #02-2020 was introduced and passed on first reading at the March 9, 2020 meeting and indicated that the second reading and public hearing were to be held on April 13, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. on or at any time thereafter for consideration of final adoption. Copies of this Ordinance were made available to the general public, posted on the Township website, and posted in accordance with the law.*

*Mayor Yates opened the meeting for public hearing on Ordinance #02-2020 and any member of the public may be heard. Mayor Yates commented to ask a question please dial 5 then press star.*

**Mayor Yates:** *With no one wishing to be heard, Mayor Yates closed the public hearing.*

**Township Committee Member Modi:** *Mr. Modi offered Ordinance #02-2020 and moved its adoption.*



**BE IT RESOLVED**, that this Ordinance was read by title on second reading, after the public hearing at this meeting, be adopted and finally passed.

*Township Committee Member DiTosto seconded the motion.*

**Mayor Yates** asked the Municipal Clerk for a Roll Call: *Mrs. Sharp called the roll as follows:*

**Vote on Adoption:**

	MOTION	FOR APPROVAL	AGAINST APPROVAL	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ms. DiTosto	2 <sup>nd</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Jones	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Modi	1 <sup>st</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Platt	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Yates	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING**

**ORDINANCE #03-2020 –SEWER CAPITAL ORDINANCE -- CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDING, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND ACQUISITIONS IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP AND APPROPRIATING THEREFORE THE SUM OF \$20,000 FROM THE SEWER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND OF THE TOWNSHIP**

*Mayor Yates asked Township Committee Member Modi to proceed with Ordinance TC #03-2020.*

**Township Committee Member Modi reads Ordinance TC 03-2020 by title as follows:**

**HARDING TOWNSHIP  
 SEWER CAPITAL ORDINANCE  
 ORDINANCE #03-2020**

**CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDING, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND ACQUISITIONS IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP AND APPROPRIATING THEREFORE THE SUM OF \$20,000 FROM THE SEWER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND OF THE TOWNSHIP**

Which said Ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a regular Township Committee Meeting held on March 9, 2020.

*Mayor Yates made an announcement that there was a typo in the title of the ordinance. The sum is \$20,000 not \$30,000 which is what was read by Mr. Modi. The introduction of the ordinance did have the correct number of \$20,000.*

**Mayor Yates** asked the Municipal Clerk to give a summary of the legal notice.

**The Municipal Clerk States:** *Mrs. Sharp read; a legal notice was sent for publication on March 9, 2020 to the Observer Tribune indicating that Ordinance #03-2020 was introduced and passed on first reading at the March 9, 2020 meeting and indicated that the second reading and public hearing were to be held on April 13, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. on or at any time thereafter for consideration of final adoption. Copies of this Ordinance were made available to the general public, posted on the Township website, and posted in accordance with the law.*

**Mayor Yates:** *Mayor Yates opened the meeting for public hearing on Ordinance #03-2020 and any member of the public may be heard. Mayor Yates mentioned to ask a question, please dial 5 and press star.*

**Mayor Yates:** *See no one wishing to be heard, Mayor Yates closed the public hearing.*

**Township Committee Member Modi:** *Mr. Modi offered Ordinance #03-2020 and moved its adoption.*

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that this Ordinance was read by title on second reading, after the public hearing at this meeting, be adopted and finally passed.

*Township Committee Member Jones seconded the motion.*

**Mayor Yates** asked the Municipal Clerk for a Roll Call: *Mrs. Sharp called the roll as follows:*

**Vote on Adoption:**

	MOTION	FOR APPROVAL	AGAINST APPROVAL	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ms. DiTosto	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Jones	2 <sup>nd</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Modi	1 <sup>st</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Platt	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Yates	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING**

**ORDINANCE #04-2020 –“AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)”**

**Mayor Yates** asked Township Committee Member Modi to proceed with Ordinance TC #04-2020.

**Township Committee Member Modi** reads Ordinance TC #04-2020 by title as follows:

**HARDING TOWNSHIP  
 CAP BANK ORDINANCE  
 ORDINANCE #04-2020**



**“AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)”**

Which said Ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a regular Township Committee Meeting held on March 9, 2020.

**Mayor Yates** asked the Municipal Clerk to give a summary of the legal notice.

**The Municipal Clerk States:** *Mrs. Sharp read; a legal notice was sent for publication on March 9, 2020 to the Observer Tribune indicating that Ordinance #04-2020 was introduced and passed on first reading at the March 9, 2020 meeting and indicated that the second reading and public hearing were to be held on April 13, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. on or at any time thereafter for consideration of final adoption. Copies of this Ordinance were made available to the general public, posted on the Township website, and posted in accordance with the law.*

**Mayor Yates:** *Mayor Yates opened the meeting for public hearing on Ordinance #04-2020 and any member of the public may be heard. Mayor Yates mentioned to ask a question; dial 5 then press star.*

*Wendy Miller, resident – commented what is a CAP Bank and what does it do? Mayor Yates explained that to the extent that the Township tax increases below that allowed by law, that difference can be placed in a CAP Bank, and you have three years to use it. If it is not used, it rolls off. The Township does this every year to make it available. Mayor Yates reported that Harding Township has never gone into the CAP Bank.*

*Mr. Himanshu Shah, CFO, responded that there are two parts to this ordinance:*

- 1) The first part of the Ordinance is what the Township is allowed to exceed the CAP more than 2% to 3.5%. It is an expenditure CAP not a Levy CAP, and*
- 2) The second part of the Ordinance talks about banking. If there is a need for more than 2%, the Township can tap into the CAP Bank and increase the appropriation for that year beyond the limit that is set by the consumer price index by the State. This is used as a tool box and the Township should continue to have it if the Township needs it. Mr. Shah commented that the Township has never used it or needed it. Mr. Shah recommended to the Township to continue this action.*

**Mayor Yates:** *With no further comments, Mayor Yates closed the public hearing.*

**Township Committee Member Modi:** *Mr. Modi offered Ordinance #04-2020 and moved its adoption.*

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that this Ordinance was read by title on second reading, after the public hearing at this meeting, be adopted and finally passed.

*Township Committee Member DiTosto seconded the motion.*

**Mayor Yates** asked the Municipal Clerk for a Roll Call: *Mrs. Sharp called the roll as follows:*



**Vote on Adoption:**

	MOTION	FOR APPROVAL	AGAINST APPROVAL	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ms. DiTosto	2 <sup>nd</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Jones	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Modi	1 <sup>st</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Platt	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Yates	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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**ADD-ON RESOLUTIONS**

**Resolution TC 20-091 – Resolution to Accept the Resignation of T.T.**

*Mayor Yates read Resolution TC 20-091 into the record.*

**WHEREAS**, on April 13, 2020, the Chief of Police received correspondence dated April 13, 2020 from T.T. advising that he is resigning from his employment with the Township of Harding Police Department; and

**WHEREAS**, T.T. has advised that his resignation shall be effective immediately on April 13, 2020; and

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Harding, County of Morris, State of New Jersey as follows:

- 1) The Township of Harding hereby accepts and relies upon the April 13, 2020 letter of resignation from T.T.
- 2) Effective April 13, 2020 T.T. shall have resigned from his position as patrol officer with the Township of Harding.
- 3) This resolution puts the Administrator on notice to immediately process this resignation and advise the Chief of Police to commence a search for a candidate to fill the position of patrol officer.
- 4) This resolution shall take effect immediately.

**NON-CONSENT AGENDA VOTE:**

**Mayor Yates** asked for a motion to proceed with Resolution TC 20-091 listed on the Add-On Non-Consent Resolutions.

**Committee Member Jones** made a motion to accept Resolution TC 20-091 placed on this evening's Add-On Non-Consent Agenda by consent of the Township Committee, seconded by Township Committee Member DiTosto.

**Mayor Yates** asked the Municipal Clerk for a Roll Call: *Mrs. Sharp called the roll as follows:*

**Vote on Resolution:**

	MOTION	FOR APPROVAL	AGAINST APPROVAL	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ms. DiTosto	2 <sup>nd</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Jones	1 <sup>st</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Modi	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Platt	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Yates	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## RESOLUTIONS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION AND VOTE

### CONSENT AGENDA

*Mayor Yates proceeded with the Consent Agenda and read the following:*

The following items are considered to be routine by the Harding Township Committee and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Township Committee Member so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the Agenda.

### RESOLUTIONS TC 20-087 THROUGH RESOLUTION TC 20-090 HAVE BEEN PLACED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

#### CONSENT AGENDA VOTE:

*Mayor Yates asked for a motion to proceed with the Resolutions listed on the Consent agenda, Resolutions TC 20-087 through TC 20-090. Township Committee Member Jones made a motion to approve the resolutions placed on this evening's Consent Agenda by consent of the Township Committee, seconded by Township Committee Member Platt.*

**Mayor Yates** asked the Municipal Clerk for a Roll Call: *Mrs. Sharp called the roll as follows:*

#### Vote on Resolution:

	MOTION	FOR APPROVAL	AGAINST APPROVAL	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ms. DiTosto	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Jones	1 <sup>st</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Modi	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Platt	2 <sup>nd</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Yates	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

### CONTRACTS:

**Resolution TC 20-087 – RESOLUTION CONFIRMING DESIGNATION OF HURSTMONT ESTATE ACQUISITION, LLC AS CONDITIONAL REDEVELOPER UNDER CONDITIONAL REDEVELOPER DESIGNATION AND ESCROW AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF**



**HARDING AND HARDING ESTATE ACQUISITION, LLC AND EXTENDING THE INTERIM PERIOD FOR SAME**

**WHEREAS**, the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq. (the “**Redevelopment Law**”) authorizes municipalities to determine whether certain parcels of land located therein constitute an area in need of redevelopment; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 19, 2018, the Township Committee of Harding Township adopted Resolution No. 18-196, directing the Planning Board to undertake a preliminary investigation to determine whether the properties identified as Block 27, Lot 2, located at 679 Mt. Kemble Avenue (the "Hurstmont Parcel") and Block 34, Lot 1 (the "Glen Alpin Parcel") (collectively referred to as the "Redevelopment Study Area") qualify as a "noncondemnation" area in need of redevelopment pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A: 12A-1, et seq. (the "Redevelopment Law"); and

**WHEREAS**, on February 19, 2019, the Planning Board conducted a duly-noticed public hearing, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-6, during which the Planning Board considered the preliminary investigation report of Heyer, Gruel & Associates ("HGA"), dated February 1, 2019 entitled “685 Mt. Kemble Avenue (“Glen Alpin) and 679 Mt. Kemble Avenue (“Hurstmont”) Area in Need of Redevelopment Investigation Report” (the "Preliminary Investigation Report") and heard the testimony of Susan S. Gruel, P.P. and McKinley Mertz, P.P. of HGA concerning the Preliminary Investigation Report; and

**WHEREAS**, after the Planning Board hearing and consideration of the Preliminary Investigation Report, the Planning Board determined that the Redevelopment Study Area met the criteria for designation as an area in need of redevelopment under the Redevelopment Law and recommended that the Harding Township Committee designate the Redevelopment Study Area as an area in need of redevelopment, pursuant to the Redevelopment Law; and

**WHEREAS**, the Harding Township Committee accepted the recommendations of the Planning Board and on February 25, 2019, via Resolution No. TC19-073, designated the Redevelopment Study Area as a "non-condemnation" redevelopment area; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 13, 2019 on behalf of Harding Township, HGA prepared a redevelopment plan for the Redevelopment Study Area, dated May 13, 2019 (the "Glen Alpin/Hurstmont Redevelopment Plan") and referred such plan to the Planning Board for review and comment, pursuant to NJSA 40A:12A-7; and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Board considered the Glen Alpin/Hurstmont Redevelopment Plan at its meeting of May 20, 2019 and submitted a report of its review of the Glen/Alpin Hurstmont Redevelopment Plan dated June 3, 2019 to the Harding Township Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 24, 2019, the Harding Township Committee adopted the Glen Alpin/Hurstmont Redevelopment Plan by Ordinance No. 13-2019; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 24, 2019, the Harding Township Committee designated Hurstmont Estate Acquisition, LLC as the "Redeveloper" of the Redevelopment Study Area pursuant to Township Resolution No. TC 19-136; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 12, 2019 on behalf of Harding Township, HGA prepared an amendment to the Glen Alpin/Hurstmont Redevelopment Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 30, 2019 the Harding Township Committee adopted the amendment of the Glen Alpin/Hurstmont Redevelopment Plan by Ordinance No. 16-2019; and



**WHEREAS**, by Resolution No. TC 19-194 adopted on September 30, 2019, the Harding Township Committee confirmed the designation of Hurstmont Estate Acquisition, LLC's as the Redeveloper solely as to the Senior Living District located within the Redevelopment Study Area; and

**WHEREAS**, the designation of Hurstmont Estate Acquisition, LLC as Redeveloper as to the Senior Living District then expired on October 31, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee and Hurstmont Estate Acquisition, LLC desired to continue to negotiate in good faith for purposes of finalizing and executing a redevelopment agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee further desired to designate Hurstmont Estate Acquisition, LLC as the conditional redeveloper (the "Conditional Redeveloper") of the Senior Living District located within the Redevelopment Study Area, subject to the negotiation and execution of a redevelopment agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee further desired to authorize the execution of a conditional redeveloper designation and escrow agreement ("Conditional Redeveloper Designation and Escrow Agreement") with the Conditional Redeveloper for the purpose of establishing the framework for the negotiation and execution of a redevelopment agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 24, 2020, the Township Committee adopted Resolution TC 20-067 conditionally designating Hurstmont Estate Acquisition, LLC as Conditional Redeveloper of the Senior Living District located within the Redevelopment Study Area pending the negotiation, approval by vote of the Township Committee and execution of a redevelopment agreement with the Township of Harding, subject to the execution of a Conditional Redeveloper Designation and Escrow Agreement by the parties; and

**WHEREAS**, the Conditional Redeveloper and Township executed the Conditional Redeveloper Designation and Escrow Agreement on January 28, 2020 and January 31, 2020 respectively; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the terms of Conditional Redeveloper Designation and Escrow Agreement and Resolution TC20-067, the designation was made for a limited period until March 31, 2020, unless further extended in the sole discretion of the Township Committee of Harding Township; and

**WHEREAS**, the parties require additional time to continue negotiations and execution of a redevelopment agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee desires to confirm the conditional designation of Hurstmont Estate Acquisition as Conditional Redeveloper and extend the term of the Conditional Redeveloper Designation and Escrow Agreement to provide additional time for the continued negotiation of a redevelopment agreement.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Harding, County of Morris and the State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The foregoing recitals are hereby incorporated by reference as if fully repeated herein.
2. The conditional designation of Hurstmont Estate Acquisition, LLC as Conditional Redeveloper of the Senior Living District located within the Redevelopment Study Area pending the negotiation is hereby confirmed, pending the negotiation, approval by vote of the Township Committee and execution of a redevelopment agreement with the Township of Harding.

3. Pursuant to Paragraph 2 of the Conditional Redeveloper Designation and Escrow Agreement executed by the parties, the Interim Period as defined therein is hereby extended for a limited period from March 31, 2020 until May 15, 2020, unless further extended by the Township Committee, or the Conditional Redeveloper Designation and Escrow Agreement is terminated by either party at the conclusion of this extension of the Interim Period.
4. All other terms and conditions of the Conditional Redeveloper Designation and Escrow Agreement executed by the parties not modified by this Resolution shall remain in full force and effect.

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**FINANCE:**

**Resolution TC 20-088– Bill List**

**WHEREAS**, vouchers for payment have been submitted to the Township Committee by various municipal departments.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Harding that all vouchers approved by the Finance Chairman be paid subject to the certification of the availability of funds by the Chief Financial Officer.

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**Resolution TC 20-089 – Resolution to Waive ACH Fees for Online Payments for 60 Days**

**WHEREAS**, Coronavirus disease 2019 (“COVID-19) is a contagious, and at times fatal, respiratory disease caused by the COVID-19 virus; and

**WHEREAS**, as of March 9, 2020, there were 11 presumed positive cases of COVID-19 in New Jersey, with 24 additional “Persons Under Investigation” spread across the counties of Bergen, Camden, Cumberland, Essex, Hunterdon, Middlesex, Monmouth, Passaic, Union, and Sussex; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 9, 2020, the Governor of the State of New Jersey declared and proclaimed that a public health emergency and state emergency does exist in the State of New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to promote the safety and welfare of the residents of the Township of Harding by reducing the need to make municipal payments in person, the need exists for to promote online payments for tax and sewer utility billing; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee recognizes that the ACH (Automatic Clearing House) transactions convenience fees collected should be waived during this emergency period.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the convenience fees for ACH online payments is hereby waived for the next 60 days.

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**Resolution TC 20-090 – Resolution Authorizing Storm Recovery Reserve Funds to be Used During Emergency Declaration**

**WHEREAS**, Harding Township has, by resolution, established a storm recovery reserve; and



**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-62.1 permits a municipality or county to adopt a resolution authorizing storm recovery reserve funds to be used for "any purpose necessary to protect the safety, security, health, and welfare, of its citizens from the damage caused by an emergency declared by the Governor or the President of the United States"; and

**WHEREAS**, any reimbursement of these expenditures shall be deposited back into the reserve.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, By the Township Committee of the Township of Harding in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, that storm recovery reserve funds are hereby permitted to be used for any purpose necessary to protect the safety, security, health, and welfare, of its citizens from the damage caused by an emergency declared by the Governor or the President of the United States.

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## **ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING**

**ORDINANCE #06-2020 – “AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDING, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ORDINANCE APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF A FINANCIAL AGREEMENT WITH HURSTMONT ESTATE URBAN RENEWAL ENTITY, LLC AND DETERMINING VARIOUS OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH”**

Mayor Yates asked Township Committee Member Jones to introduce Ordinance TC #06-2020.

Township Committee Member Jones introduced Ordinance TC 06-2020 by title as follows:

### **HARDING TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE #06-2020**

**“AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDING, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ORDINANCE APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF A FINANCIAL AGREEMENT WITH HURSTMONT ESTATE URBAN RENEWAL ENTITY, LLC AND DETERMINING VARIOUS OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH”**

*Township Committee Member Jones explained the purpose of the Ordinance and moved for introduction on first reading. This ordinance will only go into effect if the Redevelopment Agreement is agreed to by the Redevelopment Resolution at the May Township Committee meeting.*

**Township Committee Member Jones read:**

**WHEREAS**, the above ordinance was introduced and read by title at this Township Committee meeting held on April 13, 2020.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that at the Township Committee meeting to be held on May 11, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. prevailing time, at the Kirby Municipal Building, the Township Committee will further consider this ordinance for a second reading, public hearing, and final passage; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Municipal Clerk is hereby requested to publish the proper notice thereof, including this ordinance, post the ordinance, and make copies available to members of the general public.

*Township Committee Member Jones offered Ordinance #06-2020 and moved its introduction.*



*Township Committee Member Platt seconded the motion.*

**Mayor Yates** asked the Municipal Clerk for a Roll Call: *Mrs. Sharp called the roll as follows:*

**Vote on Introduction:**

	MOTION	FOR APPROVAL	AGAINST APPROVAL	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ms. DiTosto	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Jones	1 <sup>st</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Modi	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Platt	2 <sup>nd</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Yates	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING**

**ORDINANCE #07-2020 – “AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDING, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION IN THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDING OF THE “FIVE YEAR TAX EXEMPTION AND ABATEMENT LAW” PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A: 21-1”**

**Mayor Yates** asks **Township Committee Member Jones** to introduce Ordinance TC #07-2020.

**Township Committee Member Jones** introduced Ordinance TC 07-2020 by title as follows:

**HARDING TOWNSHIP**

**ORDINANCE #07-2020**

**“AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDING, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION IN THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDING OF THE “FIVE YEAR TAX EXEMPTION AND ABATEMENT LAW” PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A: 21-1”**

**Township Committee Member Jones** *explained the purpose of the Ordinance and moved for introduction on first reading. This is a second financial ordinance that will only be put into place for five years with the adoption of the resolution for the Tax Abatement in May.*

*Township Committee Member Jones read the following:*

**WHEREAS**, the above ordinance was introduced and read by title at this Township Committee meeting held on April 13, 2020.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that at the Township Committee meeting to be held on May 11, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. prevailing time, at the Kirby Municipal Building, the Township Committee will further consider this ordinance for a second reading, public hearing, and final passage; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Municipal Clerk is hereby requested to publish the proper notice thereof, including this ordinance, post the ordinance, and make copies available to members of the general public.

**Township Committee Member Jones** offered Ordinance #07-2020 and moved its introduction.

*Township Committee Member Platt seconded the motion.*

**Mayor Yates** asked the Municipal Clerk for a Roll Call: *Mrs. Sharp called the roll as follows:*

**Vote on Introduction:**

	MOTION	FOR APPROVAL	AGAINST APPROVAL	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ms. DiTosto	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Jones	1 <sup>st</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Modi	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Platt	2 <sup>nd</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Yates	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

*Mayor Yates explained the two ordinances that were introduced:*

- *Ordinance #06-2020 – Is a long term, 30 year pilot agreement which is a payment in lieu of taxes. It is a financial agreement where the redeveloper of Hurstmont will make payments to the Town in lieu of taxes.*
- *Ordinance #07-2020 – Is a five (5) year pilot agreement where the redeveloper of Hurstmont will make payments to the Town in lieu of taxes for five years. Mr. Roselli, Township Attorney, explained that it authorizes tax abatements so that the full assessment does not get paid in year one. It will be 20 percent every year. There will be certain parcels that will be subject to the tax abatement versus long term and then it gradually allows the redeveloper to pay the full assessment over the five year term.*

*Mayor Yates explained that the ordinances will be posted on the website and encourages anyone who may have questions to read the ordinances and its detail. At the May meeting, the Township Committee will have the public hearing. Mayor Yates also reported that at the May meeting there will be a resolution to adopt the Redeveloper's Agreement that the Township has been negotiating with Hurstmont for the last six or seven months. Mayor Yates explained that May will be an important meeting relative to Hurstmont.*

*Mayor Yates asked if there were any further comments or questions, please dial 5 then press star.*

*Elaine McHale, resident – asked if we could have the benefit of Mrs. DiTosto and Mr. Modi's thinking in voting against both ordinances. Ms. McHale commented that it would be helpful to understand what the issues are. Mr. Roselli, Township Attorney responded that this was the introduction of both ordinances and the public hearing will be at the May 11th meeting. The May meeting is where you can ask your questions and at that time the individual Township Committee Member can voice their opinion relative to the Ordinance.*

*Wendy Miller, resident – commented if an update on the COVID-19 could be given. How many cases and is there anything the residents should know about. Mayor Yates commented that there has not been much change with regard to anything that has gone on but will let Mr. Falzarano comment on what he can. Mr. Falzarano commented that he will begin at the top with the State numbers and will work down to the County and then the Municipality. Mr. Jones commented that this information is updated on the Municipal website on a daily basis and this is the latest and greatest information that the Township Committee receives from sources Mr. Falzarano will inform you about.*

*Mr. Falzarano reported, at this time, April 13<sup>th</sup>, we have:*



*State: Confirmed cases - 64,584  
Deaths -- 2,443*

*County: Confirmed cases – 3,169*

*Municipality: Confirmed Cases – 20*

*Mr. Falzarano explained that these numbers are the numbers being released by the State and the County. Mr. Falzarano reported that the Township posts, as Mr. Jones mentioned, in the daily activity report on the website daily.*

*Elaine McHane, resident – commented does the Township have any understanding on how equipped the First Aid Squad feels at this time. Do they have the supplies and equipment that they need. Chief Heller reported that we have been having weekly conference calls with the fire, first aid, and police department. Chief Heller explained that we are combining our efforts with regards to PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) along with help from residents who have been donating, and businesses that have been making things for us. At this time, we are good for a while. Chief Heller reported that we are not at any low or critical stage. We have been receiving masks, gowns, shields, etc., mostly from our residents. Chief Heller commented that he believes he can speak for everyone and say the Township is in good shape right now. Mayor Yates commented that the Township appreciates the continued donations (money and supplies) from out residents. Mayor Yates thanked everyone for this. Mr. Falzarano commented that Mr. Matt Spelker, Superintendent of Harding School has been working with his folks. They have a 3-D printer and they have been making plastic straps that can be attached to the masks so they can be tightened. They have delivered well over fifty at this time. Chief Heller commented well over 100.*

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#### **ADJOURNMENT – Mr. Yates**

*With no further questions, Mayor Yates asked for a motion to adjourn. Upon a motion made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Yates, the meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.*

Respectfully Submitted,



Lisa A. Sharp  
Municipal Clerk