

**HARDING TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 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 of the Township Committee to order at 5:35 pm.*

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**ADEQUATE NOTICE** of this February 10, 2020 meeting of the Harding Township Committee was sent to the Observer Tribune on February 3, 2020 and published in the Observer Tribune on February 6, 2020.

*Mayor Yates announced that adequate notice of the February 10, 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. All members were present, except for Mr. Platt who joined the meeting via telephone. Let the record show that Mr. Robert Goldsmith and Mr. Michael Hanley were in attendance.*

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**RESOLUTION TO RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Resolution TC 20-068– Resolution to Recess into Executive Session**

*Mayor Yates asked for a motion to recess into Executive Session. Upon a motion made by Mr. Modi, seconded by Mr. Jones, and with a roll call vote of all ayes, the meeting recessed into closed session.*

**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.

**Litigation:**

1. Affordable Housing Settlement – Mark Roselli
2. OPRA Matter – Mark Roselli

**Contracts:**

1. Redevelopment – Bob Goldsmith
2. Gatehouse – Mark Roselli
3. Farm Contract – Mark Roselli
4. Property Acquisitions – Tim Jones

**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"/>

**RECONVENE INTO PUBLIC SESSION – Mayor Yates**

*Mayor Yates asked for a motion to reconvene into Public Session at 7:30 p.m. A motion was made by Mrs. DiTosto and seconded by Mr. Modi.*

**ROLL CALL – Municipal Clerk**

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

*Mrs. Sharp called the roll. All members of the Township Committee were present. Let the record show that Mr. Platt participated in the meeting by way of telephone. Eight members of the public were in attendance.*

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Mayor Yates**

*Mayor Yates led the Township Committee and members of the public in 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 the February 10, 2020 meeting of the Township Committee was published in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.*

**ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING**

*Mayor Yates reported we will shift the agenda around slightly as Mr. Platt will need to leave the meeting at 7:40 p.m. Therefore, Ordinance #01-2020 will be conducted first. Let the record show that Mrs. DiTosto recused herself from Ordinance #01-2020.*

**ORDINANCE #01-2020 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDING, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY FROM CITIBANK, N.A (FORMERLY FIRST NATIONAL CITY BANK) AS TRUSTEE UNDER THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF FRANCIS N. BANGS**

**Mayor Yates** asked Township Committee Member Jones to introduce Ordinance TC #01-2020.

**Township Committee Member Jones** introduced Ordinance TC #01-2020 by title as follows:

**HARDING TOWNSHIP  
 ORDINANCE #01 - 2020**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDING, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY FROM CITIBANK, N.A (FORMERLY FIRST NATIONAL CITY BANK) AS TRUSTEE UNDER THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF FRANCIS N. BANGS**

*Township Committee Member Jones explained that this property is about four acres and is located at 538 Van Beuren Road and mentioned that it has been on the Harding Open Space Trust Committee list of properties to preserve for many years. Mr. Jones moved Ordinance #01-2020 for introduction on first reading.*

**Township Committee Member Jones read:**

**WHEREAS**, the above ordinance was introduced and read by title at this Township Committee meeting held on February 10, 2020.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that at the Township Committee meeting to be held on March 9, 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 #01-2020 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (recused)	<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"/>

*Before Mr. Platt left the meeting, he thanked the Township Committee for seeing this through. This has been a property that the HOST Committee has been interested in for a long time. This is a win this evening.*

*Let the record show that Mr. Platt ended the telephone call at 7:40 p.m.*

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

**1. Hesna Pfeiffer Award for Citizenship – Steve Balog**

*Mr. Steve Balog addressed the Township Committee and members of the public by informing them that the mission of the Harding Township Civic Association is to foster an informed and engaged citizenry. One of the ways the Civic Association tries to foster volunteerism and engagement is through the Hesna Pfeiffer Award for Civic Association. This evening the Civic Association is honoring Mr. Louis Lanzerotti. Last month, Mrs. Kim Howard was honored.*

*Mr. Balog explained that Dr. Lanzerotti has a long history of service to the Township of Harding. The following are a few examples:*

- \* 1970's – School committee for addressing Americans for Disabilities Act*
- \* 1980's – Elected Member of the Board of Education*
- \* 1993-2014 – 22 years on the Township Committee*
- \* Primrose Book Association (formed to prevent a shopping mall on Route 202 at the Brook)*
- \* 1990 -- Dr. Lanzerotti and his wife endowed the Harding School Science Prize which they augment yearly.*

*All this service to the Township of Harding while holding down a high powered career in Space Technology at Bell Labs and teaching at NJIT. Mr. Balog commented that we have decades of data that proves beyond a doubt that due to Dr. Lanzerotti's years of service to Harding, he is more than worthy of the Hesna Pfeiffer Award for Civic Association. A copy of Mr. Balog's comments is appended to these minutes.*

*Members of the Public and Township Committee gave Mr. Lanzerotti a standing ovation.*

*Dr. Lanzerotti commented that he is honored to be recognized with Mrs. Kim Howard. Dr. Lanzerotti mentioned that his son worked for Mrs. Howard during high school. Mrs. Howard was a good employer. Dr. Lanzerotti commented that he moved to Harding from the Midwest and was able to find property that had a stream and woods. Dr. Lanzerotti reminisced how Gene Rybka mentioned he should get involved in the town to ensure they were not doing anything they shouldn't be doing. Dr. Lanzerotti explained how he would go to the Fire House with Mr. Rybka. Thank you and this is a real honor.*

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**RESOLUTIONS – (NON-CONSENT – REQUIRING SEPARATE ACTION) - NONE**

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**DISCUSSION ITEMS: NONE**

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**MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

**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 comment at 7:45 pm.*

*Larry Wepler, resident – commented about people leaving their dog’s poop bags on the Municipal Trail due to there are no trash receptacles. L. Wepler asked for a trash receptacle at the end of the trail. L. Wepler also commented on the cross walk on sand spring. Someone is going to get hurt. This needs to be addressed.*

*Mayor Yates commented that lets place a trash receptacle at Bayne Park and at the Municipal Trail. Mr. Falzarano will handle the pedestrian sign on Sand Spring Road. Mayor Yates reported that under Mr. Modi’s direction, a traffic study is currently being conducted to reduce the speed on Sand Spring. Mrs. DiTosto thanked Mr. Wepler for bringing this to the Township’s attention.*

*Wendy Miller, resident – commented that there are signs at the top of Sand Spring Road that make you notice you speed. Maybe a sign like that should be placed earlier on the Road.*

*Steve Balog, resident – commented how many acres is the property being acquired. Mr. Jones commented about 4.375 acres. S. Balog asked where the property is located on Van Beuren. Mr. Jones responded it is adjacent to the stream after you cross the bridge.*

*Louis Lanzerotti, resident – commented that there are two lots for sale, is the property being acquired the one next to the stream. Mr. Jones responded with yes. Mr. Lanzerotti mentioned that the other lot is still available. Mayor Yates commented that this property was a number one target on HOST’s wish list for many years.*

*With no further comments, the public comment was closed at 7:47 p.m.*

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**ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING -- NONE**

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**ADD-ON RESOLUTIONS: NONE**

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

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**CONSENT AGENDA**

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 20-070 THROUGH RESOLUTION TC 20-070 HAVE BEEN PLACED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA**

**CONSENT AGENDA VOTE:**

**Mayor Yates** asked Committee Member Jones to proceed with the Resolutions listed on the Consent agenda. Resolutions TC 20-070 through TC 20-070.

*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 Modi.*

**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	2 <sup>nd</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Platt	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Yates	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**APPOINTMENTS: NONE**

**FINANCE:**

**Resolution TC 20-070 – 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.

**CONTRACTS: NONE**

**MISCELLANEOUS: NONE**

**MEETING MINUTES:**

**RESOLUTION TC 20-069 -- RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

*Mayor Yates asked for a motion to accept the meeting minutes of the Township Committee. Upon a motion made by Mr. Modi, seconded by Mrs. DiTosto and with a roll call votes of all ayes none opposed, the meeting minutes were accepted.*

**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: **January 13, 2020 and January 24, 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: **January 13, 2020 and January 24, 2020.**

*Mayor Yates asked for a motion to accept the Township Committee meeting minutes, seconded by Township Committee Member Modi.*

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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Yates	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**ADJOURNMENT – Mr. Yates**

*Mayor Yates made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Upon a motion made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mrs. DiTosto and with a unanimous votes of all ayes, none opposed, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa A. Sharp  
 Municipal Clerk

The mission of the HT Civic Assoc is to foster an informed and engaged citizenry.

One of the ways we try to foster volunteerism and engagement is through this award - the Hesna Pfeiffer Award for Civic Engagement. Hesna was the long time editor of the Thumbnail, our volunteer produced and citizen-funded newsletter. We lost her too soon a few years ago. To honor her memory and service to Harding, we renamed this annual award, formerly Distinguished Citizen Award, to the "Hesna Pfeiffer Award for Civic Engagement." The two plaques for this award will be hung here in Kirby Hall soon -- the prior one on which the last name is "Hesna Pfeiffer". The newer plaque has two names for 2019 -- Kim Howard who we honored last month and Louis Lanzerotti, who we honor tonight.

Dr Lanzerotti, has a long history of service to Harding:

- \* 1970s: school committee for addressing Americans for Disabilities Act

- \* 1980's: elected member of Board of Education

  - Chair Transportation Committee

  - Chair Curriculum Committee

  - Vice-President for about 5-6 years

- \* 22 years on the Township Committee 1993-2014...

  - Vice-Chair: 2000-2006

  - Chair (aka Mayor) : 2007, 2008, 2009, 2013

  - Member at various times: water source committee; Planning Board;

Board of Health

Affordable housing committees;

Chair DPW committee (rode snowplow shotgun many years in many snowstorms, with Gary Willshaw, Jamie Miller, Jeff Philhower, Tracy

Toribio); committee to evaluate DPW staff and location;



Chair of I-287 sound barriers committee.

Primrose Brook Association (formed to prevent shopping mall on Rt. 202 at the Brook).

Lou and his wife, in 1990 endowed the Harding School Science Prize which they augment yearly.

Most recently he covered the Board of Ed for the Civic Association, Thumbnail.

All this service to our town, while holding down a high powered career in space technology at Bell Labs and teaching at NJIT. For more information on Dr Lanzerotti, the technologist, I recommend the entry in Wikipedia.

What I most admired about Dr Lanzerotti while watching during these TC meetings, was his insistence that decisions were made rigorously. "We need data!" he'd demand passionately.

Well folks, we have decades of data now that prove beyond a doubt that due to his years of service to Harding, he is more than worthy of this award.

Dr Lanzerotti....