

HARDING TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2022
IN-PERSON
EXECUTIVE SESSION at 5:30 PM
REGULAR MEETING at 7:00 PM
Kirby Hall, Blue Mill Road, New Vernon, New Jersey

MEETING MINUTES

CALL MEETING TO ORDER – Mayor

Mayor Jones called the October 18, 2022 meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

ADEQUATE NOTICE of this October 18, 2022, meeting of the Harding Township Committee was sent to the Observer Tribune on September 19, 2022 and published in the Observer Tribune on September 22, 2022.

Mayor Jones announced that adequate notice of this October 18, 2022 meeting of the Harding Township Committee was called to order in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

ROLL CALL – Municipal Clerk

Ms. Chipperson, Dr. Lacz, Mr. Platt, Mr. Yates, Mr. Jones

Mrs. Sharp called the roll as follows:

Present:

Ms. Chipperson, Dr. Lacz, Mr. Platt, Mr. Yates, Mr. Jones

Absent:

None

Also Present:

Mr. Falzarano, Township Administrator; Mrs. Sharp, Municipal Clerk; and Mr. Roselli, Township Attorney

RESOLUTION TO RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Resolution TC 22-178 - Resolution to Recess into Executive 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.

Contracts:

1. Glen Alpin – R. Falzarano
2. Hurstmont – R. Falzarano
3. 2023 Professional Contracts/Agreements – R. Falzarano

Litigation:

1. Verizon – M. Roselli

Personnel:

1. 2023 Salary Ordinance – R. Falzarano

Vote on Resolution:

	MOTION	FOR APPROVAL	AGAINST APPROVAL	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ms. Chipperson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dr. Lacz	2 nd	<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	1 st	<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"/>

RECONVENE INTO PUBLIC SESSION – Mayor

Mayor Jones asked for a motion to return into public session at 7:09 pm. Upon a motion made by Township Committee Member Platt, seconded by Township Committee Member Lacz, and with a vote of all ayes, none opposed, the public meeting opened at 7:09 pm.

ROLL CALL – Municipal Clerk

Ms. Chipperson, Dr. Lacz, Mr. Platt, Mr. Yates, Mr. Jones

Mrs. Sharp called the roll as follows:

Present:

Ms. Chipperson, Dr. Lacz, Mr. Platt, Mr. Yates, Mr. Jones

Absent:

None

Also Present:

Mr. Falzarano, Township Administrator; Mrs. Sharp, Municipal Clerk; and Mr. Roselli, Township Attorney

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Mayor

Mayor Jones led members of 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 October 18, 2022 and published in the *OBSERVER TRIBUNE* on September 22, 2022; Notice was posted on the Bulletin Board in the Township Municipal Building on Blue Mill Road in Harding, NJ on September 22, 2022, and Notice was filed with the Municipal Clerk on September 22, 2022.

Mayor Jones announced that adequate notice of this October 18, 2022 meeting of the Township Committee was called to order in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE – Mayor Jones

Mayor Jones announced the following:

1. *The OEM Training exercise will be on Saturday, October 22, 2022 from 10 am to 2 pm. The Harding School, Harding Township Police, New Vernon Volunteer Fire Department and First Aid Squad, and Morris County OEM and Public Health are all involved.*
2. *The Health Department will hold their annual rabies clinic at the New Vernon Volunteer Fire House on November 5, 2022 from 9 am to 11 am.*
3. *The Somerset County Engineer informed Harding Township that they have had difficulty with the demolition of the bridge. The bridge was supposed to be completed by October 25, 2022 will not be December 25, 2022.*
4. *Township Committee Member Ned Ward passed away on September 15, 2022 at the age of 87. Ned was a naval aviator, ran for Township Committee in 2000 when the Township purchased Glen Alpin. Ned was a realtor and a hard worker who never missed any of his children's sports games. Mayor Jones asked for a moment of silence in Ned's honor. Ned will be missed.*

Township Committee Member Platt echoed what Mayor Jones stated. N. Platt mentioned he worked with Ned for many years and once Ned made a decision that was it. Ned was a very consistent vote and led by ideology. Ned had great stories and we will surely miss him.

RESOLUTIONS – (NON-CONSENT – REQUIRING SEPARATE ACTION)

RESOLUTION TC 22-179 -- RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Mayor Jones asked Township Committee Member Yates to proceed with Resolution TC 22-179.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Harding that the minute(s) from the following meeting(s) are approved as prepared and shall be filed as a permanent record in the Municipal Clerk's office: **September 12, 2022; and**

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: **September 12, 2022.**

*Township Committee Member Yates 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 Platt.***

Mayor Jones asked the Municipal Clerk for a Roll Call:

Vote on Resolution:

	MOTION	FOR APPROVAL	AGAINST APPROVAL	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ms. Chipperson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dr. Lacz	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Platt	2 nd	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Yates	1 st	<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"/>

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Mayor Jones reported that the weather did not cooperate on October 1, 2022 for our big Centennial event. Township Committee Member Chipperson went to Margetts Field on October 2, 2022 and stated Mr. Falzarano was correct, there would have been no way the event could have taken place.

Township Committee Member Chipperson reported that the Sub-Committee has not set a new date. The sub-committee will explore several dates with the Township Committee for Spring of 2023.

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 Jones opened the meeting to members of the public at 7:21 pm. With no one wishing to be heard, Mayor Jones closed the open session at 7:21 pm.

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING: NONE

ADD-ON RESOLUTIONS: NONE

RESOLUTIONS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION AND VOTE

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 22-180 THROUGH RESOLUTION TC 22-187 HAVE BEEN PLACED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA VOTE:

Mayor Jones reported that Resolution TC 23-183 authorizes a one-time stewardship payment to the NJ Historic Trust on the account of and execution of the Glen Alpin Historic Preservation easements. The Harding Land Trust will own the Gatehouse Property and the Township will own 100% of Glen Alpin for the disposal and diversion. On October 19, 2022, the deed of transfer will be signed by both parties. The NJ Historic Trust will have the powers to steward Glen Alpin.

Mr. Roselli, Township Attorney informed Mrs. Sharp when Resolution TC 22-185 for GovDeals is advertised, please include the vin numbers of all cars, etc.

Mayor Jones asked Township Committee Member Chipperson to proceed with the Resolutions listed on the Consent agenda. Resolutions TC 22-180 through TC 22-187.

Township Committee Member Chipperson 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 Lacz.

Mayor Jones 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. Chipperson	1 st	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dr. Lacz	2 nd	<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"/>
Mr. Jones	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

APPOINTMENTS:

Resolution TC 22-180 – Authorization to Hire a Temporary Part-Time File Clerk for the Construction Department

WHEREAS, there is a need for a temporary part-time file clerk in the Construction Department from October 19, 2022 till December 30, 2022.

WHEREAS, Mark Fornaciari, Construction Official has interviewed Nicole Ott and recommends the Township Committee authorize this temporary part-time hire at \$20.00 per hour not to exceed 23 hours per week.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Harding approves the hiring of Nicole Ott as a temporary part-time file clerk in the Construction Department starting on October 19, 2022 and ending on December 30, 2022.

CONTRACTS:

Resolution TC 22-181 – Resolution Authorizing the Execution of Shared Service Agreement for Use of the Morris County Communications Center Dispatch Services for 2023

WHEREAS, the Harding Township Committee finds it to be in the best interest of the Township to enter into inter-local services agreements for utilization of Morris County's Communications Center for Radio Dispatching Services; and

WHEREAS, Morris County has the ability to make the aforesaid services available; and

WHEREAS, funds are available for these purposes in the amount of \$91,989.34 and Certificates of Availability have been filed by the Chief Financial Officer with the Municipal Clerk in accordance with the Local Budget Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-57 and N.J.A.C. 5:34-5.2.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Harding, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, that the inter-local services agreements with the County of Morris for utilization of the Morris County Communications Center Radio Dispatching Services are hereby approved. The Mayor and Municipal Clerk are authorized and directed to execute shared services agreements, as attached hereto.

FINANCE:

Resolution TC 22-182 – 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.

Resolution TC 22-183 – Resolution to Authorize a One-Time Stewardship Payment to the New Jersey Historic Trust on the Account of and Execution of the Glen Alpin Historic Preservation Easements

WHEREAS, by Resolution TC-21-081, the Township Committee of the Township of Harding (the "Committee") endorsed the applications necessary for a disposal and diversion from Green Acres restrictions for the Glen Alpin Estate properties, Block 31, Lot 1 in the Township of Harding (the "Township"); and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (the “DEP”) Commissioner approved the disposal and diversions with conditions as set forth in the approval of May 25, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the State House Commission approved the disposal and diversions with the conditions approved by the DEP Commissioner on June 23, 2021; and

WHEREAS, it is a condition of the aforementioned approvals that the Township enter into two Historic Preservation and Conservation Easements with the New Jersey Historic Trust (the “Trust”), first for the site occupied by the Glen Alpin Mansion, and second for the remaining open space (the “Easements”); and

WHEREAS, in consideration of the Stewardship of the Easements, the Trust requires a contribution to endowment in the amount of Seven Thousand (\$7,000) Dollars, and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee is in agreement with the grant of the Easements; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee is in agreement with the endowment donation of Seven Thousand (\$7,000.00) Dollars to the Trust; and

WHEREAS, adequate funds are available in Township account 05-5000-0000-0000-2-00000 (the “Account”) to fund the Seven Thousand (\$7,000.00) Dollars donation to the Trust.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Harding as follows:

1. The one-time donation in the amount of Seven Thousand (\$7,000.00) Dollars to the New Jersey Historic Trust Endowment on account of Stewardship of the Easements is approved for payment out of the Account.
2. The execution and delivery of the Easements by the Township is approved.
3. The Mayor of the Township of Harding is authorized to execute the Easement documents on behalf of the Township of Harding, and
4. The Mayor and all Township employees are hereby authorized and directed to take all such further actions as are necessary and appropriate to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.

Resolution TC 22-184 – Resolution to Authorize the Sale of Surplus Property through GOVDEALS Online Auction Website

WHEREAS, by the Township Committee of the Township of Harding, County of Morris, State of New Jersey that the Township has surplus property acquired for the use by Harding Township personnel which are not needed for public use, or is obsolete or unfit for the use for which it was acquired; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey permits the sale of surplus property no longer needed for public use through online auction services, pursuant to the Local Unit Electronic Technology Pilot Program and Study Act, P.L. 2001, c.30; and

WHEREAS, GovDeals, an internet auction entity specializing in government surplus items, will list the items for auction on its website, www.govdeals.com for 10 days at a cost of 7½% of the final (closing) sales price. Successful bidders will receive a Buyer's Certificate by email from GovDeals. Payment in full shall be due not later than 5 business days from the time and date of the Buyer's Certificate. Payment shall be accepted in the form of U.S. Currency, Certified Cashier's Check, Money Order or Company Check (with Bank letter guaranteeing funds) and shall be remitted to the Township of Harding. Buyers will arrange all handling, loading and transportation of purchases within 10 business days from the time and date of the Buyer's Certificate. Purchases will be released only upon receipt of payment as specified.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Harding, County of Morris, State of New Jersey that the Municipal Clerk is hereby authorized to advertise in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-36 and auction the following surplus property via online:

1. 1994 Lee Grader, Model G-330
2. 1989 TORO, Model Ground Master 322-D
3. 2001 TORO, Model Ground Master 328-D
4. 2014 FORD, Interceptor SUV
5. 2013 FORD, Interceptor SUV

MISCELLANEOUS: NONE

Resolution TC 22-185 – Liquor License Renewal for 2022-2023 Application Year

WHEREAS, the applicant for Alcoholic Beverage Control License set forth below has been duly investigated; and

WHEREAS, the Harding Township Committee is satisfied that all the rules and regulations of the Alcoholic Beverage Law, Title 33, Chapter 1 of the Revised Statutes of New Jersey, 1937, as amended and supplemented, including P.L. 1970, Ch. 77, have been duly complied with.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Harding in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey, that the Harding Township Committee hereby agrees to issue to the following applicant, the following permanent license under the aforesaid State Statutes for the following annual fee, said license to commence *August 8, 2022*, and to expire at midnight on *June 30, 2023* upon clearance of the fee to the Harding Township Treasurer's Account.

PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION/DISTRIBUTION LICENSE:

Applicant:

K 10-18-2022

ADDRESS:

FEE:

4G HOSPITALITY LLC
T/A The Country Store
Plenary Retail Distribution License
No. 1413-44-002-006

1098 Mt. Kemble Avenue
Morristown, NJ

\$2,500.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Municipal Clerk is hereby authorized to issue the aforesaid license in the form approved by the Department of Alcoholic Beverage of the State of New Jersey to the aforesaid applicants.

PERSONNEL:

Resolution TC 22-186 – Resolution to Accept the Resignation of A.N. from the Harding Township Police Department

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Harding accepts the resignation of A.N. effective September 28, 2022.

Resolution TC 22-187 – Resolution to Accept the Retirement of L.P. as the part-time Fire Sub-Code Official

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Harding accepts the retirement of L.P. effective January 1, 2023.

ORDINANCE FOR FIRST READING:

Mayor Jones asked Township Committee Member Yates to introduce Ordinance #14-2022.

Township Committee Member Yates introduced Ordinance TC 14-2022 by title as follows:

**HARDING TOWNSHIP
ORDINANCE #14-2022**

**“AN ORDINANCE FIXING SALARY RANGES OF CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF HARDING IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY”**

Township Committee Member Yates explains the purpose of the Ordinance and moves for introduction on first reading. Township Committee Member Yates explained this ordinance established the minimum and maximum salaries for all employees outside of collective bargaining.

Township Committee Member Yates read:

WHEREAS, the above ordinance was introduced and read by title at this Township Committee meeting held on October 17, 2022.

BE IT RESOLVED, that at the Township Committee meeting to be held on November 14, 2022 at 7:00 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 Yates offered Ordinance #14-2022 and moved its introduction.
Township Committee Member Platt seconded the motion.*

Mayor Jones 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. Chipperson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dr. Lacz	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Platt	2 nd	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Yates	1 st	<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"/>

RESOLUTION TO ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Jones asked for a motion to adjourn into Executive Session at 7:35 pm. Upon a motion made by Township Committee Member Platt and seconded by Township Committee Member Lacz, and with a vote of all ayes, none opposed, the meeting adjourned into Executive Session.

Resolution TC 22-188 - Resolution to Adjourn into Executive 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 not return to public session after this Executive Session.

Contracts:

1. 2023 Professional Contracts/Agreements – R. Falzarano

Vote on Resolution:

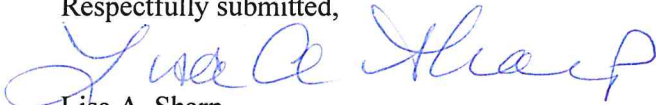
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	MOTION	FOR APPROVAL	AGAINST APPROVAL	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ms. Chipperson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dr. Lacz	2 nd	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Platt	1 st	<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"/>
Mr. Jones	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

ADJOURNMENT – Mr. Jones

After a discussion of 2023 professional contracts, the Executive Session meeting ended at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa A. Sharp
Municipal Clerk