

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH HARRISON RESCINDING RESOLUTION R-09-108

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of South Harrison adopted Resolution R-09-108 on September 8, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the Resolution authorized the elimination, for budgetary reasons, two (2) positions in the South Harrison Township Police Department that were to be effective commencing September 18, 2009 identified, as follows:

- (1) Elimination of one (1) Special Law Enforcement Officer (SLEO) Position with the Township of South Harrison Police Department; and
- (2) Reduction in force of one (1) Police Officer Salaried Position by way of a lay off of the Police Officer with the least seniority in the department; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee recently learned that the passage of the Resolution authorizing the reduction in force would result in the forfeiture of all or part of the "Safe and Secure Community Grant" previously awarded to the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee was further informed that such reduction in force could potentially jeopardize the public health and safety responsibilities to be provided by the Township for inadequate gap coverage that will not be provided by the New Jersey State Police to protect the Townships' Residents; and

WHEREAS, there are no definitive guarantees or Agreements in place that ensure backup state police coverage will be available to the Township and the residents in a timely manner from the state police or surrounding municipal police departments on a 24 hour per day, 7 day per week yearly schedule; and

WHEREAS, the Township shall have no other choice but to utilize existing officers, on an overtime basis, at salaries significantly higher than those Officers terminated by Resolution R-09-108 in order to cover shifts originally thought to be patrolled by the New Jersey State Police as a result of the reduction in force, thereby costing the Township considerably more money via the overtime pay required to be paid to more senior Officers required to provide public safety services on behalf of the residents of South Harrison Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township may also incur significant legal expenses to defend the Unfair Labor Practice claim filed by PBA Local 122 against the Township of South Harrison on September 10, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee believes it is in the best interest of the Township to fully evaluate the financial consequences and ramifications resulting from the action taken by adopting Resolution R-09-108.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of South Harrison, County of Gloucester, and State of New Jersey, that the Township Committee hereby rescinds Resolution R-09-108, effective immediately.

This resolution was adopted at a special meeting of the Township Committee on September 17, 2009 and shall take effect immediately.

TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH HARRISON:

Charles T. Tyson, Deputy Mayor

ATTEST:

Celeste Keen, RMC
Deputy Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of South Harrison at a special meeting held on the 17th day of September, 2009.

Celeste Keen, RMC
Deputy Clerk