

MARCH 12, 2008

The South Harrison Township Committee held a finance and regular meeting on Wednesday, March 12, 2008 at 7:00 and 7:30 p.m. in the South Harrison Township Municipal Building.

Mayor Charles T. Tyson called the meeting to order and was followed by the flag salute.

Requirements of the "Open Public Meetings Act" were met. Notice of this meeting was given by: (1) sending sufficient notice herewith to the Today's Sunbeam of Salem and the Gloucester County Times of Woodbury; and (2) posting notice on the public bulletin board at the South Harrison Township Municipal Building.

Roll Call: James McCall - present, Cornelius McIntyre – present, Charles Tyson - present, Robert Campbell – present, Gary Spinner – present, Christie Melfi, Chief Finance Officer - present, John Eastlack, Solicitor - present, Richard Fini, Engineer present, Colleen Bianco, Administrator – present, Nancy Kearns, Municipal Clerk present.

Recognition

Recognition of Sean Weston's promotion to Corporal, Deputy Mayor Campbell gave a brief bio and cited Sean Weston's work and achievements in the police department. Chief Mabey gave further background of Sean's accomplishments citing the specialized training courses he has taken, his mentoring of the less experienced officers, involvement in the Community Policing along with his common sense approach to handling most issues. Sean has most recently completed a two week course on police supervision and his promotion is well deserved and the Department is fortunate to have Corporal Weston.

Recognition of Jon Sukeforth's promotion to public works supervisor, Committeeman McCall spoke about Jon's knowledge and work ethic, Committeeman McCall has worked and known Jon for 9 years. Jon has been doing supervisory work for some time and Jon is finally getting the recognition and the promotion, which he has to be in this position for 5 years before he can become a public works manager through the State Certification Program. Jon is a very responsible person and commends the job he has done for the Township and congratulates him on his promotion. Mr. Sukeforth thanked his fellow employees, the residents and Committee.

Minutes:

Motion to approve the regular session minutes of December 12, 2007 was made by James McCall, second by Robert Campbell.

Roll Call Vote: James McCall - yes, Cornelius McIntyre - abstained, Charles Tyson – yes, Robert Campbell – yes, Gary Spinner – yes. **R.C.V.:** 4 - yes', 0 - no's, 1 - abstention. **Motion carried.**

Committee Reports:

Police Department – January 2008 Report
Construction Code Official – January 2008 Report

Tax Collector's Report: Taxes collected for the month of February were \$326,664.29.

Treasurer's Report: Submitted for October, November and December 2007 with no additions.

Old Business:

Ordinance O-08-03

Ordinance of the Township of South Harrison Establishing a Board of Recreation Commissioners

Public hearing and final adoption

Open Meeting to the Public:

Motion to open the meeting to the public on this ordinance only was made by Gary Spinner, second by Cornelius McIntyre. Motion carried.

Radine Konawel asked the Committee to explain the ordinance. Committee Spinner advised her that this ordinance transfers the park maintenance to the Public Works Department. It separates the recreation portion; the Recreation Commission is just that, it will oversee all recreation for the Township.

Close Meeting to the Public:

Motion to close the meeting to the public on this ordinance was made by Gary Spinner, second by Robert Campbell. Motion carried.

Motion to adopt Ordinance O-08-03 was made by Gary Spinner, second by Robert Campbell.

Roll Call Vote: James McCall - no, Cornelius McIntyre - no, Charles Tyson – yes, Robert Campbell – yes, Gary Spinner – yes. **R.C.V.: 3 - yes', 2 - no's. Motion carried.**

Ordinance O-08-04

An Ordinance Appropriating the Sum of \$9,340.00 from the Capital Improvement Fund for the Purchase of Computer Software Program and Server Update

Public hearing and final adoption

Open Meeting to the Public:

Motion to open the meeting to the public on this ordinance only was made by Cornelius McIntyre, second by Gary Spinner. Motion carried.

No comments or questions were received from the public.

Close Meeting to the Public:

Motion to close the meeting to the public on this ordinance was made by Gary Spinner, second by Cornelius McIntyre. Motion carried.

Motion to adopt Ordinance O-08-04 was made by James McCall, second by Cornelius McIntyre.

Roll Call Vote: James McCall - yes, Cornelius McIntyre - yes, Charles Tyson – yes, Robert Campbell – yes, Gary Spinner – yes. **R.C.V.: 5 - yes', 0 - no's. Motion carried.**

Ordinance O-08-05

Ordinance of the Township of South Harrison Township Appropriating the Sum of \$3,000.00 for a Reward

Public hearing and final adoption

Open Meeting to the Public:

Motion to open the meeting to the public on this ordinance only was made by James McCall, second by Gary Spinner. Motion carried.

Chris Kudless asked if this is tax money that is being used. The Committee responded that it is. Mr. Kudless stated he doesn't feel using tax dollars is an appropriate use of the money. Mr. Kudless suggested if we want to raise money for a reward to establish a non-profit, the residents who want to contribute or any private party then

would have some tax write off and we could generate more than \$3,000.00. The Governor is talking about eliminating all funding to municipalities of less than 5000 residents. Believes the tax revenue would be better used for securities for the building.

Ed Crispin 681 Harrisonville Road thinks it is the responsibility of this Township Committee to first and foremost protect the public at whatever expense it takes to do it. The second responsibility is to protect the property of this Township, and the third responsibility is education that is affordable.

John Coleman agrees with Chris Kudless, but this incident differs because it is the Mayor and that raises the issue to a different level. This is only a portion of the fund.

Janine Campbell 706 Lincoln Road stated this is the first time she has been to a Township meeting where you have to be patted down. Feels this is unacceptable, and whatever it takes to put this to rest we should do it, \$3,000.00 in relationship to what everybody else is putting up is a negligible amount. Chief Mabey advised that the reason everyone is being checked is not solely because of what is going on in South Harrison, things are happening in other parts of the county with township and council meetings.

Close Meeting to the Public:

Motion to close the meeting to the public on this ordinance was made by Cornelius McIntyre, second by James McCall. Motion carried.

Committeeman McCall stated he feels the \$3,000.00 should be appropriated for the reward if it helps bring this to an end, this needs to be resolved.

Motion to adopt Ordinance O-08-04 was made by James McCall, second by Cornelius McIntyre.

Roll Call Vote: James McCall - yes, Cornelius McIntyre - yes, Charles Tyson – yes, Robert Campbell – yes, Gary Spinner – yes. **R.C.V.: 5 - yes', 0 - no's. Motion carried.**

Ordinance O-08-06

South Harrison Township Ordinance Authorizing Special Emergency Appropriation for the Sum of \$35,000.00 for Revision of the Master Plan for the Township of South Harrison, County of Gloucester, New Jersey

Public hearing and final adoption

Open Meeting to the Public:

Motion to open the meeting to the public on this ordinance only was made by Gary Spinner, second by James McCall. Motion carried.

No comments or questions were received from the public.

Close Meeting to the Public:

Motion to close the meeting to the public on this ordinance was made by Gary Spinner, second by Cornelius McIntyre. Motion carried.

Motion to adopt Ordinance O-08-06 was made by Gary Spinner, second by Robert Campbell.

Roll Call Vote: James McCall - no, Cornelius McIntyre - yes, Charles Tyson – yes, Robert Campbell – yes, Gary Spinner – yes. **R.C.V.: 4 - yes', 1 - no's. Motion carried.**

Ordinance O-08-07

An Ordinance Fixing the salaries of Certain officers and Employees of the Township of South Harrison

Public hearing and final adoption

Open Meeting to the Public:

Motion to open the meeting to the public on this ordinance only was made by Gary Spinner, second by Cornelius McIntyre. Motion carried.

No comments or questions were received from the public.

Close Meeting to the Public:

Motion to close the meeting to the public on this ordinance was made by Gary Spinner, second by Cornelius McIntyre. Motion carried.

Motion to adopt Ordinance O-08-07 was made by James McCall, second by Gary Spinner.

Roll Call Vote: James McCall - yes, Cornelius McIntyre - yes, Charles Tyson – yes, Robert Campbell – yes, Gary Spinner – yes. **R.C.V.: 5 - yes', 0 - no's. Motion carried.**

Committeeman McIntyre stated last week at the work session we talked about the vacancy on Planning/Zoning and specifically about Chris Kudless. Committeeman McIntyre spoke with Chris Kudless and he is interested and is offering that for consideration. Mayor Tyson did speak with Chris Kudless and advised that there are a few things that have to be worked out and when the details are worked out I will bring this before the Committee. Committeeman McCall stated he would be an asset to the Board.

Committeeman McIntyre brought up the issue of the problem with the emergency access involving Rich Mishura's property. Committeeman McCall stated he felt the resolution to this would be to put up a plastic chain with no trespassing signs, which would be a minimal cost to the Township. Feels breakaway ballards would be a considerable cost plus the engineering costs. The Township should handle this to keep the expense down. Committeeman McIntyre said this needs to be resolved it has been going on for too long. John Eastlack advised if the Township does put something in place and it is not pursuant to an engineering recommendation the Township could be held liable. The Township has no responsibility in this matter. Committeeman McIntyre read a portion of Bach letter from October making recommendations and feels there needs to be a resolution of this issue. Public Works should be able to perform the work. Rich Fini spoke about the cost estimate in the letter stating it is the cost to put it out to bid, including engineering, field survey and cost and installation. If Pubic Works were doing the work the estimate would be greatly reduced probably by approximately 50%.

Committeeman McIntyre made a motion to put this issue on the agenda for the next work session meeting. Committeeman McCall seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Committeeman Spinner spoke about a letter that was sent 3 weeks ago to a developer requesting the street signs to be installed. Since they were not installed can we direct Public Works to put them in as this is a safety hazard? John Eastlack stated as this is a public safety issue the Committee is charged with doing it. The Committee advised Jon Sukeforth to order the signs and install the signs for Saddlebrook.

New Business:

Resolution R-08-38

Resolution of the Township Committee of South Harrison Township Requesting that the Council on Affordable Housing Review and Approve the Township's Development Fee Ordinance

Motion to adopt Resolution R-08-38 was made by Gary Spinner, second by Cornelius McIntyre.

Roll Call Vote: James McCall - yes, Cornelius McIntyre - yes, Charles Tyson – yes, Robert Campbell – yes, Gary Spinner – yes. **R.C.V.: 5 - yes', 0 - no's. Motion carried.**

Resolution R-08-39

Resolution for Excluding the Public (Personnel)

Motion to adopt Resolution R-08-39 was made by James McCall, second by Robert Campbell.

Roll Call Vote: James McCall - yes, Cornelius McIntyre - yes, Charles Tyson – yes, Robert Campbell – yes, Gary Spinner – yes. **R.C.V.: 5 - yes', 0 - no's. Motion carried.**

Resolution R-08-40

Resolution of the Township Committee of the Township of South Harrison Submitting a Grant Application to the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs

Motion to adopt Resolution R-08-40 was made by Robert Campbell, second by Gary Spinner.

Roll Call Vote: James McCall - yes, Cornelius McIntyre - yes, Charles Tyson – yes, Robert Campbell – yes, Gary Spinner – yes. **R.C.V.: 5 - yes', 0 - no's. Motion carried.**

NJ State Fireman's Association Membership Application

Motion to approve Robert Tomchak's application was made by James McCall, second by Robert Campbell. Motion carried.

Letter of Resignation

Motion to accept the letter of resignation received from Marc Nagtegaal resigning from the Environmental Commission and the updating of the WEB Site was made by James McCall, second by Robert Campbell. Motion carried.

Committeeman McCall thanked Marc Nagtegaal for his services to the Township.

Letter of Resignation

Motion to accept the letter of resignation received from Wilma Nagtegaal resigning from the Recreation Commission was made by James McCall, second by Cornelius McIntyre. Motion carried.

Resolution R-08-41

South Harrison Township 2007 Tonnage Grant Application Resolution

Motion to adopt Resolution R-08-41 was made by James McCall, second by Gary Spinner.

Roll Call Vote: James McCall - yes, Cornelius McIntyre - yes, Charles Tyson – yes, Robert Campbell – yes, Gary Spinner – yes. **R.C.V.: 5 - yes', 0 - no's. Motion carried.**

Resolution R-08-42

Resolution of the Township of South Harrison Appointing a Chair for the Environmental Commission

Motion to adopt Resolution R-08-42 was made by James McCall, second by Cornelius McIntyre.

Roll Call Vote: James McCall - yes, Cornelius McIntyre - yes, Charles Tyson – yes, Robert Campbell – yes, Gary Spinner – yes. **R.C.V.: 5 - yes', 0 - no's. Motion carried.**

Safe Routes to School Applications for NJDOT Funding

The funding is to promote safe routes to school for students who would or could be walking and/or biking. Committeeman McCall thinks it would be wise for the Township to make an application.

Motion to proceed with an application for this funding was made by James McCall, second by Gary Spinner. Motion carried.

Resolution R-08-43

Township of South Harrison County of Gloucester Special Emergency Resolution – NJSA 40:4-53

Motion to adopt Resolution R-08-43 was made by Gary Spinner, second by Robert Campbell.

Roll Call Vote: James McCall - no, Cornelius McIntyre - yes, Charles Tyson – yes, Robert Campbell – yes, Gary Spinner – yes. **R.C.V.: 4 - yes', 1 - no's. Motion carried.**

Resolution R-08-44

Resolution of the Township Committee of the Township of South Harrison Opposing the Failure of the Governor's Proposed State Budget for the 2008-2009 Fiscal Year to Treat Property Tax Relief as Our Priority

Motion to adopt Resolution R-08-44 was made by Gary Spinner, second by James McCall.

Roll Call Vote: James McCall - yes, Cornelius McIntyre - yes, Charles Tyson – yes, Robert Campbell – yes, Gary Spinner – yes. **R.C.V.: 5 - yes', 0 - no's. Motion carried.**

Letter of Resignation

Motion to accept the letter of resignation received from Maria Berkett resigning from the part-time position of assistant to the CFO effective March 31, 2008 was made by James McCall, second by Cornelius McIntyre. Motion carried.

Open Meeting to the Public

Motion to open the meeting to the public was made by James McCall, second by Robert Campbell. Motion carried.

Theresa Roeder asked about the street signs and when Public Works comes to install them can the posts be straightened. Also could it be checked that they are in the right location. seem to be to close to the curb. Mr. Fini said it is usually 6'. Public Works will take care of this. Ms. Roeder also asked about a street light at the intersection of Commissioners and Ferrell. Ms. Roeder was advised that this is a County easement. Ms. Roeder stated that Committeeman McCall has mentioned the engineering bills that are paid because residents contact them directly, isn't there something that can be done, to put this through the proper channels. Committeeman McCall stated in the past the Committee addressed the problem and tried to solve the problem internally before being turned over to the engineers.

Mary Howard of 4 Hollybrook addressed the Committee representing the Girl Scouts. The Committee should work with the school and not use the Girl Scouts as pawns. The benefits of girl scouting and its contributions to this community and world is undeniable and you chose not to support it. The condescending attitude of this Committee when Lori Morrison spoke at the February 27 meeting is very disheartening. Mrs. Morrison was dismissed and the answers to her questions were inadequate. Girl Scouting is a premium organization for young women in this community and country. Mrs. Howard gave the Committeemen packets outlining girl scouting and the rewards achieved through being a scout. Committeeman McCall stated the Committee is never against supporting the Girl Scouts. Committeeman McCall stated the Board has the right

to waive the fee and if they don't waive the fee, they are the ones not supporting the Girl Scouts. Mrs. Howard stated she is specifically addressing the Committee's behavior on the 27th. They did not discuss anything and when Mrs. Morrison asked you to help fund scouting you did nothing. How you act impacts this community and you should build bridges and not walls.

Lori Morrison 730 Tomlin Station made a statement on behalf of the Girl Scouts stating their disappointment in the outcome of the Interlocal Service Agreement, but would still like to thank the Township Committee and the School Board for their efforts in trying to resolve the issues regarding the Interlocal Service Agreement that has been given to the school in the past. Committeemen Spinner and McIntyre were thanked for putting forth the effort and time to make themselves available not only to the school but to the parents as well. They listened and understood the ramifications of the discussion and looked into ways both the Township and School could benefit one another in building a positive bridge once more between the parties, to benefit the community. This compassion is exactly what this community deserves and needs. The organizations were put in the middle, used as bargaining chips. Neither side truly understands the value of Girl Scouts. How the School can propose to charge a non profit organization comprised of children is an embarrassment to our community. Issues such as these make it difficult to want to continue to be a volunteer for the school or township. But this would send the wrong message to the children. There as been more focus on crunching numbers and on negatives and less focus has been made on what this is doing to the community, the negative message being sent to the children and working together to resolve this issue. Decisions deserve a bit more care, concern, sensitivity and respect to the organizations being effected and you should consider that some decisions impact much more than the checks and balances.

Chris Kudless asked about information he sent the Committee regarding a recycling company that provides incentives to the resident. Committeeman McCall advised that there was a meeting with Waste Management to see what it would cost the Township if we went to that program. The rate was outrageous to get on board. But we have gone to single stream recycling. Which allows for more that just cans and bottles, you can actually put your paper, cereal boxes, wax paper, tin and anything you put in there brings down the tonnage taken to the landfill. This will be part of the negotiations for the next contract. Mr. Kudless further asked if the state does cut the aid to small municipalities, .06 on the average assessed home in this municipality would mean an increase of about \$120.00. Lastly, Mr. Kudless thinks the professionals shouldn't take the calls without authorization from the Township.

Mel Robertson, 103 Foxford Lane addressed the issue of the Landfill. 20% of the time our trash goes directly to the Landfill, called by-pass days because the incinerator is unable to handle the flow. The Cameron facility doesn't have enough trash and the Freeholders are pushing shared services and I am wondering if the Committee would approach them about Cameron taking the excess trash to burn. Also, Cameron ash comes to the Gloucester County Landfill. Committeeman McCall stated the Freeholders are being proactive in that they have a committee who is talking to Wheelabrator in trying to expand or go to Camden or Chester. Wheelabrator has the contract until 2010 where all the trash in Gloucester County has to go there first; they have the rights to our trash. And, when they can't burn it, it is by-passed to the Landfill. The trash would be reduced by 90% if only ash was going to the Landfill. Committee will talk with the Freeholders.

Radine Konawel Cedar Grove Road stated she is disgusted by the Township, people are passionate about what they feel and want to discuss and she does understand the need for a time limit, sometimes you bend and sometimes you don't. The women were just standing here reading their letters and you said time. That is rude; let them say what they have to say. Look at your volunteers, everybody is resigning, something is wrong.

Janine Campbell 506 Lincoln Road thanked the Girl Scout Leaders for coming tonight and addresses the issues they are really passionate about. Please take the time over the next week to read the material they brought you.

Mayor Tyson stated the Committee does respect the residents, but there is a time restriction and his office is open every Wednesday from 6 to 8 pm. Feel free to come in and discuss anything you like.

Tom Schmiegel 20 Raccoon Creek is going to be coaching a Swedesboro/Woolwich soccer team and is interested in finding out if he could use some of the fields in Stewart Park. Committeeman McCall stated you will need to provide insurance documentation and the Committeeman can approve it. Mr. Schmiegel then spoke about ratables and asked if he could be a member of the Economic Development Committee. Mr. Schmiegel was advised that he is on it. Mr. Schmiegel stated he is an alternate and would rather be a member and one of the members is willing to change his status. Mayor Tyson will review and see what he can do. Mr. Schmiegel stated that with the Master Plan that you are looking at a Peddlers Village, he really doesn't want that many visitors to South Harrison. He feels that farmland preservation is a better way to keep open space. Committeeman Spinner advised that the next phase is coming out and there will be a Town Hall Meeting and regarding Peddlers Village that was just a conceptual thing that was thrown out by a gentleman in the audience. There are COAH requirements for both residential and commercial. The Township still has obligations to be met. Mr. Schmiegel stated if you leave agriculture alone and preserve farmland you will not gain any additional COAH units. Committeeman Spinner advised that a resolution was passed tonight to get a \$40,000.00 grant to put together a more comprehensive farmland preservation plan. But there has to be a balance and we should do everything we can to have a stable Master Plan.

Marc Nagtegaal addressed the Committee to clarify a few issues. Mr. Nagtegaal has kept and updated the WEB site. The problem is that the stuff doesn't get to me and minutes were not accepted by the Committee. Mr. Nagtegaal resigned from the WEB site and Colleen Bianco told him she would take it over. Mr. Nagtegaal was also Chair of the Environmental Commission and in conjunction with ANJEC and DVRPC a resource and open space inventory was done. Also Mr. Nagtegaal stated he sat as a citizen on the Gloucester County Agriculture Advisory Board which addresses farmers and their concerns. There are farms in South Harrison that are in the preservation program. Please come to the Planning/Zoning Board meetings at that is where the action is.

John Coleman stated on the Landfill about three months ago we met with the GCIA and Steve Sweeney and they are very concerned about the by-pass days, the main reason is economics, they are running out of space, so they bought the extra acreage, to buy them another 15 years on the Landfill. Even if every farm in the Township went into farmland preservation you could still have 5,000 more homes here. The absence of the Interlocal Agreement is just shifting the budget to the proper authority that is bearing the expense; the Township is not in the business of funding the school. The school should not be cutting any programs.

Close Meeting to the Public:

Motion to close the meeting to the public was made by Gary Spinner, second by James McCall. Motion carried.

Return to Open Session:

Motion to return to open session was made by Gary Spinner, second by James McCall. Motion carried.

Approve Payment of the Bills:

Motion to approve payment of the bills with the exception of #0800275 for \$43.25 was made by James McCall, second by Cornelius McIntyre.

Roll Call Vote: James McCall - yes, Cornelius McIntyre - yes, Charles Tyson - yes, Robert Campbell - yes, Gary Spinner - yes. **R.C.V.: 5 - yes', 0 - no's. Motion carried.**

Work Session set for March 19, 2008 at 7:30 pm.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn was made by Cornelius McIntyre, second by Gary Spinner.
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy E. Kearns, RMC
Municipal Clerk

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