

MARCH 19, 2008

The South Harrison Township Committee held a special meeting on Wednesday March 19, 2008 at 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: Cornelius McIntyre - present, James McCall - present, Charles Tyson - present, Robert Campbell - absent, Gary Spinner - present, Nancy Kearns, Municipal Clerk - present, Christie Melfi, CFO - present, Colleen Bianco, Administrator - present.

Budget Work Session

Christie Melfi, CFO would like to see the tax rate the Committee wants to go to and then find out where we stand with revenues, and then back into the expenses to have a balanced budget. To give the Committee an idea, she put in \$2 million as appropriations, to show what the tax rate would be. Ms. Melfi then went over anticipated revenues, advising that South Harrison is losing \$118,000.00 in state aid. She does not have numbers from Bowman yet for the fund balance. Ms. Melfi reviewed and discussed the revenues portion of the budget with the Committee adjusting the figures that the Committee feels are good numbers. Ms. Melfi will put these figures into the document and print out the revisions for the Committee to review again.

Open Meeting to the Public:

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

Marc Nagtegaal addressed the Committee stating he hopes they take into account the dire straits of the economy. Foreclosures are up and CNBC reports a recovery is not expected until the fourth quarter of this year or possibly into next year.

Chester Randall addressed the Committee requesting funds to be put in the budget for the seniors. Colleen Bianco advised that she has spoken to Donna Dellinger regarding the recreation budget and funds for the seniors.

Close Meeting to the Public:

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

Resolution - R-08-45

Resolution for Excluding the Public (Personnel Matters)

Motion to adopt Resolution R-08-45 was made by Gary Spinner, second by Cornelius McIntyre.

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

Return to Open Session:

Motion to return to open session was made by James McCall, second by Cornelius McIntyre. Motion carried.

Resolution – R-08-46

Resolution of the Township Committee of the Township of South Harrison Hiring Sharon Wade to the Part-Time Position of Assistant to the Chief Finance Officer Effective March 31, 2008

Motion to adopt Resolution R-08-46 was made by James McCall, second by Cornelius McIntyre.

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

Christie Melfi, CFO handed out new budget pages with the previous numbers (as discussed) inserted. The Committee reviewed and discussed this new rate and by what amount the budget could be increased. Christie will have more realistic numbers tomorrow and can put them in and use last years OE's for budgets not yet submitted. This will allow for a better picture of this years budget.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn was made by Gary Spinner, second by James McCall. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy E. Kearns, RMC
Municipal Clerk