

APRIL 2, 2008

The South Harrison Township Committee held a special meeting on Wednesday April 2, 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: James McCall - present, Cornelius McIntyre - present, Charles Tyson - present, Robert Campbell - present, Gary Spinner - present, Nancy Kearns, Municipal Clerk - present, Christie Melfi, CFO - present

Budget Work Session

Christie Melfi reported on the budget and stated that based on the numbers the budget has to be cut by \$19,692.10. Deputy Mayor Campbell advised that you will need to add another \$35,000.00, because we do not get \$600,000.00 in Host Community benefits, \$35,000.00 comes off the top and goes directly to the Fire and Ambulance Departments. Christie explained the \$19,692.10 is the amount of the CAP we are over, on the appropriations side and not the revenue side. Committeeman Spinner advised that you can apply for a waiver with the Local Finance Board for the police department for the portion that is the incremental increase. There was discussion as to the feasibility of doing this and it will be looked into. The Committee discussed the engineering budget as it relates to possible grants received from the State for road projects. The Committee reviewed and discussed cuts of \$14,050.00 in operating expenses budgets, as suggested by the Administrator. The Committee accepted these cuts for the budget and further reduced the police salaries line items by \$5,000.00.

Open Meeting to the Public:

Motion to open the meeting to the public was made by Robert Campbell, second by Cornelius McIntyre. Motion carried.

John Coleman said last year when we did the budget we saw a run off of about \$14,000.00 for 2008 and \$52,000.00 in 2009. The second page of the tax summary has the projected un-anticipated (tax abatement). Christie Melfi advised that if you have a revenue that is going to go away in a couple of years you shouldn't put it in budget, because in the years to come it will be a loss of revenue.

Marc Nagtegaal asked about open space and one cent of the budget. Committeeman Spinner advised that that is on the expense side. Mr. Nagtegaal asked about snow removal and said he doesn't see anything in the budget for that. Mr. Nagtegaal was advised that there is a dedicated rider account to pay for snow removal. Mr. Nagtegaal stated the Township takes care of the school by cutting the grass and doing snow removal. Mr. Nagtegaal feels the Township should no longer do these things for free.

Close Meeting to the Public:

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

Resolution – R-08-47

Resolution for Excluding the Public (Contract Negotiations)

Motion to adopt Resolution R-08-47 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.**

Return to Open Session:

Motion to return to open session was made by Gary Spinner, second by Cornelius McIntyre. Motion carried.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn was made by Gary Spinner, second by Robert Campbell. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy E. Kearney, PMC
Municipal Clerk

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