

MAY 14, 2008

The South Harrison Township Committee held a finance and regular meeting on Wednesday, May 14, 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, Steve Bach, Engineer - present, Colleen Bianco, Administrator - present, Nancy Kearns, Municipal Clerk - present, Celeste Keen, Deputy Clerk - present.

Minutes:

Motion to approve the regular session minutes of October 10, 17 and November 14, 2007 and January 9 and February 27, 2008 with noted corrections was made by Cornelius McIntyre, 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.**

Motion to approve the closed session minutes of October 10, 17 and November 14, 2007 was made by Cornelius McIntyre, second by James McCall.

Roll Call Vote: James McCall - yes, Cornelius McIntyre - yes, Charles Tyson - yes, Robert Campbell - yes (with the exception of October 17, 2007 being an abstention), Gary Spinner - yes. **R.C.V.: 5 - yes, 0 - no's. Motion carried.**

Committee Reports:

Police Department - April 2008 Report

Construction Code Official - April 2008 Report

Steve Bach, Engineer reported that the Master Plan has been issued and the hearing has been set for Monday, May 19, 2008 at 7:00 pm. Ordinances will then come before the Committee for review and adoption. The DEP Stormwater permit will be filed in June. The Township was awarded \$144,000.00 for Phase IV of Lincoln Road; we were unsuccessful in getting discretionary aid for Cedar Grove Road. There are no funds coming out of Trenton for discretionary aid at this time. Bach will be submitting an application for the 2009 road projects. Mr. Bach is requesting the tabling of Resolution R-08-05, which is on tonight's agenda.

Tax Collector's Report: Taxes collected for the month of April were \$446,637.35.

Treasurer's Report:

Christie Melfi reported that things have been a little slow, due to the change in personnel. But with Sharon on board, she is working out very well, doing an excellent job, and things are moving forward. The Township is going to switch to Commerce Bank on June 1, 2008 along with in-house payroll. Direct deposit will follow shortly thereafter.

Old Business:

Mayor Tyson advised that the DCA and DOT will be having a meeting on May 22, 2008 at 1:00 pm here in the conference room regarding the intersection of SH 45 and

CR 538. The DOT has made the changes to include left turn lanes going east and west on CR 538.

Committeeman McCall asked about Chris Kudless being appointed to the Planning/Zoning Board. Mayor Tyson advised that we are still waiting on John Coleman's resignation.

Committeeman McIntyre asked about the hold-up on the Clean Communities Letter. Mayor Tyson advised that the hold-up was his fault and that he apologized to the employees regarding the delay in the newsletter.

New Business: Resolution R-08-60
Resolution Authorizing the Refund of Overpayment of Property Taxes

Motion to adopt Resolution R-08-60 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.**

Resolution R-08-61
Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of a Duplicate Tax Sale Certificate Pursuant to Chapter 99 of the Public Laws of 1997

Motion to adopt Resolution R-08-61 was made by Robert Campbell, 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-08-62
Resolution Approving Participation with the State of New Jersey in a Safe and Secure Communities Program Administered by the Division of Criminal Justice, Department of Law and Public Safety

Motion to adopt Resolution R-08-62 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-08-63
Resolution for Excluding the Public (Personnel)

Motion to adopt Resolution R-08-63 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
Donna Dellinger resigning from the Board of Recreation

Motion to accept Donna Dellinger's letter of resignation was made by Gary Spinner, second by Cornelius McIntyre. Motion carried.

Ordinance – O-08-07-A1
Amendment No. 1 To An Ordinance Fixing The Salaries of Certain Officers And Employees of The Township of South Harrison

Introduction and First Reading

Motion to adopt Ordinance O-08-07-A1 on first reading 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.**

Hearing set for June 11, 2008 at 7:30 pm.

Resolution R-08-64

Resolution of the South Harrison Township Committee Reducing and Certifying Amounts to be Raised for School Taxes for the 2008-2009 School Year

Motion to adopt Resolution R-08-64 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.**

Resolution R-08-65

Resolution Denying Reduction in Performance Bond of Robert J. Pacific Homes, LLC Regarding South Harrison Self Storage

Motion to table Resolution R-08-65 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-08-66

Resolution of the Township Committee Setting Forth the Salaries of the Officers And Employees of the Township of South Harrison in the County of Gloucester and State of New Jersey

Motion to adopt Resolution R-08-66 was made by James McCall, second by Cornelius McIntyre.

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

Motion to amend Resolution R-08-66 by removing the salary of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor was made by Robert Campbell, second by Charles Tyson.

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 he feels the Committee should get paid. He said so when he was running for office; he said so last year and when he is not on the Committee he will still say the Committee should get paid.

Committeeman Spinner advised that the Committee needs to set another meeting for the resolution for the Kingsway Budget. Meeting set for May 19, 2008 at 6:00 pm.

Open Meeting to the Public:

Motion to open the meeting to the public was made by Gary Spinner, second by Robert Campbell. Motion carried.

Theresa Roeder and Sarah Freeman reported on the progress of the 125th Anniversary Picnic in the Park on May 31, 2008 and the activities scheduled. Ms. Roeder thanked the Committee for their support and donations, and stated that contributions are still coming in. Flyers are being sent through the school. They further reported that the date of October 4th has been set for Community Day. Ms. Roeder also advised that the

basins in Saddlebrook were mowed yesterday and thanked everyone for the efforts in getting that done.

Mel Robertson asked about Resolution R-08-60, regarding a refund of overpayment of taxes. Was that a re-valuation of property or just that they over paid the taxes? Mr. Robertson was advised that it was just an overpayment, there was no re-assessment. Mr. Robertson complimented Steve Bach on the replacement of the shrubs and trees in Hollybrook. Mr. Robertson advised that the Economic Development Committee had their first meeting and discussed different areas in the Township along with a draft of the Master Plan. Mr. Robertson doesn't feel the \$100.00 per acre the Township pays for permanent farmland preservation is very much incentive. Mr. Robertson asked if it would be feasible for the Township to float a bond of \$4 or \$5 million to put it out of the loop; it would never be built on; never have houses impact the school; it will affect the additions you do not have to build on the school. Either you spend it now or spend it later. He doesn't know if the residents would be interested in spending money they may never see the benefit from. Deputy Mayor Campbell advised that the real issue is that the new school addition took away 90-95% of our capacity to borrow.

Sarah Freeman stated they have received no correspondence from Donna Dellinger. Ms. Freeman was advised that there was no other correspondence. Ms. Freeman then asked about the drainage on Eldridges Hill Road. She was advised that that is a County Road and she should contact them. Ms. Freeman also asked about the Dam Project. Ms. Bianco stated we have not heard anything recently, but will let you know as soon as we have another update.

Close Meeting to the Public:

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

Return to Open Session:

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

Approve Payment of Bills:

Motion to approve payment of the bills with the exception of voucher 08-00584 was made by James McCall, second by Gary Spinner.

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

Resolution R-08-67

Resolution Amending Resolution R-08-09 – Appointing Committees of the Township of South Harrison for the Year 2008

Motion to adopt Resolution R-08-67 was made by Charles Tyson, second by James McCall.

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

Adjournment:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy E. Kearns, RMC
Municipal Clerk