

**JULY 23, 2008**

The South Harrison Township Committee held a special meeting on Wednesday July 23, 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, Christie Melfi, CFO - present, Henry Ludwigsen, Auditor - present, Colleen Bianco, Administrator - present, Nancy Kearns, Municipal Clerk - present, Celeste Keen, Deputy Clerk - present

### **2008 Municipal Budget – Public Hearing**

#### **Open Meeting to the Public:**

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

Marc Nagtegaal asked about the revenue in the Construction Code Office of \$81,000.00 and stated he is only directing his questions to Jim McCall, Neil McIntyre and Gary Spinner, only these three can answer. Committeeman Spinner said everyone on the Committee had a consensus that that was the number. Committeeman McCall said it was dropped down from \$120,000.00. Mr. Nagtegaal then asked about items 10-7-10 and 10-7-01 on sheet 9 being blank. Mr. Ludwigsen advised these are unappropriated reserves; the Township will do a Chapter 159 to insert these appropriations if received from the State. Mr. Nagtegaal asked about the \$565,000.00 on sheet 10, the Host Community Benefits why is it down from last year. Christie Melfi explained that in 07 there was a payment that was not posted to the 06 account. The additional \$50,000.00 in the 07 was actually 06 money. Mr. Nagtegaal thinks the items on sheet 11 are optimistic. Mr. Nagtegaal asked why on sheet 11 does the Municipal Clerk make more money than the Planning Board Clerk. Mr. Nagtegaal is concerned about fuel oil and gasoline on Sheet 15c, you need more money in those accounts, and gasoline has almost doubled since last year. Christie Melfi explained the Township is at the maximum cap, the state will not allow you to increase the budget. If there are overages you can do transfers or special appropriations if not there would be an over expenditure.

Matthew Warner 34 Ashford Court spoke about the SUV's in the Police Department. Last year the Police Chief said he had 2 officers to a police car to save gas. Why when I went to Woodstown I see 2 officers and 2 cars, then he saw 2 cars going to an accident. Mr. Warner asked about other expenses, some of them are high than a person's salary, on sheet 12 the person has a salary of \$56,000.00 and then it shows \$10,000.00 in other expenses, are they traveling across the county. Christie Melfi explained that the other expenses include the internet for the entire municipality, computer repairs and general administration; it is not specific to a department. The total of other expenses is 706,000.00. HR is \$3,000.00. Colleen Bianco explained that is for the HR manuals, to do training required by JIF. Finance Administration is \$28,000.00 and the other expenses are \$15,000.00. Christie Melfi explained that \$10,000.00 of that is to clear up from the previous CFO. Mr. Warner stated the only one that is legitimate is the police other expenses of \$20,000.00 when they have \$300,000.00 worth of salaries. Mr. Warner said you have a salary of \$14,500.00 and other expenses of \$16,000.00 in Planning/Zoning. It was explained that the professionals are paid out of that. Mr. Warner stated the Engineer's have a separate amount. It was explained that the Township

Engineer is different from the Planning/Zoning Engineer. Mr. Warner stated \$20,000.00 for the phones is ridiculous.

Theresa Roeder asked if the amount of \$376,000.00 under summary of revenues is the amount to be raised by taxes. Ms. Roeder was advised that the increase for this year is 3 cents.

**Close Meeting to the Public:**

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

**Resolution R-08-87**

**South Harrison Township Resolution to Amend Budget**

Motion to adopt Resolution R-08-87 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.

**Open Meeting to the Public:**

Motion to open the meeting to the public on Resolution R-08-87 was made by Robert Campbell, second by Gary Spinner. Motion carried.

Marc Nagtegaal asked what was the percentage of increase in taxes before this resolution was adopted. The Committee responded it was 4.7 and now it is 3 cents. Mr. Ludwigsen stated there is no change in the amount of fund balance appropriated, there is a \$37.00 change in the reserve for uncollected taxes. Mr. Nagtegaal addressed Henry stating he is the only sane person in the room do is see anything wrong with this budget, please tell these people about it. Mr. Ludwigsen advised that he can not comment on it, his job is to see that it complies with the State Statute and it does.

**Close Meeting to the Public:**

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

**Resolution R-08-74**

**2008 South Harrison Township Municipal Budget**

Motion to adopt Resolution R-08-74 – 2008 South Harrison Township Municipal Budget 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.

**Open Meeting to the Public:**

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

No questions or comments were received from the public.

**Close Meeting to the Public:**

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

**Adjournment:**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy E. Kearns, RMC  
Municipal Clerk

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