JANUARY 5, 2009

The South Harrison Township Committee held its Reorganization Meeting on Monday, January 1, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. in the South Harrison Township Municipal Building.

The meeting was called to order by Nancy Kearns, Municipal Clerk 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.

Oath of Office to Committeeman Robert Diaz was administered by Municipal Clerk Nancy Kearns.

Oath of Office to Committeeman Robert Gaines Jr. was administered by Gloucester County Freeholder Frank DiMarco.

Roll Call: Robert Campbell – present, Robert Diaz - present, Robert Gaines Jr. – present, Gary Spinner - present, Charles Tyson – present, Nancy Kearns, Municipal Clerk – present.

Nominations for Mayor:

Nancy Kearns, Municipal Clerk opened the nominations for Mayor.

Nomination of Gary Spinner for Mayor was made by Robert Diaz, second by Gary Spinner.

Nomination of Charles Tyson for Mayor was made by Robert Campbell. Charles Tyson declined the nomination.

Nomination of Robert Campbell for Mayor was made by Charles Tyson, second by Robert Gaines Jr.

Seeing no further nominations Nancy Kearns closed the nominations for Mayor and called for a vote respectfully.

Roll Call Vote: Robert Campbell – no, Robert Diaz – yes, Robert Gaines Jr. – no, Gary Spinner - yes, Charles Tyson – no. **R.C.V.: 2 - yes', 3 -no's. Motion failed.**

Roll Call Vote: Robert Campbell – yes, Robert Diaz – no, Robert Gaines Jr. – yes, Gary Spinner - no, Charles Tyson – yes. **R.C.V.: 3 - yes', 2 -no's. Motion carried.**

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Oath of Office of Mayor:

Administered by Gloucester County Freeholder Frank DiMarco to Robert Campbell.

Nominations for Deputy Mayor:

Mayor Campbell opened the nominations for Deputy Mayor.

Nomination of Charles Tyson for Deputy Mayor was made by Robert Gaines Jr., second by Robert Campbell.

Nomination of Gary Spinner for Deputy Mayor was made by Robert Diaz, second by Gary Spinner.

Seeing no further nominations for Deputy Mayor, Mayor Campbell closed the nominations and called for a vote, respectfully.

Roll Call Vote: Robert Campbell – yes, Robert Diaz – no, Robert Gaines Jr. – yes, Gary Spinner - no, Charles Tyson – yes. **R.C.V.: 3 - yes', 2 - no's. Motion carried.**

As the first vote carried no other roll call vote was taken.

Oath of Office for Deputy Mayor:

Administered by Gloucester County Freeholder Frank DiMarco to Charles Tyson.

In Mayor Campbell's acceptance speech he spoke about working with Mr. Tyson. He understands Mr. Tyson's decision and only hopes the Committee can carry themselves in same manner he has done for his entire life. Mayor Campbell spoke about his goals for the Township saying that only one has been accomplished, and that is the Planning/Zoning Board's new Master Plan. Mayor Campbell stated that we must take unprecedented measures to control taxes, create an atmosphere where this body works together to meet the needs of the residents, and to reduce the municipal budget for 2009 by 5½ to 10 %. We must develop a long term plan to control and even reduce the school's operating budget. Mayor Campbell stated that we need to continue to find sources of revenue for the Township, improve community communications through newsletters, email and online information, along with making the web site more interactive. He would like all personal and political differences to be set aside for constructive collaboration in achieving this agenda. The residents should hold the Committee accountable for how they perform as their representatives.

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Resolutions Presented for Adoption:

R-09-02 RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING TIME AND PLACE OF REGULAR MEETINGS OF SOUTH HARRISON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR 2009

Motion to adopt Resolution R-09-02 was made by Robert Diaz, second by Charles Tyson.

Roll Call Vote: Robert Campbell - yes, Robert Diaz – yes, Robert Gaines Jr. – yes, Gary Spinner - yes, Charles Tyson – yes. **R.C.V.: 5 - yes', 0 -no's. Motion carried.**

R-08-03 RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE GLOUCESTER COUNTY TIMES AND THE TODAY'S SUNBEAM AS THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH HARRISON

Motion to adopt Resolution R-09-03 was made by Charles Tyson, second by Robert Gaines Jr.

Roll Call Vote: Robert Campbell - yes, Robert Diaz – yes, Robert Gaines Jr. – yes, Gary Spinner - yes, Charles Tyson – yes. **R.C.V.: 5 - yes', 0 -no's. Motion carried.**

R-09-04 RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE PLACE FOR POSTING AND THE NEWSPAPERS FOR RECEIVING NOTICES OF PUBLIC MEETINGS IN COMPLIANCE WITH "THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT"

Motion to adopt Resolution R-09-04 was made by Charles Tyson, second by Robert Gaines Jr.

Roll Call Vote: Robert Campbell - yes, Robert Diaz – yes, Robert Gaines Jr. – yes, Gary Spinner - yes, Charles Tyson – yes. **R.C.V.: 5 - yes', 0 -no's. Motion carried.**

R-09-05 RESOLUTION APPOINTING SOLICITOR, MUNICIPAL AUDITOR, PUBLIC DEFENDER AND TOWNSHIP PLANNER

Motion to adopt Resolution R-09-05 was made by Robert Diaz, second by Charles Tyson.

Roll Call Vote: Robert Campbell - yes, Robert Diaz – yes, Robert Gaines Jr. – yes, Gary Spinner - yes, Charles Tyson – yes. **R.C.V.: 5 - yes', 0 -no's. Motion carried.**

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R-09-06 RESOLUTION ADOPTING PAYMENT OF TAXES AND INTEREST REQUIRED TO BE PAID ON THE DELINQUENT TAXES BY TAXPAYERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH HARRISON

Motion to adopt Resolution R-09-06 was made by Charles Tyson, second by Robert Gaines Jr.

Roll Call Vote: Robert Campbell - yes, Robert Diaz – yes, Robert Gaines Jr. – yes, Gary Spinner - yes, Charles Tyson – yes. **R.C.V.: 5 - yes', 0 -no's. Motion carried.**

R-09-07 RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING RULES UNDER WHICH MEETINGS WILL BE HELD

Motion to adopt Resolution R-09-07 was made by Charles Tyson, second by Robert Campbell.

Roll Call Vote: Robert Campbell - yes, Robert Diaz – yes, Robert Gaines Jr. – yes, Gary Spinner - yes, Charles Tyson – yes. **R.C.V.: 5 - yes', 0 -no's. Motion carried.**

R-09-08 SOUTH HARRISON TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH IN WRITING A CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN, DESIGNATING OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES OF FUNDS, AUTHORIZING INVESTMENT OF FUNDS AND SETTING FORTH PROCEDURES FOR DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS

Motion to adopt Resolution R-09-08 was made by Robert Diaz, second by Charles Tyson.

Roll Call Vote: Robert Campbell - yes, Robert Diaz – yes, Robert Gaines Jr. – yes, Gary Spinner - yes, Charles Tyson – yes. **R.C.V.: 5 - yes', 0 -no's. Motion carried.**

R-09-09 RESOLUTION APPOINTING OFFICERS OF THE SOUTH HARRISON TOWNSHIP, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR THE TERMS SPECIFIED

Motion to adopt Resolution R-09-09 was made by Charles Tyson, second by Robert Campbell.

Roll Call Vote: Robert Campbell - yes, Robert Diaz – yes, Robert Gaines Jr. – yes, Gary Spinner - yes, Charles Tyson – yes. **R.C.V.: 5 - yes', 0 -no's. Motion carried.**

R-09-10 RESOLUTION APPOINTING COMMITTEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH HARRISON FOR THE YEAR 2009

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Motion to adopt Resolution R-09-10 was made by Robert Gaines Jr., second by Charles Tyson.

Roll Call Vote: Robert Campbell - yes, Robert Diaz – yes, Robert Gaines Jr. – yes, Gary Spinner - no, Charles Tyson – yes. **R.C.V.: 4 - yes', 1 -no's. Motion carried.**

R-09-11 SOUTH HARRISON TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION APPOINTING RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT GLOUCESTER, SALEM, CUMBERLAND COUNTIES MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND

Motion to adopt Resolution R-09-11 was made by Robert Diaz, second by Charles Tyson.

Roll Call Vote: Robert Campbell - yes, Robert Diaz – yes, Robert Gaines Jr. – yes, Gary Spinner - yes, Charles Tyson – yes. **R.C.V.: 5 - yes', 0 -no's. Motion carried.**

R-09-12 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH HARRISON RENEWING RESOLUTION R-05-92 SETTING FORTH PROCEDURES FOR AGENDA AND PUBLIC SESSIONS FOR THE SOUTH HARRISON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Motion to adopt Resolution R-09-12 was made by Gary Spinner, second by Robert Diaz.

Roll Call Vote: Robert Campbell - yes, Robert Diaz – yes, Robert Gaines Jr. – yes, Gary Spinner - yes, Charles Tyson – yes. **R.C.V.: 5 - yes', 0 -no's. Motion carried.**

R-09-13 RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH HARRISON TEMPORARY BUDGET APPROPRIATION FOR 2009

Motion to table Resolution R-09-13 for the January 14, 2009 meeting was made by Charles Tyson, second by Robert Gaines Jr.

Roll Call Vote: Robert Campbell - yes, Robert Diaz – yes, Robert Gaines Jr. – yes, Gary Spinner - yes, Charles Tyson – yes. **R.C.V.: 5 - yes', 0 -no's. Motion carried.**

Open Meeting to the Public:

Motion to open the meeting to the public was made by Charles Tyson, second by Robert Diaz. Motion carried.

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PBA President Harold Holmstrom, PBA Local 122, stated that the number one priority should be to try and establish a very good relationship with the Police Department.

Matthew Warner congratulated everyone elected to office and spoke about the document received from his OPRA (sub-committee packet) request. Specifically, the State Police report has his social security number and driver's license number on it, and it should have been redacted. He wants it removed from the document. The Municipal Clerk will check the requests for the documents and have the portion redacted.

Jeanine Campbell congratulated the newly elected members and plans to be at every meeting. She would like to see the Committee move in a positive direction and asked Committeeman Gaines if he had anything to say regarding the petition that is circulating, which calls for his resignation based on the allegations against him. Committeeman Gaines advised that he will not respond and that his attorney is handling this matter. Ms. Campbell advised that she has spoken with Freeholder Sweeney, and he is actively involved with these issues. She hopes to have a meeting with him by the end of the month.

Jeff Brown asked Deputy Mayor Tyson if he could think of no one better suited to have the role of Mayor than Mr. Campbell. When you were thinking of all the potential candidates, what were the criteria to be the Mayor of South Harrison at this time? Deputy Mayor Tyson responded that he thought of time, efforts, passion, and the work he did before being on the committee. He was involved in the budget, and has experience. Mr. Brown then asked Mr. Tyson if he considered public trust or the faith of the public and if he felt Mr. Campbell has the trust of the pubic. Mr. Brown asked who is on the finance committee. Committeeman Diaz advised that it is Bob Campbell and Robert Diaz. Mr. Brown asked, since Gary Spinner has his MBA, was he considered for this committee? Mr. Diaz advised that it was a mayoral appointment; I don't feel that I have the qualifications that would best suit the committee. Mr. Gaines was asked if Mr. Diaz was the best choice for that committee, and Mr. Gaines said yes. As Mr. Diaz does not feel he is the best choice, are you willing to reconsider and appoint Mr. Spinner? Mayor Campbell responded that Diaz is the most senior person on this committee with regard to years of service as a Committeeman, and as such Mayor Campbell feels they are equally qualified.

Dan Webster addressed the Committee, congratulating them on their appointments. Mr. Webster hopes that what Mayor Campbell said holds true. It is really hard to run a town when you are on the outs with the Police Department, Ambulance and almost every employee. If you are working to heal the divide that's wonderful, but be cautious on the road you take to those goals. Why would you appoint someone to a committee who has publicly stated that they are not as qualified and not comfortable with being on the committee, when another member who is more qualified and has been on that committee could be appointed? Mayor Campbell stated that he has taken these items under advisement.

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Michael Cramer, PBA 122, stated that several months ago he had asked if Mr. Gaines is found guilty in municipal court, would you ask him to resign. Every one of you said yes. Does that still stand? Deputy Mayor Tyson stated he said yes to the prosecutor's report, and they did not file charges.

Carole Brodkin addressed the Committee and fellow residents stating that when people state things they should use "some of us" instead of "all," because you are not speaking for all.

Sarah Freeman addressed Mr. Campbell about cutting the budget 7 to 10%. Last year you said the budget is bare bones, so where do you cut the budget? Mayor Campbell stated that he and Mr. Tyson voted against the budget last year.

Christopher Kudless hopes that if the Committee is sincere about having positive progress for 2009, then it would be appropriate tonight for Mr. Gaines to apologize to the Police Department, and he would like to see that tonight.

Paul Prince stated that at the last meeting he asked Charles Tyson and Robert Campbell if they were behind the Police Department 100%, and both responded yes. Mr. Prince then asked Mr. Spinner, Mr. Diaz and Mr. Gaines if they are 100% behind the Police Department. Mr. Prince asked who is on the Personnel Committee. He was told that Committee is Charles Tyson and Robert Gaines. Mr. Prince does not think that is a very good decision. He also suggested that the Philadelphia Inquirer should be added as a newspaper for the Township.

Debbie Cunningham, President of South Harrison Township Board of Education and a member of the Kingsway Board of Education, asked why you singled out the South Harrison Board of Education and did not include Kingsway when speaking of budgets. Ms. Cunningham hopes that when the Mayor is invited out to the Kingsway meeting that some one would attend. Mr. Spinner did attend those meetings. Mayor Campbell spoke about the school budget and the formula used. South Harrison pays an unfair amount proportionally. Ms. Cunningham states that you would have more unity if you would have listened to the input of the Community, but instead you ignore it.

Marian Eileen Sharp addressed the Committee regarding the budget. Ms. Sharp was advised that it is ± $2.1 million. Ms Sharp wants to hear what is said by the Committee and the Residents. Please use your microphones. Mayor Campbell state there is going to be a Communications Committee.

Liz Spinner asked if there is a Police Committee. Ms. Spinner was advised that it is a Public Safety Committee and the members are Robert Diaz, Chair, and Robert Campbell. Ms. Spinner asked what the function is and if both members can be objective. Ms. Spinner was advised that it is mostly policy items, budget, ordinance requests and to act as liaison. Both responded that yes, they can be objective.

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Colleen Campbell addressed the Committee stating that if the oath taken to faithfully, impartially and justly perform was followed, this township would be in great shape. Ms. Campbell spoke about public confidence and ethical standards. It does not help to have Mr. Gaines on a Personnel Committee. It may not be the best thing to do until the issue is settled and he can clear his name. Ms. Campbell spoke about the aggressive efforts in the budget reduction. There is not anyone in this Township that does not want fewer taxes, but we got a lot of money in grants this year, and there is the landfill agreement. Lastly, Ms. Campbell spoke about committees and having standards set for all committees, such as attendance standards, and ethical standards.

Marc Nagtegaal addressed the Committee stating he attends almost all of the Township Committee meetings and as Chair of the Planning/Zoning Board and Board's secretary does keep track of attendance. As volunteers we try to do a good job for the Township. The biggest need for volunteers is for the Fire Company and Unity Ambulance.

Sarah Freeman asked the Committee why Kat Williams was appointed to the Recreation Commission when she declined last year because she was too busy. The Recreation Commission should have had input for appointments to the Commission.

Ed Crispin addressed the Committee stating that volunteer organizations are very important and people between the ages of 18 and 40 ought to be active in the Fire Company. The Fire Company renders a lot of service to this township and I'll ask Rob Bowen to talk.

Rob Bowen, Fire Chief of the Harrisonville Fire Company, said volunteers are desperately needed. There are only 4 members that live in this Township, while the rest live in Salem County, and it is the same with the ambulance volunteers are needed.

Barbara Visalli thanked Unity Ambulance for their quick response to her home.

Jim McCall congratulated the Committee and hopes they will serve with integrity. Mr. McCall served on Parks and Recreation for 7 ½ years and feels Sarah and Theresa did a great job, but the Commission needs to have more members. I know 5 or 6 people who would be willing to serve.

Jeanine Campbell stated that every time recreation is addressed there is chuckling. There is so much frustration, and people are not volunteering because they are not proud of their community now.

Paul Prince stated that the Township has phenomenal officers and if Mr. Gaines can't handle 180 acres he can't handle South Harrison.

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Close Meeting to the Public:

Motion to close the meeting to the public was made by Robert Diaz, second by Gary Spinner. Motion carried.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Charles Tyson, second by Robert Diaz. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy E. Keans, RMC
Municipal Clerk

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