

**JANUARY 27, 2009**

The South Harrison Township Committee held a special meeting on Tuesday January 27, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. in the South Harrison Township Municipal Building.

Mayor Robert Campbell 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 Vote:** Robert Campbell – present, Robert Diaz – present, Robert Gaines – present, Gary Spinner – present, Charles Tyson – present, John Eastack, Solicitor – present, Nancy Kearns, Municipal Clerk – present.

**Work Session:**

**Resolution R-09-24**

**Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement Between the State of New Jersey Department of Transportation and the Township of South Harrison**

Motion to adopt Resolution R-09-24 was made by Charles Tyson, second by Robert Diaz.

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

**Resolution R-09- 25**

**Resolution Re-Establishing an Investigatory Subcommittee of the Township of South Harrison**

Motion to adopt Resolution R-09-25 was made by Charles Tyson, second by Robert Gaines.

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

**Ordinance O-09-01**

**An Ordinance of the Township of South Harrison to Exceed the Municipal Calendar Year 2009 Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a CAP bank (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)**

Introduction and first reading of Ordinance O-09-01.

Motion to adopt Ordinance O-09-01 was made by Charles Tyson, second by Robert Diaz.

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

Public hearing and final adoption set for February 11, 2009 at 7:30 pm.

#### **Ordinance O-09-02**

#### **An Ordinance Establishing Confidentiality of Certain South Harrison Township Records and Proceedings**

Introduction and first reading of Ordinance O-09-02.

Motion to adopt Ordinance O-09-02 was made by Charles Tyson, second by Robert Gaines.

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

#### **NJ State Firemen’s Association Membership Applications**

Motion to approve the following applicants for membership in the NJ State Firemen’s Association was made by Robert Diaz, second by Robert Gaines.

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| (1) Robert M. Bowen, Jr. | (4) Kenneth Ridgell, Jr. |
| (2) Joshua C. Myers      | (5) David H. Smith       |
| (3) Nicole M. Laun       |                          |

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

#### **Resolution R-09-26**

#### **Resolution of the Township Committee of the Township of South Harrison for Shared Services with the County of Gloucester Re: PARIS Grant Program**

Motion to adopt Resolution R-09-26 was made by Robert Diaz, second by Gary Spinner.

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

Committeeman Spinner proposed setting a regular date each month for work sessions. After discussion the work sessions are scheduled for the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month, starting February 25, 2009.

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

Motion to open the meeting to the public was made by Gary Spinner, second by Charles Tyson. Motion carried.

Mary Howard, 4 Hollybrook spoke about accountability, responsibility, transparency, high standards and ethics and stated that on January 5 Mr. Campbell stated that he would challenge himself and every member of the Committee to put all personal and politic differences aside and asked the residents to continue to hold the committee accountable as your representatives. Ms. Howard believes that both Ordinance O-09-02 and Resolution R-09-25 cry of secrecy and personal agendas and contradict this statement. Discussion between committee members, solicitor and Ms. Howard ensued. No actions were taken.

Rob Schenk of Deer Run asked Mayor Campbell if his proposal for a second Investigatory Sub-Committee it is to protect us from getting sued, how do you know the results of the second investigation aren't going to be more damaging than the first sub-committee? Mr. Schenk felt that both Resolution R-09-25 and Ordinance O-09-02 were already covered by state statues, frivolous and could cause additional harm to the township. Discussions included members of the committee and solicitor. No actions were taken.

William McCall, 401 Ferrell Road also spoke about R-09-25 and O-09-02. He believed they were fishing expeditions. He asked the committee to please move on to more important issues.

Jeff Brown of Deer Run addressed the committee about R-09-25 by asking what four questions were asked in the first investigation and which of the four were not answered by that committee. Committeemen Diaz and Spinner felt that all had been answered. Committeemen Campbell, Gaines and Tyson would not answer Mr. Brown's question. Discussions included members of the committee, solicitor and Mr. Brown. No actions were taken.

Marc Nagtegaal, 719 Franklinville Road addressed the committee in regards to the first sub-committee report. He clarified several outstanding questions concerning his presence on the night in question.

Jim McCall of Cedar Grove Road questioned R-09-25. He was concerned with the possible conflicts of interest among committeemen and the ethics of those committeemen being allowed to vote on this Resolution. Discussions took place. Mr. McCall stated he would follow up with the DCA. No action was taken by the committee.

**Close Meeting to the Public:**

Motion to close the meeting to the public was made by Robert Gaines, second by Charles Tyson. Motion carried.

**Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn was made by Charles Tyson, second by Robert Gaines. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy E. Kearns, RMC  
Municipal Clerk

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