

APRIL 22, 2009

The South Harrison Township Committee held a special meeting on Wednesday April 22, 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, Celeste Keen, Deputy Clerk – present, William Ziegler, Solicitor – present.

Work Session:

A copy of an outline of the previous meeting was handed out to the Committee excluding the Deputy Clerk. The Clerk's office did not receive a copy.

Committeeman Diaz asked why this action must be done by resolution. Mayor Campbell advised that it is to allow insertion into the budget immediately.

Resolution R-09-62

Resolution Reducing Certain Work Hours and Compensation of Certain Township Employees Based Upon Budgetary and Economic Needs.

This Resolution reduces the salary and work hours in the Public Works Department. The Motion to adopt Resolution R-09-62 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.**

Resolution R-09-63

Resolution Reducing Certain Work Hours and Compensation of Certain Township Employees Based Upon Budgetary and Economic Needs

This Resolution is regarding reductions and outsourcing in the Construction Code Office. The Motion to adopt Resolution R-09-63 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.**

Resolution R-09-64

Resolution Reducing Certain Work Hours and Compensation of Certain Township Employees Based Upon Budgetary and Economic Needs

This Resolution reduces the hours of employment in Administrative Staff positions. These positions include the Administrator, the Deputy Clerk, and the CFO Clerk. The Motion to adopt Resolution R-09-64 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.**

A second Resolution was made and tabled for the May 13, 2009 meeting. This Resolution would reduce the hours of the Township Clerk. It was tabled in order to get advice from the Township Administrator. The Resolution was passed to acknowledge the intent to implement the proposed salary/hour reduction. The Motion to adopt the Resolution 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.**

Open Meeting to the Public:

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

Melvin Robertson, 103 Foxford Lane, directed his question to Mayor Campbell. He wondered why we were comparing ourselves to Elk Township and Woodstown if the numbers clearly showed that we were spending less money per person in South Harrison.

Janice Huggins, 22 Lincoln Mill Road, directed her question to Deputy Mayor Tyson. She wanted to know why Mr. Tyson sent out a letter addressing the school budget. Mr. Tyson did not respond.

James McCall, 23 Cedar Grove Road, directed his question to Henry Ludwigsen. He wanted to know if we can reinstate these positions if we find it doesn't work. Mr. Ludwigsen discussed the CAP and recognized the depleted revenues.

Radine Konawel, 207 Cedar Grove Road, asked the Committee why although several of her neighbors receive mailings from the Township she did not. It appears that she is not on the mailing list.

Jeannine Campbell of 706 Lincoln Road stated that at the previous meeting the residents were assured that they would be given paperwork with figures; there was no paperwork for the residents again tonight.

Jonathan Feinbaum, 6 Raccoon Creek Court, directed his question to Deputy Mayor Tyson regarding a recent mass mailing about the upcoming school board/budget election. When asked if D. M. Tyson was aware of the mailing D. M. Tyson stated that

he was aware. When asked if D. M. Tyson assisted in the writing of the mailing D. M. Tyson stated that he did. Mr. Feinbaum was concerned that a sitting committee member would use outdated, incorrect facts on a mailing to the residents.

John Campbell, 15 Raccoon Creek Court, was concerned about all the cuts and asked about the implications of these reductions on services to the residents.

Jonathan Feinbaum, 6 Raccoon Creek Court, asked if he could find out what the township did with the excess tax money collected after the rate was determined in July for the school appropriation. Mr. Luwigsen answered part of the question and Mr. Feinbaum will wait for the remainder of the answer.

Melvin Robertson, 103 Foxford Lane, asked about the availability of the Elk Township staff and if our committee was reassured that there would be staff available if we needed them.

Close Meeting to the Public:

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

Celeste Keen advised that she had correspondence from the office of the Administrator, Colleen Bianco. Ms. Keen read the Administrator's letter of resignation into the record.

Motion to accept the Administrator's resignation was made by Charles Tyson, second by Robert Gaines.

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.**

Adjournment:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Celeste Keen, RMC
Deputy Clerk