

OCTOBER 15, 2009

The South Harrison Township Committee held a special meeting on Thursday October 15, 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, Jeffrey Bruckler, Administrator – absent, Celeste Keen, Deputy Clerk – present.

Committee Reports:

Police Department – September 2009 Report – Chief Mabey advised that a scanner worth \$25K would be obtained via a State grant. Deputy Mayor Tyson inquired as to the number of accidents at the intersection of State Highway 45 and Franklinville Road since the installation of the traffic light. Chief Mabey advised that there has been a great reduction in accidents. If the Committee would like the Police Department to compile a report, one would be made available.

Construction Code Official – September 2009 Report

Bach Associates – October 2009 Report – Committeeman Spinner advised that the bids for Lake Street improvement will be advertised on October 16th with a bid opening scheduled for October 27th and a bid award to be announced at the October 28th Township Committee work session. A grant for the Cedar Grove Road improvement in the amount of \$175K has been received.

Committeeman Diaz noted that the JIF report is to be submitted with the credit option.

Tax Collector Report:

Old Business:

Ordinance O-09-11

Ordinance Amending Chapter 120 – Solid Waste of the Township of South Harrison, County of Gloucester and State of New Jersey

To be re-advertised.

Committeeman Gaines, noting that Chief Mabey was no longer in the room, stated that he has been approached by citizens questioning South Harrison Police Officers at Kingsway sports events. He stated that he does not know the answer and would like it made clear why they are present.

Ordinance O-09-12

Ordinance Amending Chapter 24 of the Code of the Township of South Harrison, County of Gloucester and State of New Jersey

Introduction and first reading.

Motion to adopt Ordinance O-09-12 with the correction of four (4) miles on first reading was made by Charles Tyson, second by Robert Gaines.

Committeeman Diaz objected to all members of the Committee voting on this Ordinance, citing conflict of interest.

John Eastlack advised that it was acceptable for all members of the Committee to vote on Ordinance O-09-12.

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

Public hearing and final adoption set for November 10, 2009 7:30 p.m.

Mayor Campbell advised that the employment agreement's 90 day probationary period with Township Administrator, Jeffrey Bruckler, is nearing an end. Mr. Bruckler originally given three (3) days for the first 13 weeks and going to 15 hours. Mayor Campbell stated that Mr. Bruckler needs the three (3) days per week to do his job adequately. Mr. Eastlack advised that the Committee would need to amend the contract. Committeemen Diaz and Spinner have questions that they would like answered prior to proceeding. This matter will be discussed at the October 28th Township Committee work session.

Committeeman Diaz raised the issue of George Rosenberg's invoice. John Eastlack advised that he would contact Mr. Rosenberg to discuss the invoice amount.

New Business:

Ordinance O-09-13

Ordinance Appropriating the Sum of \$3,606.00 from the Capital Improvement Fund for the Purchase of Computers, Computer Equipment and Software

Introduction and first reading.

Motion to adopt Ordinance O-09-13 on first reading was made by Robert Diaz, second by Charles Tyson.

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 November 10, 2009 7:30 p.m.

Ordinance O-09-14

Ordinance Appropriating the Sum of \$6,000.00 from the Capital Improvement Fund for the Updating of the Code of the Township of South Harrison

Introduction and first reading.

Motion to adopt Ordinance O-09-14 on first reading 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.**

Public hearing and final adoption set for November 10, 2009 7:30 p.m.

Resolution R-09-115

Resolution Amending R-09-02 Establishing the Time and Place of Regular Meetings of South Harrison Township Committee for the Year 2009

Motion to adopt Resolution R-09-115 was made by Robert Diaz, second by Charles Tyson.

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.**

NJ DEP letter regarding Flood Damage Prevention ordinance. Committeeman Diaz inquired as to why the Committee is just now seeing this letter. Ms. Bruder advised that she is aware and is working on this issue.

The Committee discussed a letter from Woolwich Township Construction Code Official regarding an Interlocal agreement and agreed that it was not timely to enter into such an agreement.

Third Party Billing Bid Award results were reviewed. Mayor Campbell noted that Joseph Wille, South Harrison Township’s Construction Code Official, was in the audience and requested his opinion. Mr. Wille advised that due to the fact that both bids that were received were equal monetarily, he would recommend MCI based on his understanding of reputation.

Motion to award MCI, Inc. was made by Robert Diaz, second by Charles Tyson.

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

Open Meeting to the Public:

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

Chief Mabey referenced Committeeman Gaines’ earlier question regarding South Harrison Police Officers being present during Kingsway sporting events. The officers are present on what is termed “extra duty”. In that they are not on duty for South Harrison Township and are paid by an outside entity.

Mayor Campbell requested what the costs would be to take the Police Department to 24/7. Chief Mabey advised that he would get that information to him.

James McCall of 46 Cedar Grove Road inquired as to why the previous night’s regularly scheduled Committee meeting was not held. Mayor Campbell advised that he sent an email to reschedule the meeting to October 15, 2009. Committeeman Spinner advised that he did not receive the email. Committeeman Diaz advised that the Clerk issued an email advising that due to Ordinance O-09-11 being advertised for October 14, 2009 it would not be advisable to change the meeting date. Mayor Campbell stated that he did not see that email. Mr. McCall questioned earlier comments regarding the \$175K received from the state for the repaving of Cedar Grove Road. Is the \$175K to be used solely for engineering costs? Mr. Eastlack clarified that the engineering costs were included in the \$175K.

Edmund Crispin of 691 Harrisonville Road thanked the many residents for not only their monetary donations but for their time as well.

Close Meeting to the Public:

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

Approve Payment of the Bills:

Motion to approve payment of the bills was made by Robert Gaines, 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.**

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn was made by Gary Spinner, second by Robert Diaz. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Celeste Keen, RMC
Deputy Clerk

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