

DECEMBER 9, 2009

The South Harrison Township Committee held a regular meeting on Wednesday December 9, 2009 at 7:30 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, Richard Fini, Township Engineer – present, John Easlack, Township Solicitor – present, Jeffrey Bruckler, Township Administrator – present, Christie Ehret, CFO – present, Celeste Keen, Deputy Clerk – present.

Committee Reports:

Police Department – November 2009 Report
Construction Code Official – November 2009 Report
Engineering Report – December 2009

Tax Collector Report: Accepted

Old Business:

Township Committee Vacancy

Motion to appoint Terence Conos to fill Township Committee vacancy was made by Robert Gaines, second by Robert Diaz.

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

Motion to appoint Joseph Calabro to fill Township Committee vacancy was made by Robert Gaines, second by Robert Campbell.

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

Financial Position

Mayor Campbell wanted to see end of year actual vs. budget - Christie Ehret advised the Committee:

Revenue issues - Municipal Court fines are 30K under what was budgeted
CCO fees 21K budgeted – Move to third party billing in May 12K under what was budgeted
State Aid – Consolidated Municipal Property Tax Relief – Dec 1st payment was withheld from all municipalities; South Harrison Township's allotment is \$2,337.00. Waiting for State to advise as to how to proceed.
Tax Collection – Ms. Ehret to speak with Tax Collector as to why 212K budgeted; 207K received for delinquent taxes

Unanticipated Revenue – interest on taxes and deposits; cable franchise; \$27 revenue = 37K to surplus

Committeeman Diaz asked John Eastlack what his best estimate would be for his billing for December. Mr. Eastlack estimated \$3,000.

Expenditures – Transfer resolution on tonight's agenda will correct all deficits in line items so that there will be no over-expenditures in 2009.

Advisory Finance Sub-Committee Report

Jeffrey Bruckler had met with Finance subcommittee and asked them to look at the budget. Mr. Isabella is unable to attend the meeting this evening. Barbara Sparks commented regarding the eleven month revenues and expenditures as well as the projection for December. As it was only seen as of 5:30 she is unable to speak on it this evening. Questioned Bowman as to what the reserves should be for a municipality such as South Harrison Township or the State average.

Premiere Technology Report

Jeffrey Bruckler stated that he spoke to John Eastlack and will report back. Mayor Campbell advised that this will be tabled to a later meeting.

Update on South Harrison Township Website

Jeffrey Bruckler advised that he is in the process of obtaining software cost to bring in-house.

Letter for Matthew Warner

Resident Matthew Warner is looking to hold a bicycle race through the Township. Jeffrey Bruckler advised that the bicycle club's insurance was reviewed by JIF and deemed adequate. We will need a certificate naming South Harrison Township as an additional insured and submit a hold harmless agreement.

Third Party Inspections

Gary Spinner noted that MCI inspector has been indicted for IRS matters. Joseph Wille advised that there was not a 30 day opt out clause. Mayor Campbell changed the contract in order to sign. Committeemen Spinner and Diaz under the impression that it should have been brought

before the Committee in order to amend. John Eastlack would like to see the contract in order to comment. Mr. Eastlack advised that another inspector should be doing our inspections. Joseph Wille stated that he spoke with the owner and another inspector is available. John Eastlack stated that that would be advisable.

New Business:

Resolution R-09-129

Resolution to Make Budget Transfers Between Appropriations in the 2009 General Fund Budget

Motion to adopt Resolutions R-09-129 was made by Robert Diaz, second by Gary Spinner.

Roll Call Vote: Robert Campbell – yes, Robert Diaz – yes, Robert Gaines – yes, Gary Spinner – yes. **R.C.V.:** 4 – yes', 0 – no's. **Motion carried.**

Resolution R-09-130

Resolution Authorizing the Corrective Action Plan 2008 Submitted by the Chief Financial Officer of South Harrison Township

Motion to adopt Resolutions R-09-130 was made by Robert Gaines, second by Gary Spinner.

Roll Call Vote: Robert Campbell – yes, Robert Diaz – yes, Robert Gaines – yes, Gary Spinner – yes. **R.C.V.:** 4 – yes', 0 – no's. **Motion carried.**

Resolution R-09-131

Resolution of the Township of South Harrison Awarding a Contract for Certain Pavement Core Drilling and Testing

Motion to adopt Resolutions R-09-131 was made by Robert Diaz, second by Robert Gaines.

Roll Call Vote: Robert Campbell – yes, Robert Diaz – yes, Robert Gaines – yes, Gary Spinner – yes. **R.C.V.:** 4 – yes', 0 – no's. **Motion carried.**

Resolution R-09-132

Resolution for Certain Engineering Work for the Cedar Grove Road Improvements Project – Phase 1

Motion to adopt Resolutions R-09-132 was made by Robert Gaines, second by Robert Diaz.

Roll Call Vote: Robert Campbell – yes, Robert Diaz – yes, Robert Gaines – yes, Gary Spinner – yes. **R.C.V.:** 4 – yes', 0 – no's. **Motion carried.**

Resolution for Excluding the Public

Motion to adopt Resolutions R-09-133 was made by Robert Diaz, second by Gary Spinner.

Roll Call Vote: Robert Campbell – yes, Robert Diaz – yes, Robert Gaines – yes, Gary Spinner – yes. **R.C.V.:** 4 – yes', 0 – no's. **Motion carried.**

The Committee was presented with four (4) Firemen Applications.

Motion to approve the applications presented was made by Robert Diaz, second by Robert Gaines. Motion carried.

Resignation letter from Theresa Roeder, Recreation Chair, was read and accepted by the Committee.

Open Meeting to the Public:

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

Robert Schenk of 102 Antelope Drive voiced his concerns regarding the appointments to Charles Tyson's vacancy. Democratic party knew in October that Charles Tyson to resign. Why were these candidates were not brought forth for the November election. Committeeman Spinner noted that protocol dictates that the candidates would not have been on the ballot even if Mr. Tyson had announced his resignation in October. Credibility issues surround this Committee already due to foolish decisions made this year. Where are the candidates, including Mr. Calabro? Was it arrogance and ego that made Mr. Calabro name himself as one of the candidates? Mayor Campbell suggested that Mr. Schenk ask Mr. Calabro personally. Mr. Schenk noted that he would have liked to but when presented with the nominees at a previous meeting, the public was not permitted to ask questions because the Mayor would not open the meeting to the public.

Marc Nagtegal of 719 Franklinville Road host municipalities benefits listed in the CFO report is different. Christie Ehret advised that due to the Thanksgiving holiday two (2) months will be added prior to the end of the year to compensate the discrepancy. Farmland preservation grant received mandates an Advisory Committee which has yet to be formed. Committeeman Spinner advised that it was on the agenda several times but was tabled by the Mayor.

James McCall of 46 Cedar Grove Road thanked Mayor Campbell for being so concerned regarding the budget for 2010 and asked for his suggestions. None given.

Ed Crispin of 681 Harrisonville Road thanked everyone who participated for their assistance regarding the monument dedication and noted that the monument was paid for on the day of the dedication.

Close Meeting to the Public:

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

Return to Open Session:

Motion to return to open session was made by Gary Spinner, second by Robert Diaz. Motion carried.

Approve Payment of the Bills:

Motion to approve payment of the bills was made by Robert Gaines, second by Gary Spinner.

Roll Call Vote: Robert Campbell – yes, Robert Diaz – yes, Robert Gaines – yes, Gary Spinner – yes. **R.C.V.: 4 – 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