

MAY 12, 2010

The South Harrison Township Committee held a finance and regular meeting on Wednesday, May 12, 2010 at 7:30 and 8:00 p.m. respectively in the South Harrison Township Municipal Building.

Mayor James McCall 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: Joseph Calabro – present, Robert Diaz – present, Robert Gaines – present, Gary Spinner – present, James McCall – present, Barry Lozuke, Solicitor – present, Steve Bach, Engineer – present, Nancy Kearns, Municipal Clerk – present

Minutes:

Motion to approve the regular session minutes of April 14 and 22, 2010 was made by Robert Diaz, second by Robert Gaines.

Roll Call Vote: Joseph Calabro – yes, Robert Diaz – yes, Robert Gaines – yes, James McCall – yes, Gary Spinner – yes. **R.C.V.: 5 - yes', 0 – no's, 0 - abstentions. Motion carried.**

Committee Reports:

Police Department – April 2010 Report
Construction Code Official – April 2010 Report
Engineering Report – May 2010 Report

Tax Collector Report: None

Old Business:

Ordinance O-10-09

An Ordinance of the Township Committee of the Township of South Harrison Amending Ordinance O-10-07 Entitled "Ordinance of the Township of South Harrison Establishing Salaries and Compensation of Various Township Officers and Employees of the Township of South Harrison for the Calendar Year 2010"

Public hearing and final adoption.

Open Meeting to the Public:

Motion to open the meeting to the public on this ordinance only was made by Gary Spinner, second by Robert Diaz. Motion carried.

Jack Fitzpatrick asked about the salary ranges and was advised that the ranges are there when and if the Township hires to fill vacancies.

Close Meeting to the Public:

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

Motion to adopt Ordinance O-10-09 was made by Gary Spinner, second by Robert Gaines.

Roll Call Vote: Joseph Calabro – yes, Robert Diaz – yes, Robert Gaines – yes, James McCall – yes, Gary Spinner - yes. **R.C.V.: 5 – yes’, 0 – no’s. Motion carried**

Ordinance O-10-10

An Ordinance of the Township of South Harrison Appointing Tax Collector to Fill Unexpired Term Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:9-142

Pubic hearing and final adoption.

Open Meeting to the Public:

Motion to open the meeting to the public on this ordinance only was made by Gary Spinner, second by Robert Diaz. Motion carried.

No questions or comments were received from the public.

Close Meeting to the Public:

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

Motion to adopt Ordinance O-10-10 was made by Robert Gaines, second by Robert Diaz.

Roll Call Vote: Joseph Calabro – yes, Robert Diaz – yes, Robert Gaines – yes, James McCall – yes, Gary Spinner - yes. **R.C.V.: 5 – yes’, 0 – no’s. Motion carried**

New Business:

Resolution R-10-48

South Harrison Township 2009 Tonnage Grant Application Resolution

Resolution R-10-49

Resolution of the Township Committee of the Township of South Harrison, in the County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey to Cancel Municipal Court Balances

Resolution R-10-50

Resolution Amending Resolution R-10-08 Concerning the South Harrison Township Environmental Commission

Resolution R-10-51

Resolution Appointing Commissioner to the South Harrison Board of Recreation

Motion to adopt Resolutions R-10-48 through and including R-10-51 was made by Robert Gaines, second by Gary Spinner.

Roll Call Vote: Joseph Calabro – yes, Robert Diaz – yes, Robert Gaines – yes, James McCall – yes, Gary Spinner - yes. **R.C.V.: 5 – yes’, 0 – no’s. Motion carried.**

Resolution R-10-52

Resolution Excluding Public Participation within a Portion of a Meeting of the Township Committee Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12

Motion to adopt Resolution R-10-52 was made by Robert Gaines, second by Robert Diaz.

Roll Call Vote: Joseph Calabro – yes, Robert Diaz – yes, Robert Gaines – yes, James McCall – yes, Gary Spinner - yes. **R.C.V.: 5 – yes’, 0 – no’s. Motion carried**

NJ State Firemen’s Association

Motion to approve the application of Michel Pratt to the New Jersey State Firemen’s Association was made by Robert Gaines, second by Robert Diaz.

Roll Call Vote: Joseph Calabro – yes, Robert Diaz – yes, Robert Gaines – yes, James McCall – yes, Gary Spinner - yes. **R.C.V.: 5 – yes’, 0 – no’s. Motion carried**

Ordinance O-10-11

An Ordinance of the Township Committee of the Township of South Harrison Repealing Article III of Chapter 19 of the South Harrison Township Code Entitled “Township Administrator”

Introduction and first reading.

Motion to adopt Ordinance O-10-11 on first reading was made by Robert Diaz, second by Robert Gaines.

Roll Call Vote: Joseph Calabro – yes, Robert Diaz – yes, Robert Gaines – yes, James McCall – yes, Gary Spinner - yes. **R.C.V.: 5 – yes’, 0 – no’s. Motion carried**

Public hearing and final adoption set for June 16, 2010 at 8:00 pm.

By general consensus the Township Committee unanimously agreed to participate again this year in the Kingsway Award Program

Mayor McCall reported on the progress being made in the meetings with the sending districts regarding the Kingsway Defeated Budget.

Deputy Mayor Spinner reported on the meetings regarding the South Harrison Township Elementary School Defeated Budget and advised that it is not the intent of the Township Committee to cut teachers but to reduce the budget.

Open Meeting to the Public:

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

Jack Fitzpatrick spoke about the school budget and advised that Mr. Datz is getting a raise.

Marc Nagtegaal of 719 Franklinville Road handed a “report” to the Committee Members showing where to look for cuts and would like to see no tax increase.

Deb Cunningham 648 Monroeville Road thanked Jim and Gary for their hard work and clarified that the budget (at this time) has money for raises, but no raises have been given and no contracts have be signed.

James McSnea 426 Fislerville Road addressed the Committee stating that education is important and please don’t cut the budget.

Janice Huggins advised that as a teacher for the past 35 years 32 in a classroom is not do able in today’s world and having a part-time superintendent is a liability.

Lisa Henjes of Laurel Drive and a former teacher addressed the Committee as a mother of 3 and feels any cuts will adversely affect her children.

Ed Crispin 681 Harrisonville Road stated there are two (2) sides to the sword and for seniors on flat incomes it is very hard. Please consider both sides before making decisions.

Don Maven, 7 Hollybrook moved here for the school, cut the fat not the muscle.

Dena Kline, 1006 Lincoln Road moved here 8 years ago for smaller class sizes and if you cut the budget there will be more kids in each room.

Denise Menold has been with the school for 35 years and spoke of the quality of education here and thanked everyone involved.

Mary Howard, 4 Hollybrook asked about the \$43,000.00 bill for legal fees and if the Township can re-coup any of this money as the case was frivolous. Ms. Howard was advised that the Township has no recourse in this matter.

Close Meeting to the Public:

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

Approve Payment of the Bills:

Motion to approve payment of the bills with the exception of 333 and 334 was made by Robert Gaines, second by Gary Spinner.

Roll Call Vote: Joseph Calabro – yes, Robert Diaz – yes, Robert Gaines – yes, James McCall – yes, Gary Spinner - yes. **R.C.V.: 5 – yes’, 0 – no’s. Motion carried.**

Committee Entered Closed Session

Return to Open Session:

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

Adjournment:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy E. Kearns, RMC
Municipal Clerk