

## AUGUST 16, 2011

The South Harrison Township Committee held a special meeting on Wednesday, August 16, 2011 at 7:00 pm 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:** Robert Diaz – present, Robert Gaines – present, Mary Howard – present, James McCall – present, Gary Spinner – present, Christie Ehret, CFO – present, Celeste Keen, Deputy Clerk – present

### **Work Session:**

**Welcome Trail** – Mayor McCall reminded the Committee that Bach Associated had submitted a grant proposal to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) requesting grant money to continue the walking trail in Stewart Park. A price has been received by the Township in the area of 17K with more bids expected. Information received today by Bach is that CDBG does not have South Harrison Township on their anticipated funding for 2011. South Harrison Township is on the tentative list for 2012. Mayor McCall recommended that the Committee start this project in 2011 utilizing Parkland Trust funds. The trust currently has over 200K. The Committee agreed that Parkland Trust money be used for the next section of the walking trail and that the CDBG grant money, if received in 2012, would be used to complete the next phase. The introduction of a spending ordinance to be added to the September regular meeting's agenda.

**Best Practices** – The Committee performed the final review of the Best Practices Worksheet. Celeste Keen to contact Carol McAllister of Bowman requesting her to send a PDF copy of the 2010 audit to Committeeman Diaz, in a file as small as possible in order to upload onto the website.

Upon answering the questions contained within the Worksheet, the outcome was a total of 49 out of 50 answers being a Yes, N/A or Prospective; and only one (1) being a No response, for a score of 98%.

Christie Ehret to prepare the Best Practices Inventory and Celeste Keen to certify the Certification Form and return to Ms. Ehret for submission to the Division of Local Government Services.

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

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

No public were present.

### **Close Meeting to the Public:**

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

**Solar Project** – Mayor McCall advised that there were individuals in the small conference room wishing to make a presentation on a possible solar energy project for the Municipal Building and the South Harrison Elementary School. Those on the Committee who wished to stay and listen were encouraged to do so, all members remained.

John Fish of Power Generation Logistics appeared before the Committee and advised that his company is proposing to build a solar electric generation system for the school and municipal building. Current usage for Municipal Building equates to 18.48 cents = all in cost. Mr. Fish is proposing that with the solar panels in place the cost will be 11.2 cents. The panels are guaranteed for 25 years. Effectiveness projected to be 80% after 25 years.

Jack McGroarty, Project Engineer, advised that the generators being in place the Municipal Building and the school will be able to utilize the panel's power in an outage.

The school participates in a consortium which is why they currently have a lower rate and the savings to the Township is greater in the proposal. The end cost will be the same for the Municipal Building and the school.

Dave Datz advised that one of the benefits is that there will be no debt servicing.

Mr. Fish advised that the system will be a 700+ Kilowatt system and that the actual construction would be approximately six (6) months. Separate metering with the Municipal Building and the school is mandatory.

Craig Harper of 108 LaFayette Drive requested that those individuals from Power Generation Logistics introduce themselves to the Committee for the record.

- Samuel Licciardello advised that he is the founder of Power Generation Logistics.
- John Fish advised that his background is in finance.
- Debra McGroarty, Project Manager, advised that her background is in real estate.
- Joann Bruzzese advised that her background is in sales.
- Jack McGroarty advised that he is an Engineer.
- Russell Marino joined the group recently and is learning the field.

Committeeman Diaz asked Mr. Fish how many projects Power Generation Logistics has completed. Mr. Fish answered that as a group this will be the first project.

As for any performance issues, if there is a problem in the future with the LLC that owns the panels going into bankruptcy or walking away from the project, the panels become the property of the Township and the school. At that time the electricity is free and any maintenance costs will be more than covered by the savings of not having to purchase the electricity.

**Upon advising of his approval of moving forward with this proposed project, Bob Gaines left the meeting at 8:55 pm.**

John Campbell of 15 Raccoon Creek Court reiterated that upon the LLC failing we would be able to pay a maintenance group with the money we would be saving by not having to pay LLC for electricity.

Dave Datz, South Harrison Elementary School Superintendent, advised that he will approach the Board of Education whose meeting is August 23<sup>rd</sup>. He stated with certainty that the Board would require a similar presentation. If Power Generation Logistics is not able to attend the meeting of the 23<sup>rd</sup> then possibly a joint meeting prior to the Board of Education September meeting could be scheduled.

As a consensus, without opposition, the Committee agreed that they are in favor of and look forward to moving ahead with this proposed project.

**Adjournment:**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Celeste Keen, RMC  
Deputy Clerk