

FEBRUARY 8, 2012

The South Harrison Township Committee held a finance and regular meeting on Wednesday, February 8, 2012 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: Robert Diaz – present, Mary Howard – present, James McCall – present, Robert Schenk – present, Gary Spinner – present, Brain Lozuke, Solicitor – present, Steven Bach, Engineer – present, Nancy Kearns, Municipal Clerk – present

Mayor McCall awarded student of the month certificates to those students in attendance from South Harrison Township Elementary School.

Minutes:

Motion to approve the regular session minutes of January 11, 2012 was made by Gary Spinner, second by Robert Diaz.

Roll Call Vote: Robert Diaz – yes, Mary Howard – yes, James McCall – abstention, Robert Schenk – yes, Gary Spinner – yes. **R.C.V.: 4 – yes', 0 – no's, 1 - abstention.**
Motion carried.

Motion to approve the regular session minutes of February 1, 2012 was made by Robert Diaz, second by James McCall.

Roll Call Vote: Robert Diaz – yes, Mary Howard – yes, James McCall – yes, Robert Schenk – yes, Gary Spinner – yes. **R.C.V.: 5 – yes', 0 – no's. Motion carried.**

Motion to approve the closed session minutes of December 28, 2011 was made by Gary Spinner, second by Mary Howard.

Roll Call Vote: Robert Diaz – yes, Mary Howard – yes, James McCall – yes, Gary Spinner – yes. **R.C.V.: 4 – yes', 0 – no's. Motion carried.**

Committee Reports:

Police Department – January 2012 Report
Construction Code Official – January 2012 Report
Engineering Report – February 2012 Report
Harrisonville Fire Company – January 2011 Report
Tax Collector's Report – January 2012 Report

Old Business:

Ordinance O-12-01

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

Open Meeting to the Public:

Motion to open the meeting to the public on Ordinance O-12-01 only was made by Robert Diaz, second by Mary Howard. 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 Ordinance O-12-01 was made by Robert Diaz, second by Gary Spinner. Motion carried.

Motion to adopt Ordinance O-12-01 was made by Robert Diaz, second by Robert Schenk.

Roll Call Vote: Robert Diaz – yes, Mary Howard – yes, James McCall – yes, Robert Schenk – yes, Gary Spinner - yes. **R.C.V.: 5 - yes', 0 -no's. Motion carried.**

Ordinance O-12-02

An Ordinance of the Township of South Harrison to Exceed the Municipal Calendar Year 2012 Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank (N.J.S.A. 40a:4-45.14)

Open Meeting to the Public:

Motion to open the meeting to the public on Ordinance O-12-02 only was made by Robert Diaz, second by Gary Spinner. 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 Ordinance O-12-02 was made by Robert Diaz, second by Gary Spinner. Motion carried.

Motion to adopt Ordinance O-12-02 was made by Robert Diaz, second by Gary Spinner.

Roll Call Vote: Robert Diaz – yes, Mary Howard – yes, James McCall – yes, Robert Schenk – yes, Gary Spinner - yes. **R.C.V.: 5 - yes', 0 -no's. Motion carried.**

Resolution R-12-19

Resolution Authorizing and Approving Negotiated Settlement Agreement and General Release

Motion to adopt Resolution R-12-19 was made by Robert Diaz, second by Robert Schenk.

Roll Call Vote: Robert Diaz – yes, Mary Howard – yes, James McCall – yes, Robert Schenk – yes, Gary Spinner – yes. **R.C.V.: 5 – yes’, 0 – no’s. Motion carried.**

New Business:

Resolution R-12-27

Resolution Establishing the Election of Members of the Township of South Harrison Board of Education as the First Tuesday after the First Monday in November

Open Meeting to the Public:

Motion to open the meeting to the South Harrison Board of Education only on Resolution R-12-27 was made by Gary Spinner, second by Robert Schenk. Motion carried.

Debbie Cunningham advised that the School Board has not made a decision on this issue, they do not have a meeting until February 16, 2012, but feels they are leaning towards the move.

Jonathan Feinbaum asked the Committee why they are taking action this quickly. Mr. Feinbaum was advised that this is the only meeting the Township has scheduled before the deadline and that the Township is going to move forward tonight, due to that deadline.

Debbie Cunningham advised that Kingsway has not made a decision yet, but are also leaning towards the move.

Steve Bleistine addressed the Committee stating the he feels it is a great move.

Close Meeting to the Public:

Motion to close the meeting to the School Board on Resolution R-12-27 was made by Robert Diaz, second by Mary Howard. Motion carried.

Motion to adopt Resolution R-12-27 was made by Robert Schenk, second by Mary Howard.

Roll Call Vote: Robert Diaz – yes, Mary Howard – yes, James McCall – yes, Robert Schenk – yes, Gary Spinner – yes. **R.C.V.: 5 – yes’, 0 – no’s. Motion carried.**

Resolution R-12-28

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-12-28 was by Robert Diaz, second by James McCall.

Roll Call Vote: Robert Diaz – yes, Mary Howard – yes, James McCall – yes, Robert Schenk – yes, Gary Spinner – yes. **R.C.V.: 4 – yes’, 0 – no’s. Motion carried.**

Kingsway Regional HS Awards Program

The Committee by consensus agreed that South Harrison Township will participate in the program for the 2012 Awards.

Open Meeting to the Public:

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

Jack Fitzpatrick addressed the Committee advising that he is here due to a letter received from Robert Gaines. Mr. Fitzpatrick wanted to question Mr. Gaines about the letter but he is not here. Mr. Fitzpatrick further stated that the information on the letter is incorrect, that the Township did not give money to the Ambulance Association in 2008, 2009, 2010 or 2011 and the money they received from the GCIA is not taxpayer money. Further the residents contributed to the Association voluntarily.

Ed Crispin advised that the Veterans Committee has 236 names to be placed on the wall, 33 of which are from the Civil, Spanish-American and WWI. Mr. Crispin advised that the group from Washington Township is having an “honor flight” to Washington DC to the memorials on June 2, 2012. It is a first come first served basis, you have to make application to participate and the applications are on the table out front. Also veterans’ can get ½ price tickets to visit the USS New Jersey. Mr. Crispin advised that the letters are in and the Committee will begin putting the names up.

Ed Crispin advised that the Harrisonville Office is possibly going to be closing. The Post Mistress is in a meeting tonight and there should be further information on this tomorrow. Mr. Crispin will see that the information is relayed to the Committee. The Township Committee advised Mr. Crispin that they would do what they could to support the Post Office staying open.

Close Meeting to the Public:

Motion to close the meeting to the public 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 Diaz, second by Gary Spinner.

Roll Call Vote: Robert Diaz – yes, Mary Howard – yes, James McCall – yes, Robert Schenk – yes, Gary Spinner – yes. **R.C.V.: 5 – yes’, 0 – no’s. Motion carried.**

The Committee went into closed session.

Return to Open Session:

Motion to return to open session was made by Gary Spinner, second by Mary Howard. Motion carried.

The Committee discussed having another budget work session. The date for the meeting was set for February 21, 2012 at 5:00 pm.

Committeeman Diaz reported on a meeting with the Fire Department advising that they answered all of questions. Along with explaining their budget they advised of the different elements used in the ISO rating, major item is no fire hydrants and no manned station. The Department advised of their audit and would give the Township a copy if they had one or could locate it, stating that is was with a prior president. Committeeman Spinner stated that he is satisfied with the Departments answers and responses to the dispatches of the Department.

Adjournment:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy E. Kearns, RMC
Municipal Clerk