

JULY 11, 2012

The South Harrison Township Committee held a finance and regular meeting on Wednesday, July 11, 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, Brian Lozuke, Solicitor – present, Steven Bach, Engineer – present, Nancy Kearns, Municipal Clerk – present

Minutes:

Motion to approve the regular session minutes of June 13, 2012 was made by Robert Diaz, 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.**

Committee Reports:

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

Mayor McCall asked Steve Bach about the Ashford Road repairs. Mr. Bach advised that he will look into the matter. Mr. Lozuke advised that minor repairs were done, that there was no silt in the pipes and the final repairs/paving was deferred until 6 months before the maintenance bond.

Old Business:

Ordinance O-12-08
An Ordinance Appropriating the Sum of \$13,539.00 from the Capital Improvement Fund for the Purchase of a John Deere 72" Diesel Mower for the Public Works Department

Open Meeting to the Public:

Motion to open the meeting to the public on Ordinance O-12-08 only was made by Robert Schenk, 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-12-08 was made by Gary Spinner, second by James McCall. Motion carried.

Motion to adopt Ordinance O-12-08 was made by Gary Spinner, second by Robert Diaz.

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 Authorizing the Refund of Overpayment**

Resolution R-12-58

Motion to adopt Resolution R-12-58 was made by Robert Diaz, 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.**

Mr. Lozuke updated the Committee on the Pedrick property advising that it is on the market and abuts the park. However, the property is in permanent farmland preservation which will not allow it to be used for recreation, it must stay farmland. Therefore it is not a good fit for the Township.

Resolution R-12-59

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-12-59 was made by Gary Spinner, 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.**

Mr. Lozuke reported on the letter received from Unity Ambulance regarding their donation to the Township upon dissolution. At a previous meeting the Township Committee adopted a resolution (R-12-44) accepting the grant of monies, along with that the Township Committee did an ordinance in conjunction with the Unity Service Scholarship Fund. \$45, 681.21 of the grant is dedicated for the exclusive use of the Township as it deems necessary, \$3,045.41 is dedicated for the exclusive use of the South Harrison Township Police Department for the specific and sole purpose of ensuring all officers have current vests and other associated safety equipment. \$24,363.31 is dedicated for the exclusive use walking park/path in Stewart Park or other physical improvements to the park. \$1,218.17 is dedicated for the exclusive use of the South Harrison Township

Veterans Association. Total grant monies is \$74,308.10 in addition to the scholarship program which the Township has agreed to manage. These funds are to be held for a minimum of twelve (12) years and used for a \$2,500.00 per year scholarship until exhausted. Committeeman Diaz would like the total scholarship amount included.

Motion was made by Gary Spinner to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement, second was made by Robert Schenk.

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

Open Meeting to the Public:

Motion to open the meeting to the public was made by Robert Diaz, second by Mary Howard. Motion carried.

Matthew Warner questioned if the Ashford Road discussion concerned the sink hole at the edge of the road, advising that it is about 4' deep. The Committee was unaware of the sink hole and asked its location. Mr. Warner advised that it is between the last 2 and 3 houses, Doman's and Shanklin's. Mr. Warner than asked about the basin being grass and that wildflowers were going to be put in the basin and is that allowed. Mr. Bach advised that wildflowers are being planted in basins but did not know if the covenant in Ashford allowed for that. Mr. Lozuke advised that if the covenant clearly states that it is to be grass than it has to remain grass and wildflowers would not be permitted.

Janice Huggins updated the Committee on Community Day advising that Wednesday, August 22 is movie night in the park and the Friday evening, August 24 and Saturday August 25 the rides will be running and the event will conclude with a fireworks display.

Diane Yandach addressed the Committee requesting an amendment to the fence ordinance. That would require permission from the person using the easement if the owner wants to erect a fence. Mr. Lozuke explained that the issue is a civil matter, and that he would look further into the statute regarding fences, but does not believe that a future ordinance would grandfather her situation.

Marc Nagtegaal addressed the Committee regarding the maintenance of basins in the township stating that the storm water management ordinance requires basins to be maintained. Mr. Nagtegaal advised that he would be contacting the DEP regarding this matter.

Larry Haines addressed the Committee regarding the fireworks display that was held at Wellshire Farms, advising that a good amount of the remains landed on his property and that the proper procedure was not followed in obtaining the permit. Mr. Lozuke explained the procedure to be followed and that it will be followed in all future applications. The State has statutory requirements for fireworks display and Mr. Lozuke will look into doing an ordinance for the Township.

Close Meeting to the Public:

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

Approve Payment of the Bills:

Motion to approve payment of the bills was made by Gary Spinner, 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.**

Return to Open Session:

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

Adjournment:

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

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Respectfully submitted,

Nancy E. Kearns, RMC
Municipal Clerk

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