

May 8, 2013

The South Harrison Township Committee held a finance and regular meeting on Wednesday, May 8, 2013 at 7:00 and 7:30 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, John Horner – present, Mary Howard – present (L) (7:40), James McCall – present, Robert Schenk – present, Brian 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 April 10, 2013 was made by Robert Diaz, second by Robert Schenk.

Roll Call Vote: Robert Diaz – yes, John Horner – absent, Mary Howard – absent, James McCall – yes, Robert Schenk – yes. **R.C.V.: 3 – yes', 0 – no's. Motion carried.**

Motion to approve the Regular Session Minutes of April 24, 2013 was made by John Horner, second by Robert Schenk.

Roll Call Vote: Robert Diaz – absent, John Horner – yes, Mary Howard – absent, James McCall – yes, Robert Schenk – yes. **R.C.V.: 3 – yes', 0 – no's. Motion carried.**

Committee Reports:

- Police Department – April 2013 Report
- Construction Code Official – April 2013 Report
- Harrisonville Fire Company – April 2013 Report
- Tax Collector – April 2013 Report

Old Business: none

New Business:

**Resolution R-13-50
Resolution of the Township of south Harrison Authorizing the Township Engineer to Make Application to the New Jersey Department of Transportation for Local Aid Infrastructure Funding**

Resolution R-13-51

Resolution Opposing Assembly Bill No. A-1196

Resolution R-13-52

Resolution Opposing New Jersey Assembly Bill No. A-2756

Resolution R-13-53

Resolution of the Township of South Harrison Authorizing the Mayor to Execute Affordable Housing Trust Fund Certification

Resolution R-13-54

Resolution of the Township of South Harrison Authorizing the Execution of a Shared Services Agreement with the County of Gloucester for Use of the County's Public Works Vehicle Wash Facility

Motion to adopt Resolutions R-13-50 through and including R-13-54 was made by Robert Diaz, second by John Horner.

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

Letter of Resignation

By consensus the Committee accepted Joseph Maccherone Jr.'s resignation from the South Harrison Township Environmental Commission.

Banking RFP

Christie Ehret, CFO joined the Committee in the discussion of the Banking RFP. Susquehanna Bank was the only RFP received. Mr. Lozuke advised that he contacted several banks notifying them of the RFP. Deputy Mayor Diaz will call the banks to find out why they did not submit a RFP. Ms. Ehret recommending staying with Susquehanna, their RFP is the same as we are getting from them now.

Ordinance O-13-07

An Ordinance of the Township of South Harrison, Gloucester County, New Jersey, Extinguishing and Vacating Any and All Public Rights In and To a Portion of Lake Street and Jackson Street for Public Street or Right-Of-Way Purposes; and Authorizing the Merger of Such Vacated Lands with Block 30, Lot 6, on the Township of South Harrison Tax Maps

Introduction and first reading.

Motion to adopt Ordinance O-13-07 on first reading was made by Robert Schenk, second by Mary Howard.

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

Public hearing and final adoption set for June 12, 2013 at 7:30 pm.

Resolution R-13-55

Resolution of the Township of South Harrison Authorizing the South Harrison Township Police Department to Participate in a Regional Law Enforcement Explorers Program

Motion to adopt Resolution R-13-55 was made by John Horner, second by Mary Howard.

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

Representatives from the Home and School Association made a presentation to the Committee explaining that they are raising funds for a new playground, as the existing playground equipment does not serve the needs of the children. There is not enough equipment for the number of students. The plans are to keep the same footprint, re-using some of the pieces and adding additional equipment to accommodate the number of students, including those with special needs. The School has received some discretionary aid funds to be used for “onetime items” and Home and School has requested the Board to supplement their funds with enough capital to complete this project. The Home and School is hoping to have the community come together to remove the old playground equipment, which would help to keep the cost down. The Committee agreed and feels that there would be enough volunteers to accomplish this and supports the Home and School in their effort to complete their goal of having this project done for the September 2013 opening of the school.

Open Meeting to the Public:

Motion to open the meeting to the public was made by James McCall, second by Robert Schenk. Motion carried.

Ed Crispin gave an update on the Veterans’ Association, advising and inviting the Committee to a re-dedication of the Honor Wall with 15 names to be added. The event is scheduled for Saturday, June 15, 2013 at 10:00 am.

Sara Freedman asked about the Ordinance vacating a portion of Jackson and Lake Streets. The Committee explained the situation with the Phillips residence stating that the street size will not change. Ms. Freedman asked if the paving project on Cedar Grove Road will be done this year. Mr. Bach advised that we did not get the NJDOT grant and will be applying for discretionary aid. Ms. Freedman reported that Marl Road is extremely bad and should also be looked at for re-surfacing. Mayor McCall will look into this matter.

Close Meeting to the Public:

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

The Committee discussed the tax reassessment, setting the date of June 18, 2013 at 6:00 pm for a special meeting with the County Tax Assessor’s Office being present.

The Committee discussed the expected life of the landfill. Carmen Malignaggi, Gloucester County representative will check into this and report back to the Committee.

The Committee discussed "Rocket Day" at the park. This event is for the Boy Scouts, it was suggested that maybe there should be fees for events being held at the park. Mayor McCall will discuss this with Recreation Commission.

Approve Payment of the Bills:

Motion to approve payment of the bills was made by Mary Howard, second by Robert Schenk.

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

Adjournment:

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

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Respectfully submitted,

Nancy E. Kearns, RMC
Municipal Clerk

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