

OCTOBER 9, 2013

The South Harrison Township Committee held a finance and regular meeting on Wednesday, October 9, 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 – absent, Mary Howard – present, James McCall – present, Robert Schenk – present, Brian Lozuke, Solicitor – present, Steve Bach, Engineer – present, Nancy Kearns, Municipal Clerk – present

Minutes:

Motion to adopt the regular and closed session minutes of August 14, 2013 was made by Robert Diaz, second by Mary Howard.

Roll Call Vote: Robert Diaz – yes, John Horner – absent, Mary Howard – yes, James McCall – abstained, Robert Schenk – yes. **R.C.V.: 3 – yes', 0 – no's, 1 - abstention. Motion carried.**

Motion to adopt the regular session minutes of September 11 & 19, and October 1, 2013 and the closed session minutes of October 1, 2013 was made by Robert Diaz, second by Robert Schenk.

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

Committee Reports:

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

Old Business:

Tar and Chip Program

The Committee discussed the tar and chip and with the plant being closed for the year, the Committee will move this item to the 2014 budget. Mr. Bach will get with Jon to review the proposal and discuss the Townships options.

**New Business:
Resolution Exempting Taxes for Disabled Veteran**

Resolution R-13-87

Resolution Authorizing Refund of Civil Union License Application Fee

Resolution R-13-88

Resolution Amending Resolution R-13-07 Concerning the South Harrison Township Cash Management Plan

Resolution R-13-89

Resolution of the Township of South Harrison County of Gloucester Approving the Closing of Bruce Paparone, Inc.'s Escrow Account L-00053 and Returning of Escrow Monies

Resolution R-13-90

Motion to adopt Resolutions R-13-87 through and including R-13-90 was made by Robert Diaz, second by Mary Howard.

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

Proposal for Redevelopment Plan

Mr. Bach, Township Engineer reviewed the proposal explaining that the designation has been done, but now the guidelines have to be met. Mr. Bach went over the steps in the process advising that the time frame is four (4) to six (6) months to completion.

Motion to move forward with the proposal was made by Robert Diaz, second by James McCall. Mr. Lozuke, Township Solicitor will prepare a resolution for the next meeting.

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

Cedar Grove Road – Phase III

Mr. Bach, Township Engineer advised that the State Grant was received for \$300,000.00; his proposal for the work outside the scope of the grant is \$27,100.00.

Motion to move forward with the proposal was made by Mary Howard, second by Robert Diaz. Mr. Lozuke, Township Solicitor will prepare an ordinance for the November meeting.

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

Open Meeting to the Public:

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

Dan Hennessy along with Christian Banfer and Rick Hersey representatives of the South Harrison Township Soccer Association came before the Committee. Mr. Hennessy handed out several proposals regarding the costs needed for the soccer fields at Steward Park. The Committee discussed the need and costs associated with getting the fields installed. Along with grading, topsoil, irrigation and seeding, and the need for electric service and a well the amount is more than their association can bear and is looking to the Township to help fund the project through the Parkland Trust Fund. Mayor McCall will meet with Mr. Hennessy in the near future, along with DCI (ground work engineer) to review the scope of the work and get a cost estimate for the project.

Marc Nagtegaal addressed the Committee stating that the Committee is trying to bend the ordinance to fill the needs of the Soccer Club and that the Steward Trust rules do not allow for permanent structures. Mr. Nagtegaal was advised by Mr. Lozuke, Township Solicitor that the scope of the work being discussed is permissible and falls under the guidelines of the Ordinance. Mr. Nagtegaal then asked why the County cannot contribute to the Cedar Grove Road Project. Mr. Nagtegaal was advised that it is a municipal road and the County uses their funds for County Roads.

Dan DeSantis of Cambridge Meadows has a problem growing grass and that the code calls for top soil and how does he get this accomplished. Mr. Bach, Township Engineer advised Mr. DeSantis that the standard used is if the soil can support stabilized vegetation it meets the criteria.

Close Meeting to the Public:

Motion to close the meeting to the public was made by Robert Diaz, second by James McCall. Motion carried.

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 – absent, Mary Howard – yes, James McCall – yes, Robert Schenk – yes. **R.C.V.: 4 – yes’, 0 – no’s. Motion carried.**

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn was made by Robert Schenk, second by James McCall. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy E. Kearns, RMC
Municipal Clerk