

APRIL 8, 2015

The South Harrison Township Committee held a finance and regular meeting on Wednesday, April 8, 2015 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, James McCall – present, Robert Schenk – present, Brian Lozuke, Solicitor – present, Mark Basehore, Engineer – present, Victoria Holmstrom, CFO – present, Nancy Kearns, Municipal Clerk – present

Minutes:

Motion to approve the regular session minutes of March 11, 2015, was made by Robert Diaz, second by John Horner.

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

Committee Reports:

- Police Department – March 2015
- Construction Code Official – March 2015 Report
- Engineer Report – April 2015
- Harrisonville Fire Company – March 2015 Report
- Tax Collector – March 2015 Report

Old Business:

Resolution R-15-34

Resolution to Amend the Approved Budget of the Township of South Harrison, County of Gloucester

Motion to adopt Resolution R-15-34 was made by Robert Diaz, second by James McCall.

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.**

Resolution R-15-35

Resolution of the Township of South Harrison to Read Budget by Title Only

Motion to adopt Resolution R-15-35 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.**

Resolution R-15-36

2015 Municipal Budget (Public Hearing)

Open Meeting to the Public:

Motion to open the meeting to the public on the 2015 Municipal Budget only was made by Mary Howard, second by Robert Schenk. 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 the 2015 Municipal Budget was made by Robert Schenk, second by John Horner. Motion carried.

Motion to adopt R-15-36 – 2015 Municipal Budget was made by Robert Diaz, 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.**

Ordinance O-15-02

An Ordinance Authorizing the Appropriation of One Thousand Four Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$1,450.00) from the Parkland Trust Fund for Permanent Park Signs for Stewart Memorial Park

Open Meeting to the Public:

Motion to open the meeting to the public on Ordinance O-15-02 only was made by Mary Howard, second by John Horner. 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-15-02 was made by John Horner, second by Mary Howard.

Motion to adopt Ordinance O-15-02 was made by Mary Howard, second by John Horner.

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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.**

New Business:

Resolution R-15-37

Resolution of the Township of South Harrison County of Gloucester Approving the Closing of Barbara Sparks, Block 11, Lot 11.01, Escrow Account L-00076 Returning of Escrow Monies

Resolution R-15-38

Resolution Authorizing Change Order No. 3 and Final Payment for the Reconstruction of Cedar Grove Road – Phase III Project

Resolution R-15-39

Resolution Urging Transport Trust Fund Reauthorization and Increased Funding for Local Transportation

Motion to adopt Resolutions R-15-37 through and including R-15-39 was made by Robert Diaz, second by John Horner.

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.**

Resolution R-15-40

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-15-40 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.**

Ordinance O-15-03

An Ordinance of the Township of South Harrison Amending Chapter 113 of the Township of South Harrison Code Entitled “Parks and Recreation Areas” Concerning the Regulation of Activity at Stewart Park

Motion to adopt Ordinance O-15-03 on first reading was made by Mary Howard, second by James McCall.

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 set for May 13, 2015 at 7:30 pm.

Ordinance O-15-04

Ordinance of the Township of South Harrison Establishing Salaries and Compensation of Various Township Officers and Employees of the Township of South Harrison for the Calendar Year 2015

Motion to adopt Ordinance O-15-04 on first reading was made by Robert Diaz, second by James McCall.

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 set for May 13, 2015 at 7:30 pm.

Ordinance O-15-05

An Ordinance Appropriating the Sum of \$100,000.00 from the Capital Improvement Fund for Road Improvements in the Township of South Harrison

Motion to adopt Ordinance O-15-05 on first reading was made by Mary Howard, second by John Horner.

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 set for May 13, 2015 at 7:30 pm.

Ordinance O-15-06

An Ordinance Appropriating the Sum of \$19,000.00 from the Capital Improvement Fund for Construction of a Pole Barn for the Public Works Department of the Township of South Harrison

Motion to adopt Ordinance O-15-06 on first reading 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.**

Public hearing set for May 13, 2015 at 7:30 pm.

Donation of Land

Mr. Lozuke advised the Committee that he spoke with Carolynn Brann, executrix of the Aaron Cores Estate regarding a parcel of land (block 15, Lot 21) in the Township. Mrs. Brann advised that the land is landlocked with an easement right-of-way and about 80% wet lands. Mrs. Brann would like to donate the land to the Township. After a discussion of the property the Committee decided that they would pass on the offer, at this time.

Proclamations

Proclamation to Acknowledge and Help Enlighten the People of the United States

Proclamation Proclaiming April as Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month

**Proclamation Recognizing the Week of May 3, 2015, through May 9, 2015 as
“Municipal Clerks Week”**

The above Proclamations were read and then signed by the Mayor.

Open Meeting to the Public:

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

Gerry Spuler of 529 Fislerville Road addressed the Committee regarding the speed limit on Fislerville Road. The residents would like the speed reduced and have signed a petition on the matter. The petition was sent to the Gloucester County Road Department, but the matter has not been addressed. Mrs. Spuler is asking for help from the Township Committee with this endeavor. The County Representative will report to the County on this and Mr. Lozuke will send a letter to the County Engineer along with the petition. Mrs. Spuler then advised of the water runoff from Commissioners Road is causing a swampy area at the end of her property. Mayor McCall advised that he will take a look at the issue.

Jack Davis of 933 Franklinville Road addressed the Committee concerning the water issue on Franklinville Road. Mr. Davis believes that a natural spring maybe causing the problem. The issue was extremely bad this winter. Mr. Davis advised that the problem is between his property and the Hollybrook property to the east of him. The Committee discussed the issue with Mr. Davis. Mayor McCall will try to set up a meeting on site with the County Engineer and the Township Engineer to see if a solution can be reached to solve this matter. The County Representative also noted this issue for his report.

Close Meeting to the Public:

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

Approve Payment of the Bills:

Motion to approve payment of the bills was made by Mary Howard, second by John Horner.

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.**

Jon Sukeforth, Public Works Supervisor discussed with the Committee the condition of Vestry Road and several options for reconstruction of the road. Mayor McCall will meet with Mr. Sukeforth and work together on putting together a list of specifications for work to be done on the road.

The Committee adjourned to closed session and upon return to open session the following motion was made.

Motion to authorize Mr. Lozuke, Township Solicitor to execute a stipulation of dismissal with prejudice in the Piersol matter was made by Mary Howard, second by John Horner.

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 John Horner, second by Mary Howard. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy E. Kearns, RMC
Municipal Clerk

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