

MAY 5, 2008

The South Harrison Township Committee held a special meeting on Monday, May 5, 2008 at 8:00 p.m. in the South Harrison Township Municipal Building.

Mayor Charles T. Tyson called the meeting to order and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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: Cornelius McIntyre – present, James McCall – present, Charles Tyson – present, Robert Campbell – present, Gary Spinner – present, William Randazzo, Consultant – present, Celeste Keen, Deputy Clerk – present.

William Randazzo stated that he had received all of the information that was requested by the School Board. He was under the impression that this meeting was a joint meeting with the School Board and was not sure how to proceed without being able to have his questions answered. Questions would include salaries, positions as well as child enrollment.

Mr. Campbell acknowledged Debbie Cunningham, School Board President, sitting in the audience and asked if she would be able to answer any questions of Mr. Randazzo. Ms. Cunningham replied that she would like to have the questions forwarded to Fran Adler, School Administrator, prior to the joint meeting scheduled for Wednesday night's meeting so that they may come prepared. Ms. Cunningham asked if the questions could be emailed.

When asked if the School Board had given any further consideration to giving additional cuts to their budget Ms. Cunningham stated that the 1.3 cents that had been discussed earlier was still the School Board's recommendation.

Mr. McCall inquired as to which of the trailers is the subject of renovation? Ms. Cunningham answered the one in the side parking lot. The other two (2) are in the process of being removed.

Open Meeting to the Public:

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

Curt Starer of 106 Revere Drive asked the Committee if there are any areas of the school budget in particular that are in question or are the questions across the board. Mr. McIntyre answered that it is his opinion that the School Board knows their budget better than the Township Committee. It has been asked that the School Board and the Township Committee each come to a number that each feels the budget should be cut, Mr. McIntyre is not comfortable doing that at this time. The Committee's consultant has additional questions that he needs answered before they can proceed. Mr. Tyson stated that given the information they received the previous Thursday, he feels that Mr. Randazzo now has more facts. Mr. Starer asked the Committee, given the information they now have, does the Committee believe that the process is on track. Mr. Randazzo responded that the Committee has a certain time constraint by state law to which they must adhere.

Michael Brennan of 110 Revere Drive inquired as to Debbie Cunningham's previous question regarding the School Board receiving the list of questions prior to the next meeting to facilitate the process. Mr. Randazzo stated that he would call Ms. Adler with the list of questions on Tuesday, May 6th.

Close Meeting to the Public:

Motion to open the meeting to the public was made by Gary Spinner, second by Neil McIntyre. Motion carried.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn was made by James McCall, second by Gary Spinner. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Celeste Keen
Deputy Clerk