

**May 27, 2008**

The South Harrison Township Committee held a special meeting on Tuesday May 27, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. in the South Harrison Township Municipal Building.

Mayor Charles T. Tyson 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:** James McCall - absent, Cornelius McIntyre - absent, Charles Tyson - present, Robert Campbell – present, Gary Spinner – present, Christie Melfi, CFO – present, Nancy Kearns, Municipal Clerk – present.

### **Budget Work Session**

Christie Melfi, CFO reported that she has added \$19,947.00 to the budget that the State has given back in State Aid. With that the tax increase is at a six (6) cent increase.

Deputy Mayor Campbell feels the interest on taxes and interest on deposits needs to come out of the budget, which amounts to \$90,000.00. The construction fees in this budget are \$60,000.00 and that is down from \$110,000.00 last year. Last year the construction office brought in \$175,000.00; you are anticipating 1/3 of that this year. He brought up the need for a ten (10) cent increase.

The Committee discussed the issue of the tax collection rate being down and stated that it needs to be brought back up if possible. The mileage reimbursement issue was discussed and how it should be paid – whether by voucher or in yearly allotted amounts. The total budget at this time is \$2,104,797.00. The revenue side is down because of state aid, but appropriations amounts are the same as last year. The capital budget was also discussed. The items requested this year come to about \$30,000.00 and \$50,000.00 was put in; this should be left alone.

Nancy Kearns will check with Committeemen McCall and McIntyre about having a meeting on June 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 or 8:00 pm.

### **Open Meeting to the Public:**

Motion to open the meeting to the public was made by Gary Spinner, second by Robert Campbell. Motion carried.

No public were present.

### **Close Meeting to the Public:**

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

### **Adjournment:**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy E. Kearns, RMC  
Municipal Clerk