
**TOWNSHIP OF HARRISON
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
114 BRIDGETON PIKE, MULLICA HILL NJ 08062
MARCH 21, 2011 AT 7:30 P.M.**

MINUTES

Mayor Louis Manzo called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m., which was held at the Municipal Building.

ROLL CALL: Diane Malloy, Municipal Clerk, called the roll which resulted in the following: Present: Deputy Mayor Clowney, Committee Member Diggons, Committee Member Heim, Committee Member Shearer; Mayor Manzo. Absent: None.

Others present: Carole Rieck, Administrator, John Cantwell, Township Engineer, Brian Duffield, Solicitor, Dennis Chambers, Mike Gonskerkevis, Chief Rodgers, Robyn Glocker-Hammond, County Tax Assessor

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT ANNOUNCEMENT: Ms. Malloy read the following statement: “In compliance with Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of 1975, notice of this meeting was given by way of annual notice filed with the Gloucester County Times and the Courier Post newspapers and posted on the bulletin board in the municipal building on January 7TH 2011”.

Mayor Manzo called for a moment of recognition to honor our troops, followed by the flag salute.

PROCLAMATION: RECOGNIZING CHIEF FRANK RODGERS - Deputy Mayor Clowney read aloud a proclamation honoring Chief Rodgers and congratulating him on his upcoming retirement. Township Committee presented Chief Rodgers with a plaque recognizing and thanking him for his years of service.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR: Deputy Mayor Clowney motioned to open the meeting to the public, seconded by Committee Member Heim, motion carried.

Steve Barlage, 26 Red Oak Drive – Mr. Barlage inquired as to whether Township Committee followed up on his questions from a past meeting. Mayor Manzo replied that he is working with the County Engineer so that they might pay a visit to the area in question. Mr. Barlage discussed some of the damage and disturbances around his property as a result of the work on the bypass. He contacted the County with his concerns, but has yet to receive a reply. He is requesting Township Committee to intervene on his behalf. Mayor Manzo explained that he is aware of the issues and he and Township Committee will do anything within their power to resolve the issues which *can* be resolved. He explained that the area is an active construction site and unfortunately, the construction will impact homeowners within the area.

Vince Gangemi Sr., 508 Angies Place – Mr. Gangemi discussed the outdoor debris at 105 High Street. Mr. Gangemi stated that the area is an eyesore, and something needs to be done. Mr. Duffield reported that the homeowner has been repeatedly fined and paid said fines, totaling over \$2,500.00. He was recently incarcerated for a period of seven (7) days, for failure to clean up his property. Mayor Manzo assured Mr. Gangemi that the Township is doing everything within their power to have the homeowner clean up the debris.

Patti Minderline, 17 Spicer Street – Inquired about the landscaping at the corner point of Rt 45 and Commissions Road. At Mayor Manzo’s request, Ms. Rieck will have Mr. Joe Pacera contact Ms. Minderline with a status report on the plan to have the area landscaped.

Deputy Mayor Clowney motioned to close the meeting to the public, seconded by Committee Member Heim, motion carried.

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS: Committee Member Diggons made a motion to approve all bills as submitted, seconded by Mayor Manzo. The motion passed unanimously on the following vote: The motion passed unanimously on the following vote: **AYES:** Deputy Mayor Clowney, Committee Member Diggons, Committee Member Heim, Committee Member Shearer, Mayor Manzo. **NOES:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

COUNTY LIAISON'S REPORT – Mayor Manzo reported that he has been in touch with the County Engineers' office concerning local projects. Striping is scheduled to begin this week in preparation for activation of the light at High Street and Main Street. Deputy Mayor Clowney has been working to the appropriate personnel to discuss having crosswalks installed. Mayor Manzo is sending a letter to DOT requesting the yellow heads of the lights at High Street be replaced with black. Ms. Malloy will contact Elk Township tomorrow to inquire about the proposed timeline for installation of a flashing beacon at Fislerville Road and Rt 77. Mayor Manzo asked Ms. Glocker-Hammond to provide him with an update on the traffic light at Rt 322 and Tomlin Station Road.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION – Committee Member Heim reported on the Commissions' last meeting in which a representative of the Gloucester County Soil District provided information on the use of fertilizer. He reported that the Environmental Commission would like to do a 'site walk' of the bypass construction area, and asked Ms. Glocker-Hammond to have the appropriate individual from the County get back to him to discuss a proposed date and time.

RECREATION COMMISSION – Committee Member Shearer reported that the Commission is working hard in preparation for Harrison Township Day. Deputy Mayor Clowney reported that their 'basket bingo' was a huge success.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL – Committee Member Shearer was unable to attend the last meeting. Chris Knisely, 72 N. Main Street reported that Public Works employee 'Mike' worked tediously on perfecting the sign, and should be recognized. Committee Member Shearer reported that Deputy Mayor Clowney is moving forward on obtaining benches and flower pots for Main Street.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION – Mayor Manzo deferred to Chris Knisely, 72 N. Main Street, who reported that HPC approved a roof at their last meeting.

LIAISON TO CLEARVIEW REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION- Committee Member Shearer reported on a recent meeting addressing social networking issues among teens. Mayor Manzo suggested that perhaps meetings of this nature be had on a more regular basis.

LIAISON TO HARRISON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION – Committee Member Diggons reported that the school is proposing a half-cent decrease on the budget, which is up for vote on April 27, 2011.

LIAISON TO BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS – Committee Member Heim reported that the Fire District is awaiting certification from the state, on their budget.

LIAISON TO MULLICA HILL MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION – Committee Member Shearer reported that he spoke with 'Rocco' of Kings Row Antiques, who has concerns with the bypass construction interfering with his business. Committee Member Shearer has been working with Lt. Wingate, who has assisted in keeping him updated on local traffic issues.

ADHOC – Committee Member Heim reported that the pond project has been extended to a projected time-frame of eighteen months. He went on to report that Public Works staff will be doing additional work clearing brush, weather permitting.

VETERANS' COMMISSION – Deputy Mayor Clowney reported that the Commission is working with the Recreation Committee regarding memorial bricks around the William Wilt Memorial. Deputy Mayor Clowney offered his appreciation to Pat's Pizza and Warren's Hardware for offering a discount to military veterans.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

BOARD OF HEALTH – Nothing new to report at this time, report is on file. Committee Member Diggons asked Ms. Rieck to follow-up with Ms. Champion to include a report of violations issued within each monthly report.

COMMUNICATIONS – Ms. Rieck reported that the deadline for the E-newsletter is April 4, 2011.

PUBLIC PROPERTY – Dennis Chambers reported that the benches and planters for Main Street are on order, per Deputy Mayor Clowney. His Department has been working on replacing signs throughout town. He reported that he will touch base with 'Zone' concerning the crosswalks at High Street, however Deputy Mayor Clowney requested that the vendor not be contacted until the County has had a chance to review the area. Mr. Chambers reported that his staff has grown into a team, and morale is positive.

PUBLIC SAFETY – Chief Rodgers reported that Ed Selb was selected as 'Dare Office of the Year' by the state. He went on to report that he and Sgt. Ed Selb will be retiring at the end of the month. Deputy Mayor Clowney inquired about the spike in the number of firearm ID cards issues. Chief Rodgers reported the spike in firearm ID cards is the result of turkey season.

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT OPERATIONS REPORT – Mike Gonserkevis received a report that the abandoned pump station was inspected and deemed safe. Deputy Mayor Clowney will contact Mrs. Marshall, and will pass along a copy of the report to Township Committee. Mr. Gonserkevis reported that he is meeting with the engineer tomorrow to discuss costs relative to the sludge press. He reported that this morning he met with Bob Melvin to review areas which were excluded from the sewer zone map. Mr. Melvin will be meeting with the Churchill Engineering to 'clean-up' the map to provide a clearer picture of the intended zone.

WASTE MANAGEMENT – Mayor Manzo asked Ms. Rieck about the Township's options for possibly amending or discontinuing the contract with our existing waste contractor. He noted that he may want to consider either a shared services agreement, or doing our own trash collection. Mr. Chambers pointed out that Logan Township is currently servicing Woolwich Township, under a shared-services agreement. Township Committee discussed the matter at length.

FINANCE – Ms. Rieck reported on Resolution Nos. 92-2011 and 97-2011.

TRICO JOINT INSURANCE FUND – Ms. Rieck reported that the monthly JIF Executive Committee meeting was business as usual.

LPAC – Nothing to report at this time

Ms. Rieck received a request from the Mullica Hill Women's Triathlon Club, to hold a triathlon on June 25, 2011. The Club is anticipating as many as 300 participants, and they intend to donate all proceeds back to the township. Michelle Powell, 301 Topaz Ct. - reported that she has been working with Lt. Wingate to discuss traffic and road closures. Deputy Mayor Clowney made a motion approve the event, seconded by Committee Member Heim, motion carried. Ayes: All.

NEW BUSINESS: Dedication of Gangemi Lane - Wally Eachus, 531 Jefferson Road – Requested that Gangemi Lane be dedicated to the Township. Vince Gangemi, 508 Angies Place explained that at one time there was an existing easement which allowed access. Mr. Cantwell suggested that the homeowners who need to travel the lane, purchase an easement allowing them access. Mayor Manzo and Township Committee members agreed with Mr. Cantwell’s suggestion. Warren Fabrizio, 110 Bridgeton Pike – feels the Township shares some responsibility. Brian Duffield strongly suggested that the Township allow the matter to be resolved between the private parties, because it is not Township owned property. Brian will notify Mr. Eachus’ attorney accordingly.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCE NO. 12-2011 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARRISON, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION AND PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES FOR PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 38, PART OF LOT 6 PURSUANT TO THE LONG TERM TAX EXEMPTION LAW, N.J.S.A. 40A:20-1, ET SEQ. (FIRST READING MARCH 7, 2011; PUBLIC HEARING MARCH 21, 2011) *Interpretive Statement: Exempting a portion of approximately 5 acres at Breakneck & Cedar Roads from tax assessment and accepting payment in lieu of taxes.* Committee Member Heim made a motion to open the matter to the public, seconded by Deputy Mayor Clowney. Wally Eachus, 531 Jefferson Road asked when the proposed housing is scheduled to be built, to which Committee Member Diggons replied. Committee Member Heim made a motion to close the matter to the public, seconded by Committee Member Diggons. Committee Member Heim made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 12-2011, seconded by Committee Member Diggons. The motion passed unanimously on the following vote: **AYES:** Deputy Mayor Clowney, Committee Member Diggons, Committee Member Heim, Committee Member Shearer, Mayor Manzo. **NOES:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None.

ORDINANCE NO. 13-2011 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARRISON, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AMEND THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARRISON, SPECIFICALLY CHAPTERS 174, 176, 192 and 225 TO ADD A DEFINITION OF “APPLICATION” AS IT PERTAINS TO LAND USE PROCEDURES. (FIRST READING MARCH 21, 2011; PUBLIC HEARING APRIL 4, 2011) *Interpretive Statement: This Ordinance adds the definition of ‘application’ to major and minor site plan chapters, the subdivision chapter, and zoning chapter, to clarify for applicants what qualifies as a land development application.* Committee Member Diggons made a motion to adopt on first reading, seconded by Committee Member Heim. The motion passed unanimously on the following vote: **AYES:** Deputy Mayor Clowney, Committee Member Diggons, Committee Member Heim, Committee Member Shearer, Mayor Manzo. **NOES:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None.

ORDINANCE NO. 14-2011 - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 225 ENTITLED ZONING OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARRISON TO ADD PROVISIONS REGULATING THE INSTALLATION OF SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS IN ALL ZONING DISTRICTS *Interpretive Statement: Adds solar energy systems as an accessory use in all zoning districts and sets forth the regulations for their installation.* (FIRST READING MARCH 21, 2011; PUBLIC HEARING APRIL 18, 2011) Committee Member Heim Made a motion to adopt on first reading, seconded by Committee Member Diggons. The motion passed unanimously on the following vote: **AYES:** Deputy Mayor Clowney, Committee Member Diggons, Committee Member Heim, Committee Member Shearer, Mayor Manzo. **NOES:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None.

ORDINANCE NO. 15-2011 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COMMITTEE OF TOWNSHIP OF HARRISON, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 225 ENTITLED ZONING OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARRISON (FIRST READING MARCH 21, 2011; PUBLIC HEARING APRIL 18, 2011) *Interpretive Statement: Adds to all zoning districts, as a permitted accessory use, solar panels subject to the requirements of 225-132.D.* Committee Member Heim made a motion to adopt on first reading, seconded by Committee Member Diggons. The motion passed unanimously on the following vote: **AYES:** Deputy Mayor Clowney, Committee Member Diggons, Committee Member Heim, Committee Member Shearer, Mayor Manzo. **NOES:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None.

ORDINANCE NO. 16-2011 - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 225 ENTITLED ZONING OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARRISON TO ADD NEW DEFINITIONS (FIRST READING MARCH 21, 2011; PUBLIC HEARING APRIL 18, 2011) *Interpretive Statement: Adds definitions pertaining to solar and wind energy to the zoning chapter.* Committee Member Heim made a motion to adopt on first reading, seconded by Committee Member Diggons. The motion passed unanimously on the following vote: **AYES:** Deputy Mayor Clowney, Committee Member Diggons, Committee Member Heim, Committee Member Shearer, Mayor Manzo. **NOES:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None.

ORDINANCE NO. 17-2011 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARRISON, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 225 ENTITLED ‘ZONING’ OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARRISON (FIRST READING MARCH 21, 2011; PUBLIC HEARING APRIL 18, 2011) *Interpretive Statement: Adds solar energy as a permitted use on preserved farmland and sets forth the regulations.* Committee Member Heim made a motion to adopt on first reading, seconded by Committee Member Diggons. The motion passed unanimously on the following vote: **AYES:** Deputy Mayor Clowney, Committee Member Diggons, Committee Member Heim, Committee Member Shearer, Mayor Manzo. **NOES:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None.

RESOLUTION NO. 088-2011 - RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARRISON AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF THE MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE PROVIDED BY DEVELOPMENT DESIGN CORP. FOR PHASE 1 OF THE HUNTER’S CREEK SUBDIVISION AFFECTING A PARCEL KNOWN AS BLOCK 31, LOT 4 ON THE OFFICIAL TAX MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARRISON, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, RELATING TO PLANNING BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 36-1999. *Interpretive Statement: The Township Engineer inspected Phase I of the bonded improvements in the Hunters Creek subdivision, and submitted a report to the Municipal Clerk indicating they found no deficiencies to protest release of the Maintenance bond.* Deputy Mayor Clowney made a motion to adopt, seconded by Committee Member Shearer. The motion passed unanimously on the following vote: **AYES:** Deputy Mayor Clowney, Committee Member Diggons, Committee Member Heim, Committee Member Shearer, Mayor Manzo. **NOES:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None.

RESOLUTION NO. 089-2011 - RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARRISON DENYING RELEASE OF THE PERFORMANCE BOND POSTED BY T-MOBILE NORTHEAST LLC FOR SITE IMPROVEMENTS AFFECTING A PARCEL KNOWN AS BLOCK 62, LOT 1 ON THE OFFICIAL TAX MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARRISON, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY *Interpretive Statement: The Township Engineer inspected the bonded site improvements and submitted a report to the Municipal Clerk recommending denial of T-Mobile’s request for release of their performance guarantee, based upon outstanding and/or incomplete improvements.* Deputy Mayor Clowney made a motion to adopt, seconded by Committee Member Diggons. The motion passed unanimously on the following vote: **AYES:** Deputy Mayor Clowney, Committee Member Diggons, Committee Member Heim, Committee Member Shearer, Mayor Manzo. **NOES:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None

RESOLUTION NO. 090-2011 - RESOLUTION AWARDED A ONE-MONTH CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AND SERVICES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY UNSPECIFIABLE NATURE FOR AN MUNICIPAL PLANNER FOR MATTERS RELATED TO COUNCIL ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING CERTIFICATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARRISON, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY. *Interpretive Statement: Appointing Louis Joyce of Land Dimensions from April 1 – 30, 2011 as the Township’s Municipal Planner for matters related to Council on Affordable Housing Certification.* Committee Member Diggons made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mayor Manzo. The motion passed unanimously on the following vote: **AYES:** Deputy Mayor Clowney, Committee Member Diggons, Committee Member Heim, Committee Member Shearer, Mayor Manzo. **NOES:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None

RESOLUTION NO. 091-2011- A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARRISON, APPOINTING A DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY FOR THE YEAR 2011 *Interpretive Statement: Appointing Deputy Mayor Dennis Clowney as Deputy Director of Public Safety to act in the absence of the Director of Public Safety.* Committee Member Heim made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mayor Manzo. The motion passed unanimously on the following vote: **AYES:** Deputy Mayor Clowney, Committee Member Diggons, Committee Member Heim, Committee Member Shearer, Mayor Manzo. **NOES:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None

RESOLUTION NO. 092 -2011 - RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARRISON, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY EXTENDING INTRODUCTION OF THE 2011 MUNICIPAL BUDGET *Interpretive Statement: In accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5 the Township may delay introduction of the budget with sufficient reason(s); (The Township is examining existing vendor contracts and potential shared services in order to implement possible savings).* Committee Member Shearer made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mayor Manzo. The motion passed unanimously on the following vote: **AYES:** Deputy Mayor Clowney, Committee Member Diggons, Committee Member Heim, Committee Member Shearer, Mayor Manzo. **NOES:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None

RESOLUTION NO. 093-2011 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARRISON APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE HARRISON TOWNSHIP PLANNING BOARD THAT THE REDEVELOPMENT AREA STUDIED (A PORTION OF BLOCK 38, LOT 6) QUALIFIES AS AN AREA IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT *Interpretive Statement: Designating Block 38, Lot 6 as an area in need of redevelopment and designating the Planning Board as the redevelopment entity".* Deputy Mayor Clowney made a motion to adopt, seconded by Committee Member Diggons. The motion passed unanimously on the following vote: **AYES:** Deputy Mayor Clowney, Committee Member Diggons, Committee Member Heim, Committee Member Shearer, Mayor Manzo. **NOES:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None

RESOLUTION NO. 094-2011 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARRISON APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE HARRISON TOWNSHIP PLANNING BOARD THAT THE REDEVELOPMENT AREA STUDIED (BLOCK 62, LOT 1) QUALIFIES AS AN AREA IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT *Interpretive Statement: Designating Block 62, Lot 1 as an area in need of redevelopment and designating the Planning Board as the redevelopment entity"* Committee Member Heim made a motion to adopt, seconded by Committee Member Diggons. The motion passed unanimously on the following vote: **AYES:** Deputy Mayor Clowney, Committee Member Diggons, Committee Member Heim, Committee Member Shearer, Mayor Manzo. **NOES:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None.

RESOLUTION NO. 095-2011 - RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARRISON, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CLERK TO EXECUTE THE SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF A SANITARY SEWER LINE ALONG SWEDESBORO ROAD, COUNTY ROUTE 536 A/K/A ROUTE US 322. *Interpretive Statement: Granting permission for the Township to enter in to a Shared Services Agreement with the County of Gloucester, to facilitate replacement of an existing sewer line at a cost of \$21,920.00 over three years).* Committee Member Heim made a motion to adopt, seconded by Committee Member Diggons. The motion passed unanimously on the following vote: **AYES:** Deputy Mayor Clowney, Committee Member Diggons, Committee Member Heim, Committee Member Shearer, Mayor Manzo. **NOES:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None.

RESOLUTION NO. 097-2011 – RESOLUTION BY THE MAYOR AND TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARRISON, IN THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY CANCELING UNEXPENDED FUNDS IN ORDINANCES NUMBERED 24-1999, 14-2000, 25-2001, 11-2004, 15-2004, 16-2006, 26-2006 AND 52-2007, AND TRANSFERRING SUCH BALANCES TO CAPITAL SURPLUS. *Interpretive Statement: Authorizing the transfer of funds originally appropriated for various capital projects, to the Township's Capital Surplus.* Deputy Mayor Clowney made a motion to adopt, seconded by Committee Member Heim. The motion passed unanimously on the following vote: **AYES:** Deputy Mayor Clowney, Committee Member Diggons, Committee Member Heim, Committee Member Shearer, Mayor Manzo. **NOES:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None.

Mayor Manzo suggested that Township Committee discuss the candidates for Special Counsel on matters related to Sewer. Mayor Manzo indicated that of the three (3), he feels Mr. Kevin Van Hise is the most qualified, and the best fit for the Township's needs. Township Committee members discussed all candidates and their qualifications, before agreeing to appoint Mr. Van Hise.

RESOLUTION NO. 098-2011 - AWARDED A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AND SERVICES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY UNSPECIFIABLE NATURE TO KEVIN VAN HISE, AS SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR MATTERS RELATED TO SEWER, FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF HARRISON, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY. Committee Member Shearer made a motion to adopt, seconded by Deputy Mayor Clowney. The motion passed unanimously on the following vote: **AYES:** Deputy Mayor Clowney, Committee Member Diggons, Committee Member Heim, Committee Member Shearer, Mayor Manzo. **NOES:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None.

ENGINEERS REPORT: Mr. Cantwell reported they will going out for bid on the crosswalk from Labrador Trail to Ella Harris Park.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Dean Ripa of 324 Ewan Road is requesting a 4-way stop sign at Ewan Road and Clems Run. Ms. Rieck reported that this matter has been addressed, reviewed and denied by the County in the past. Brian Duffield suggested the site-plan for the pizza shop be reviewed to see if angled parking was a part of the approved plan.

Lt. Wingate has offered to donate nineteen (19) hours of his sick time to assist Ptl. Adam McEvoy, who is recovering from an ankle injury. Ayes: All

Ms. Rieck is requesting permission to move the wooden sign normally posted in front of the Municipal Building, to the parking area across from the shopping center. Mayor Manzo stated that the sign, if moved, should be painted black. He went on to comment that a sign should be placed at the Rt 77 entrance to Ella Harris Park, indicating park access and parking availability.

Sgt. Ed Selb submitted a request to purchase his service weapon upon his retirement. Deputy Mayor Clowney made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Committee Member Diggons. The motion passed unanimously on the following vote: **AYES:** Deputy Mayor Clowney, Committee Member Diggons, Committee Member Heim, Committee Member Shearer, Mayor Manzo. **NOES:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Nothing to report at this time

NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Manzo asked if the Township Calendar will be printed, or whether it will simply be available electronically. Ms. Rieck responded that she is looking into pricing for printing.

Mayor Manzo suggested that perhaps Township Committee meetings be preceded with prayer by local clergy. Brian Duffield stated that he does not support beginning each meeting with prayer.

OTHER MATTERS: Approval of Raffle Application – Committee Member Shearer made a motion to allow the Mullica Hill Rotary Club to conduct a raffle April 8, 2011 from 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m., pending their compliance with NJAC 13:47. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Heim and passed unanimously on the following vote: **AYES:** Deputy Mayor Clowney, Committee Member Diggons, Committee Member Heim, Committee Member Shearer, Mayor Manzo. **NOES:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR: Committee Member Heim motioned to open the meeting to the public, seconded by Deputy Mayor Clowney.

Committee Member Heim motioned to close the meeting to the public, seconded by Deputy Mayor Clowney

Township Committee opted not to enter into Executive Session

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING: Committee Member Diggons made a motion to adjourn at 10:20 p.m., seconded by Committee Member Heim, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane L. Malloy, R.M.C.
Municipal Clerk