
**TOWNSHIP OF HARRISON
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE WORK SESSION MEETING
HARRISON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING
114 BRIDGETON PIKE, MULLICA HILL, NJ
AUGUST 3, 2010 AT 7:30 P.M.**

MINUTES

OPENING: Mayor Louis Manzo called the meeting to order at 7:41 p.m., which was held at the Municipal Building.

ROLL CALL: Diane Malloy, Municipal Clerk, called the roll which resulted in the following:
Present: Committee Member Clowney and Shearer; Deputy Mayor Trunk; Mayor Manzo.
Absent: Committee Member Heim.

Others present: Carole Rieck, Administrator, Brian J. Duffield, Solicitor, John Cantwell, Township Engineer

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 6TH 2010".

FLAG SALUTE: Mayor Manzo called for a moment of silence to honor our troops and, followed by the flag salute.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Jan 05, 2010	Reorg. Mtg	Jan 05, 2010	Work Session
Jan 19, 2010	RBM		
Feb 01, 2010	Work Session	Feb 01, 2010	Executive Session
Feb 16, 2010	RBM	Feb 16, 2010	Executive Session
Mar 01, 2010	Work Session	Mar 01, 2010	Executive Session
May 03, 2010	Work Session	May 03, 2010	Executive Session

Committee Member Clowney Made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Committee Member Shearer. The motion passed unanimously on the following vote: **AYES:** Committee Member Clowney, Deputy Mayor Trunk, Mayor Manzo, Committee Member Shearer. **NOES:** None. **ABSENT:** Committee Member Heim. **ABSTAIN:** None.

LOUIS BAY FUTURE MUNICIPAL LEADERS SCHOLARSHIP AWARD:

Recognizing Mullica Hill Resident Claire Alpaugh – New Jersey League of Municipalities State Finalist. Deputy Mayor Trunk presented Claire Alpaugh with a Certificate of Participation from the New Jersey League of Municipalities and a Certificate of Recognition and a Staples gift card (\$100.00) from the Township of Harrison. Deputy Mayor Trunk read aloud Ms. Alpaugh's submission.

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

Committee Member Heim arrived at 7:49 p.m.

Vicki Gaunt, 485 Woodruff Trail – Inquired about the validity of a rumor that ash is being dumped into the landfill. Committee Member Heim advised that he will investigate the matter. Ms. Gaunt asked if the Township is presently utilizing red light cameras, to which Mr. Cantwell replied. Ms. Gaunt went on to ask how County EMS times are gauged, vs. local response times. Committee Member Heim explained the criteria used in evaluating and comparing County vs. local response times. Ms. Gaunt expressed concern for what she feels may be unnecessary use of police and EMS vehicles, to which Mayor Manzo responded.

Doug Zee, 322 Richwood Road – Inquired about ‘Farm Equipment Next 1 Mile’ sign missing, and asked that they be replaced. Committee Member Clowney will seek replacement of the sign with the County Engineer. Mr. Zee expressed frustration and asked how long it takes to get a plumbing permit, to which Ms. Rieck responded. Mr. Zee asked who is responsible for Neale Road, and went on to state that any developers that want an extension should first be made to realign Williamson Rd with Ewan Rd. Mr. Zee feels that if joining the County EMS saves money, it should be done. Mr. Zee also expressed concerns with unnecessary use of EMS vehicles. Mr. Zee asked about work being done at the house next to the post office.

Joanne Padget, 54 Woodstown Road – Owns property on Spicer Street and is not in favor of changing Spicer Street to a one-way street, as she feels it will create a negative impact on Rt. 45 traffic. Ms. Padget asked if other solutions had been considered, to which Mayor Manzo and Deputy Mayor Trunk responded.

Sharon Morgenroth, 416 Hancock Drive – representing Mullica Hill Women’s triathlon club. Ms. Morgenroth asked that the Mullica Hill Women’s triathlon club be recognized by Township Committee. She stated that they have helped to stimulate the local economy, have local sponsors, and have spent a lot of their own time organizing the club. They are having an event in September and are hoping to draw a lot of attention to the club. Ms. Morgenroth will provide additional information to Committee Member Heim for consideration.

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

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS: Deputy Mayor Trunk motioned to pay the bills, seconded by Committee Member Shearer. Present: Committee Member Clowney, Heim and Shearer; Deputy Mayor Trunk; Mayor Manzo. Absent: None.

ORDINANCE NO. 21-2010 - AN ORDINANCE TO FIX AND DETERMINE THE RANGES OF THE SALARIES, WAGES OR COMPENSATION TO BE PAID TO THE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARRISON, IN THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER FOR THE YEAR 2010 (1st Reading July 19, 2010, Public Hearing August 3, 2010) Committee Member Heim made a motion to open the matter to the public, seconded by Committee Member Clowney, motion carried. Chris Knisely, 72 N. Main Street asked why Tax Assessors are listed on the Ordinance when the Twp no longer has a local assessor, to which Ms. Rieck responded.

Committee Member Clowney made a motion to close the matter to the public, seconded by Committee Member Heim motion carried. Committee Member Heim made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mayor Manzo. The motion passed unanimously on the following vote: **AYES:** Committee Member Clowney,

Committee Member Heim, Deputy Mayor Trunk, Mayor Manzo, Committee Member Shearer. **NOES:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-2010 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COMMITTEE OF TOWNSHIP OF HARRISON, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 214 ENTITLED "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC" OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARRISON (1st Reading July 19, 2010, Public Hearing August 3, 2010) Committee Member Heim made a motion to open the matter to the public, seconded by Mayor Manzo, motion carried. Lester Shoemaker, 87 So. Main Street – Mr. Shoemaker cannot turn into his driveway coming North on Rt 45 and does not feel that converting Spicer Street to a one-way Street is a wise decision. Mayor Manzo responded to Mr. Shoemaker's concerns. Mr. Shoemaker noted that he is not in favor of the Township joining the County EMS. He added that local EMS personnel should take whatever steps necessary to ensure they are familiar with Township roads. Chris Knisely, 72 N. Main Street – conceded that the issue with Spicer Street originated from the residents complaints regarding truck traffic. Mr. Knisely is concerned that the Planning Board was not involved in a traffic impact study, and fears that the impact on traffic which may result from the proposed traffic lights on Main Street, may have not been considered. Committee Member Heim made a motion to close the matter to the public, seconded by Committee Member Shearer, motion carried. Committee Member Heim made a motion to adopt, seconded by Committee Member Shearer. Mayor Manzo provided the audience with some information which he indicated had an influence over Township Committee's decision to move forward with this change. **AYES:** Committee Member Clowney, Committee Member Heim, Deputy Mayor Trunk, Mayor Manzo, Committee Member Shearer. **NOES:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-2010 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARRISON, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AMEND THE LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARRISON TO ADOPT A REVISED CHECKLIST ENTITLED "LAND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW CHECKLIST" (1st Reading August 3, 2010, Public Hearing August 16, 2010) Committee Member Clowney made a motion to adopt on first reading, seconded by Mayor Manzo. The motion passed unanimously on the following vote: **AYES:** Committee Member Clowney, Committee Member Heim, Deputy Mayor Trunk, Mayor Manzo, Committee Member Shearer. **NOES:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None.

ORDINANCE NO. 24-2010 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COMMITTEE OF TOWNSHIP OF HARRISON, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 192 ENTITLED "SUBDIVISION OF LAND" OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARRISON (LIGHTING). (1st Reading August 3, 2010, Public Hearing August 16, 2010) Committee Member Heim made a motion to adopt on first reading, seconded by Deputy Mayor Trunk. Committee Member Clowney requested clarification from Mr. Duffield on how this Ordinance effects new structures, and expressed concerns that the Ordinance may be unfair to developers who are delayed, through no fault of their own. The motion passed unanimously on the following vote: **AYES:** Committee Member Clowney, Committee Member Heim, Deputy Mayor Trunk, Mayor Manzo, Committee Member Shearer. **NOES:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None.

ORDINANCE NO. 25-2010 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COMMITTEE OF TOWNSHIP OF HARRISON, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 174 ENTITLED "SITE PLANS, MAJOR" OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARRISON (LIGHTING). (1st Reading August 3, 2010, Public Hearing August 16, 2010) Committee Member Clowney made a motion to adopt on first reading, seconded by Committee Member Heim. The motion passed unanimously on the following vote: **AYES:** Committee Member Clowney, Committee Member Heim, Deputy Mayor Trunk, Mayor Manzo, Committee Member Shearer. **NOES:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None.

ORDINANCE NO. 26-2010 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COMMITTEE OF TOWNSHIP OF HARRISON, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 145 ENTITLED "NOISE" OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARRISON. (1st Reading August 3, 2010, Public Hearing August 16, 2010) Deputy Mayor Trunk made a motion to adopt on first reading, seconded by Mayor Manzo. Committee Member Clowney made a motion to table the first reading until the next meeting, seconded by Committee Member Heim. The motion to table this matter until the next meeting passed unanimously on the following vote: **AYES:** Committee Member Clowney, Committee Member Heim, Deputy Mayor Trunk, Mayor Manzo, Committee Member Shearer. **NOES:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None.

RESOLUTION NO. 152-2010 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARRISON, IN THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPROVING APPLICATION #MA-2011 (HARRISON TOWNSHIP - 00261) FOR CERTAIN FUNDING THROUGH THE NJDOT TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE RESURFACING OF BISHOP ROAD SECTION III. Committee Member Clowney made a motion to adopt, seconded by Deputy Mayor Trunk. The motion passed unanimously on the following vote: **AYES:** Committee Member Clowney, Committee Member Heim, Deputy Mayor Trunk, Mayor Manzo, Committee Member Shearer. **NOES:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None.

RESOLUTION 153-2010 - A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARRISON, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY CERTIFYING TO THE LOCAL FINANCE BOARD THAT THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE HAS REVIEWED THE ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009; AND SPECIFICALLY REVIEWED SECTIONS OF THE SAID AUDIT ENTITLED "GENERAL COMMENTS" AND "RECOMMENDATIONS" Committee Member Clowney made a motion adopt, seconded by Mayor Manzo. The motion passed unanimously on the following vote: **AYES:** Committee Member Clowney, Committee Member Heim, Deputy Mayor Trunk, Mayor Manzo, Committee Member Shearer. **NOES:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None.

RESOLUTION NO. 154 2010 - RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARRISON AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF THE PERFORMANCE BOND POSTED BY AGB ENTERPRISES, L.L.C. AFFECTING A PARCEL KNOWN AS 50 NORTH MAIN STREET, BLOCK 65, LOT 2 ON THE OFFICIAL TAX MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARRISON, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, RELATING TO PLANNING BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 69-2008 (PER RECOMMENDATION BY THE TOWNSHIP ENGINEER). Deputy Mayor Trunk made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mayor Manzo. The motion passed unanimously on the following vote: **AYES:** Committee Member Clowney, Committee Member Heim, Deputy Mayor Trunk, Mayor Manzo, Committee Member Shearer. **NOES:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None.

RESOLUTION NO. 155 2010 - RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARRISON AUTHORIZING THE REDUCTION (#3) OF THE PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE FOR TOMLIN STATION COMMERCE CENTER - PHASE II, AFFECTING A PARCEL KNOWN AS BLOCK 46, LOTS 3.02, 3.03, 3.04 AND 4.1 ON THE OFFICIAL TAX MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARRISON, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, RELATING TO PLANNING BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 29-2009 (PER RECOMMENDATION BY THE TOWNSHIP ENGINEER). Deputy Mayor Trunk made a motion to adopt, seconded by Committee Member Heim and as per the Township Engineer. The motion passed unanimously on the following vote: **AYES:** Committee Member Clowney, Committee Member Heim, Deputy Mayor Trunk, Mayor Manzo, Committee Member Shearer. **NOES:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None.

RESOLUTION NO. 156-2010 - RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARRISON AUTHORIZING APPLICATION TO THE FRANK H. STEWART TRUST RELATING TO THE ACQUISITION OF A PORTION OF BLOCK 73, LOT 5. Committee Member Clowney made a motion to adopt, seconded by Committee Member Heim. The motion passed unanimously on the following vote: **AYES:** Committee Member Clowney, Committee Member Heim, Deputy Mayor Trunk, Mayor Manzo, Committee Member Shearer. **NOES:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None.

TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Ms. Rieck relayed a request from the Rotary Club to post twenty (20) signs for the following events:

- Scarecrow Building Event
- Breakfast with Santa
- Beer Tasting Event

Deputy Mayor Trunk made a motion to approve the posting for a period of thirty (30) days, seconded by Committee Member Heim. **AYES:** Committee Member Clowney, Committee Member Heim, Deputy Mayor Trunk, Mayor Manzo, Committee Member Shearer. Deputy Mayor Trunk expressed concerns with the Town being overrun with signs and asked that the Ordinance be enforced and violations be issued. Ms. Rieck explained that this is an issue that the Code Enforcement Officer has been working on, in conjunction with the Police Department.

With consideration given to the expense of the Township's newsletter, Ms. Rieck provided a quote in the amount of \$350.00 from Diane Angelucci, to format the e-newsletter. Ms. Rieck responded that if the hard copy of the newsletter was replaced by the E-newsletter (with exceptions), the Township could potentially save \$4,000.00 annually. Township Committee unanimously approved Ms. Rieck's proposal. **AYES:** Committee Member Clowney, Committee Member Heim, Deputy Mayor Trunk, Mayor Manzo, Committee Member Shearer.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Mayor Manzo discussed an update from Assistant County Counsel with regard to local projects. Mayor Manzo will reach out to Mantua Mayor Tim Chell, with regard to the possibility of changing the name of Breakneck Road.

Committee Member Shearer asked for an update on the proposed traffic control device at CR-618 and Rt 77, to which Mayor Manzo responded.

NEW BUSINESS: Township Committee agreed to the proposed format of the plaques for the William Wilt Soccer Complex.

OTHER MATTERS: Christmas Tree Lighting – Deputy Mayor Trunk asked for the Committee's input on possibly changing the tree lighting to Saturday evening rather than Friday evening. Deputy Mayor Trunk noted that she will seek the opinion of the Historic Preservation Committee as well. Mayor Manzo suggested that the Merchant's meetings be held later in the evening, or perhaps a special meeting be held for those who cannot attend the 5:30 meeting.

RECREATION COMMISSION: The Recreation Commission unanimously approved the following, and is requesting Township Committee's approval to move forward:

Accepting the resignation of Heather Cardile (Alt #1)
effective June 11, 2010

Reassigning Thomas Roth from Alternate #2 to
Alternate #1 – 2 Year term expiring December 31, 2010

Appointment of Carl Guecia as Alternate #2 – 1 Year term
expiring December 31, 2010

Committee Member Clowney made a motion to accept Ms. Cardile's resignation with regrets, move Thomas Roth to Alternate #1, and to appoint Carl Guecia to the position of Alternate #2 within the Recreation Commission. The motion was seconded by Mayor Manzo and passed unanimously on the following vote: **AYES:** Committee Member Clowney, Committee Member Heim, Deputy Mayor Trunk, Mayor Manzo, Committee Member Shearer. **NOES:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None.

Committee Member Clowney announced that the Department of Agriculture has recently provided funding to local farmers who suffered financial difficulties through the loss of crops caused by the Hail Storm in June 2008.

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

Chris Knisely, 72 N. Main Street – Asked for an update on the Township's efforts to have the sewer rates adjusted to reflect actual use, to which Ms. Rieck replied.

Committee Member Heim motioned to close the meeting to the public, seconded by Committee Member Shearer, motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING: Deputy Mayor Trunk made a motion to adjourn at 9:20 p.m., seconded by Committee Member Shearer, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane L. Malloy,
Municipal Clerk