
TOWNSHIP OF HARRISON
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
114 BRIDGETON PIKE, MULLICA HILL NJ 08062
MARCH 9, 2009 AT 7:30 P.M. (Rescheduled from 3/02/09)

MINUTES

Mayor Louis Manzo called the meeting to order at 7:29 P.M. which was held at the Municipal Building.

ROLL CALL: Diane L. Malloy, Acting Municipal Clerk, called the roll which resulted in the following Township Committee members present: Committee Member Clowney, Committee Member Heim, Deputy Mayor Trunk, Committee Member Woods, Mayor Manzo, Absent: None.

Others present: Diane Malloy, Acting Municipal Clerk, Carole Rieck, Administrator, John Moustakas of The Law Offices of Brian J. Duffield, Chuck Fralinger, on behalf of Fralinger Engineering, Michael Gonserkevis, Chief Frank Rodgers

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT ANNOUNCEMENT: Ms. Malloy read the following statement: “In compliance with Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of 1975, notice of the March 2nd meeting was given by way of annual notice filed with the Gloucester County Times, the Courier Post, the Plain Dealer newspapers and posted on the bulletin board in the municipal building on January 6TH 2009”. In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, notice of the rescheduling of this meeting was sent via fax and regular mail to the afore-mentioned publications, and posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building on March 2, 2009.

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

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

William Heritage 126 Richwood Road – Mr. Heritage requested Township Committee’s consent to hold a Wine Festival at the Heritage Station Winery on August 8 & 9 2009. The event is sponsored by the New Jersey Wine Growers Association. Mr. Heritage indicated he has contacted the County regarding the anticipated road work, and does not expect construction to be an issue. Township Committee offered their support and Diane Malloy indicated she would be in touch with Mr. Heritage with regard to any permits which may be required.

Charlotte Andrews – Save A Friend Foundation – Ms. Andrews requested permission to post three (3) signs advertising their group, which is targeted at fighting teenage drug abuse, in specific locations in town. Ms. Andrews also requested a coordination effort with the Township’s Recreation Commission to develop activities for teens within the community.

Mayor Manzo motioned to allow the posting of the three (3) signs at the Municipal Building, Police Station, and in front of Clearview High School, for a period of 51 weeks; adding that approval is contingent upon occasional replacement of the signs as needed for aesthetic purposes. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Heim. *Ayes: Committee Member Clowney, Deputy Mayor Trunk, Committee Member Woods, Mayor Manzo, Committee Member Heim. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAIN: None.* Committee Member Clowney added that he would look into possible recreational activities for young teens.

Bryce Priggemeier, 257 Clems Run – Mr. Priggemeier expressed his frustration with the recently published 2006 Fire District Audit and the number of findings. Mayor agreed the results are disturbing but does not have jurisdiction over the Fire District budget when accepted by the

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voters.

Victoria Gaunt 485 Woodruff Trail – Ms. Gaunt inquired about the issuance of a Permit for the moving of soil in the Landfill. Ms. Gaunt asked why soil is being moved and noted that she has been in touch with the DEP with regard to this matter. Mayor Manzo explained that the DEP is overseeing the closing of the landfill and offered some insight on the closing process. Ms. Rieck noted that the Township Engineer never issued permission for the moving of soil and that the matter should be addressed through the Zoning office.

Steve Barlage, 26 Red Oak Drive – Inquired about the extension on the introduction of the budget, the selling of notes and the ‘minutes’ for Township Committee Meetings. Mayor Manzo confirmed that minutes will be up to date and posted by April 15 2009. Ms. Rieck addressed Mr. Barlage’s questions with regard to the selling of notes and Master Plan funds.

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

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS: Mayor Manzo motioned to pay the bills, seconded by Committee Member Clowney. Ms. Trunk questioned the date of service for a payment to Mr. Bolan to which Ms. Rieck replied. Mayor Manzo questioned payment to South State Paving of Union Road, Mr. Fralinger advised the Mayor that the job is still in process. Mayor Manzo inquired as to whether South State is within their budgetary guidelines, Ms. Rieck confirmed that they are indeed within their budget. The motion passed unanimously on the following vote: *AYES: Committee Member Clowney, Deputy Mayor Trunk, Committee Member Woods, Mayor Manzo, Committee Member Heim. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAIN: None.*

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

COUNTY LIAISON’S REPORT – Mayor Manzo reported that a decision was made not to join the County EMS Program this year based upon superior local EMS response times. He added that the service and care provided locally is exceptional.

Mayor Manzo and Ms. Rieck discussed the details of the County Assessment program and Harrison Township’s participation. The Township’s Traffic Engineer, Pennoni Associates, has been working with the County on the upcoming bypass plan, and members of Township Committee plan to attend a ‘rollout plan meeting’ with the County. Mayor Manzo indicated that we will be seeing Phases I and II of the Richwood Project beginning soon. He added that plans for the traffic light at the top of the old mill are in process, as is the repaving of 322 from Clems Run to Church Road. Mayor Manzo went on to offer his appreciation to the County and the Historic Preservation Commission for their cooperation on the project in such short notice.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION – Mr. Heim reported that Lori Branco was named as

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Secretary to the Environmental Commission, and reported the recent resignation of Mr. David DiPietro. The Environmental Commission is looking into Planning Grants and investigating the possibility of alternate power sources locally. Mr. Heim further reported that members of the Environmental Commission are in contact with the schools to pursue shared interests in the Environmental Commission, and exploring how Township Committee might get involved in recognizing students for their involvement with environmental projects.

RECREATION COMMISSION – Committee Member Clowney reviewed some upcoming events, and went on to recognize the dedication of Mr. Vince Gangemi, who recently stepped down as Chairperson and a member of the Recreation Commission, for over 40 years.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL - Deputy Mayor Trunk advised that a representative from 'Main Street USA' will be attending their next meeting.

MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE COMMITTEE – Committee Member Clowney noted that the next meeting is scheduled for the end of March.

LIAISON TO CLEARVIEW REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION - Committee Member Woods provided an update on the Solar Panels, which will be discussed in greater detail at the next School Board Meeting. Mayor Manzo clarified that the cost of roof is already included in the School's Capital Budget, and the solar panels would provide a savings of \$90,000.00 yearly.

LIAISON TO HARRISON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION – Committee Member Clowney noted that the school is working on their budget. He further advised that the appointment of a new Superintendent for the anticipated vacancy has been narrowed to (2) two candidates.

LIAISON TO BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS – Committee Member Heim indicated that a decision has been made not to join the Gloucester County EMS this year. Committee Member Heim also announced that the Fire District Budget passed. Deputy Mayor Trunk inquired about the possibility of publicizing the Fire District Election in the future.

LIAISON TO MULLICA HILL MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION – Nothing new to report

ADHOC –Mayor Manzo inquired about the plans for the Mullica Hill Pond Dam and Ms. Rieck stated that the project is scheduled to begin in approximately (2) two years. Ms. Rieck added that discussion has been had with regard to adding Recreational facilities within the pond area. Mr. Woods added that he would like to see the Recreational and Parking areas expanded.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

BOARD OF HEALTH – Report on File

COMMUNICATIONS – Ms. Rieck noted that the February 18th website meeting was very productive, and they are looking to 'go live' very soon. She requested permission from webmaster for accessibility to the website to evaluate progress, and is awaiting a response. Ms.

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Rieck added that she is consistently working with the Webmaster to build the site.

PUBLIC PROPERTY – In Mr. Micklasavage’s absence, Committee Member Clowney offered an update on the William Wilt Soccer Complex fence repairs, and gazebo roof repairs. Mayor Manzo referenced a recent meeting addressing the issue of childhood obesity, and suggested the installation of a physical agility track priced at approximately \$11,900.00, less a 20% discount, able to be used by both children and adults. Ms. Rieck stated that she has started reviewing old Capitol Budgets and is hopeful funds can be made available. Mr. Woods suggested Mr. Micklasavage’s input and Ms. Rieck said the project would have to be submitted to JIF for approval. The Mayor stated that he would like to have Mr. Simmons, the Designer, attend a Recreation Committee meeting to discuss the matter further.

PUBLIC SAFETY – Chief Rodgers noted that his report is on file, and informed Township Committee of a PTA meeting taking place this evening at Pleasant Valley School which includes Police Officers who have been working to address issues with the internet sites ‘Facebook’ and ‘My Space’.

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT OPERATIONS REPORT – Mike Gonserkevis noted that his report is on file, and advised that emergency repairs were done on the Poplar Ct. Pump Station (#10) on March 6th.

WASTE MANAGEMENT – Nothing to report

FINANCE – Ms. Rieck reported that she has been meeting with Department Heads to review budgets. The introduction of the Municipal Budget is dependent upon the State’s budget.

TRICO JOINT INSURANCE FUND – Ms. Rieck reported that during the JIF Breakfast Meeting, 2008 Safety awards were distributed and Harrison Township was presented with the Silver Award. Ms. Rieck offered her appreciation to all departments for their contributions toward this award.

LPAC – Matter(s) to be discussed during Executive Session

Mayor Manzo motioned for a short recess at 9:10 p.m., seconded by Committee Member Clowney.

Committee Member Clowney made a motion to re-adjourn at 9:14 p.m., seconded by Committee Member Heim

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCE NO. 06-2009 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARRISON, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARRISON, BY DELETING AND REPEALING ARTICLE III SECTION 225-133 ET SEQ ENTITLED AGRICULTURAL REGULATIONS AND REPLACING IT WITH A NEW ARTICLE III SECTION 225-133 ET SEQ ENTITLED AGRICULTURAL REGULATIONS WHICH CHAPTER PROVIDES FOR AN UPDATE OF THE REQUIREMENTS FOR AGRICULTURE AND ASSOCIATED USES WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP. *PUBLIC HEARING* (Introduction / 1st Reading was held February 17, 2009) *Mayor Manzo made a*

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*Motion to open to the public, seconded by Committee Member Clowney. Douglas Zee, 322 Richwood Road questioned the Planning Board's restrictions on local farms. Mr. Zee said he feels the restrictions on farm stands should be made clearer, and the sign requirements should be rethought, specifying section B, subsection 6(a) pertaining to the phrase 'permitted to sell processed farm products through a farm stand'. Mayor Manzo offered some clarification and advised that parts of the Ordinance are regulated by the State, and the Planning Board made every effort to make it as liberal as allowed by law. Mr. Bill Heritage questioned how this Ordinance would effect a Variance the Heritage Winery had been granted, to which Ms. Rieck and Mrs. Trunk replied. Motion to close to the public made by Committee Member Clowney and seconded by Mayor Manzo. Motion to adopt made by Mayor Manzo and seconded by Deputy Mayor Trunk, noting a correction to a typographical error in Section B. Mr. Woods questioned the percentage outlined in Section B, Subsection 6(a) and asked how it would effect the local farmer with limited crops. Mrs. Trunk suggested looking into what special circumstances could be afforded to the farmers. Mayor Manzo suggested reviewing the matter further with the Secretary of Agriculture. The motion passed on the following vote: **AYES:** Committee Member Clowney, Deputy Mayor Trunk, Mayor Manzo, Committee Member Heim. **NOES:** Committee Member Woods **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None.*

ORDINANCE NO. 07-2009 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COMMITTEE OF TOWNSHIP OF HARRISON, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 16-2008 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARRISON. (Introduction / Public Hearing scheduled for April 6, 2009) *Motion to adopt made by Committee Member Clowney and seconded by Mayor Manzo. The motion passed unanimously on the following vote: **AYES:** Committee Member Clowney, Deputy Mayor Trunk, Mayor Manzo, Committee Member Heim, Committee Member Woods. **NOES:** None **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None.*

RESOLUTION NO. 064-2009 - RESOLUTION BY THE MAYOR AND TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE, OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARRISON, IN THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT OF PROPERTY TAXES ON BLOCK 29.07, LOT 5 (TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN STATUS). *Motion to adopt was made by Committee Member Clowney and seconded by Committee Member Heim. Committee Member Clowney thanked Mr. Anderson for his service. The motion passed unanimously on the following vote: **AYES:** Committee Member Clowney, Deputy Mayor Trunk, Mayor Manzo, Committee Member Heim, Committee Member Woods. **NOES:** None **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None.*

RESOLUTION NO. 065-2009 - RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARRISON, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY EXTENDING INTRODUCTION OF THE 2009 MUNICIPAL BUDGET. *Committee Member Heim made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mayor Manzo. The motion passed unanimously on the following vote: **AYES:** Committee Member Clowney, Deputy Mayor Trunk, Mayor Manzo, Committee Member Heim, Committee Member Woods. **NOES:** None **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None.*

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RESOLUTION NO. 066-2009 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARRISON, IN THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPLY FOR THE 2008 TONNAGE GRANT AND ABIDE BY THE RECYCLING REQUIREMENTS CONTAINED IN THE RECYCLING ACT AND RECYCLING REGULATIONS. *Motion to adopt made by Committee Member Heim and seconded by Deputy Mayor Trunk. The motion passed unanimously on the following vote: AYES: Committee Member Clowney, Deputy Mayor Trunk, Committee Member Woods, Mayor Manzo, Committee Member Heim. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAIN: None.*

RESOLUTION NO. 067-2009 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARRISON, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF UP TO \$88,000 OF SPECIAL EMERGENCY NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARRISON; MAKING CERTAIN COVENANTS TO MAINTAIN THE EXEMPTION OF THE INTEREST ON SAID NOTES FROM FEDERAL INCOME TAXATION; AND AUTHORIZING SUCH FURTHER ACTIONS AND MAKING SUCH DETERMINATIONS AS MAY BE NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE TO EFFECTUATE THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF THE NOTES. *Motion to adopt made by Committee Member Clowney and seconded by Mayor Manzo. The motion passed unanimously on the following vote: AYES: Committee Member Clowney, Deputy Mayor Trunk, Committee Member Woods, Mayor Manzo, Committee Member Heim. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAIN: None.*

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Mr. Fralinger reported that the Bishop Road project is slated to begin by the end of May. They are working towards a punchlist for Spicer Estates and noted that the Maintenance bond is scheduled to expire August 7, 2009, not in June as originally thought.

TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: (Action may be taken) Ms. Rieck reported that Jacki Vigilanti has opted to decline the position of Alternate Prosecutor, and that John Moustakas suggested Tim Chell as a possible alternate.

Ms. Rieck relayed a recommendation from Jeff Kier, Construction Official, to increase the fees for electric and plumbing permits, which are still \$35. Mr. Woods and Mrs. Trunk expressed concerns for the substantial increase to residents. Committee Member Woods made a motion to leave electric and plumbing permit fees at the current rate of \$35.00. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Trunk and passed unanimously on the following vote: **AYES:** *Committee Member Clowney, Deputy Mayor Trunk, Committee Member Woods, Mayor Manzo, Committee Member Heim. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAIN: None.*

Ms. Linda Deal, Business Manager for an upcoming Clearview High School musical production, has requested permission to install approximately 20 political-size signs advertising Clearview's Spring Musical. The signs would be posted approximately two weeks before the show which is scheduled for April 2, 3, and 4th, and will be taken down the week after the show. The signs would be displayed on the lawns of cast and crew members as well as businesses who grant them permission. Township Committee unanimously voted in favor of granting this request.

Relay for Life is requesting permission to tie purple ribbons on telephone poles from the library to the municipal building, to be displayed beginning April 25th and removed by June 8th. They are also requesting permission to display 18" x 24" signs in front yards during the same time period, with the property owners permission. Township Committee unanimously voted in favor of granting permission for both the ribbons and the signs, limiting the signs to a total of (20) twenty.

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Township Committee unanimously agreed to a request from Harrison Township's Little League regarding the use of the lights at Ella Harris Park from March 16th through October 31st. The lights would be on from one-half hour before dusk to 10:00 p.m. The President of Little League will coordinate the light shut-off codes with the coaches to eliminate lights being left on when the fields are not being used. It was noted that the Recreation Commission recommended approval of this request.

Harrison Township's Little League is also requesting waiver of construction permit fees to the extent permitted by Ordinance, for replacement of the existing scoreboards with new ones, sponsored by Coca-Cola. Committee Member Clowney made a motion to grant the request, seconded by Mayor Manzo. The motion passed unanimously on the following vote: **AYES:** *Committee Member Clowney, Deputy Mayor Trunk, Committee Member Woods, Mayor Manzo, Committee Member Heim.* **NOES:** *None.* **ABSENT:** *None.* **ABSTAIN:** *None.*

Ms. Rieck reported that the Township has received two additional letters disputing charges by Township professionals. One pertaining to fees charged by Metcalf & Eddy and the other to fees charged by the Planner. Ms. Rieck requested that a procedure be established whereby the clerk will submit a letter to the applicants and the professionals in these situations and advise that they are to attempt to resolve the dispute amicably and if they cannot, they are to take the matter to the Gloucester County Construction Board of Appeals. The Clerk would then provide a copy of the letter and all pertinent information to Township Committee and to the Administrator's Office. Ms. Rieck further recommended that if an applicant insists that the Township provide assistance in resolving their issues, that she be permitted make arrangements for the parties to meet in the Township's conference room to discuss the matter. Committee Member Heim made a motion to allow the above, seconded by Deputy Mayor Trunk. The motion passed unanimously on the following vote: **AYES:** *Committee Member Clowney, Deputy Mayor Trunk, Committee Member Woods, Mayor Manzo, Committee Member Heim.* **NOES:** *None.* **ABSENT:** *None.* **ABSTAIN:** *None.*

Ms. Rieck discussed a recent meeting with USDA and the dire need for rehabilitation on Pump Station No. 3, during which it was concluded that it would be to the Township's advantage to finance this project utilizing their funding program. One of the items required for submission is the design of the project, and BCM has submitted a proposal to: provide the engineering services required to provide contract document preparation and permits; perform the topographical survey; prepare and file permit applications; and prepare the Pre-application submission to the USDA. Compensation for these services is not to exceed \$55,320. Funds for this project were provided previously in the Wastewater Treatment Capital Budget. Committee Member Woods made a motion to approve the proposal from BCM for engineering design services, seconded by Committee Member Heim. The motion passed unanimously on the following vote: **AYES:** *Committee Member Clowney, Deputy Mayor Trunk, Committee Member Woods, Mayor Manzo, Committee Member Heim.* **NOES:** *None.* **ABSENT:** *None.* **ABSTAIN:** *None.*

Ms. Rieck reported that she received a request from Joseph Caltabiano, expressing an interest in leasing the property (27.255 acres) located next to the William Wilt Memorial soccer complex for the purpose of farming soybeans. Ms. Rieck added that although leasing properties for this purpose does not generate substantial revenues for the Township, but the elimination of the need for maintenance of the property is an added benefit. Committee Member Clowney motioned to

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approve, seconded by Committee Member Woods. The motion passed unanimously on the following vote: **AYES:** *Committee Member Clowney, Deputy Mayor Trunk, Committee Member Woods, Mayor Manzo, Committee Member Heim.* **NOES:** *None.* **ABSENT:** *None.* **ABSTAIN:** *None.*

Based upon a letter from Joseph Syp, president of the Twelve Oaks Home Owners Association, and Ms. Rieck's research, Committee Member Clowney will contact the County Engineer's office to discuss major repairs needed to Dogwood Drive and Park Drive. The Township has patched these roads many times and they are in very poor condition, and Ms. Rieck pointed out that the Township has two on-going road projects that have not been completed thus far due to a lack of funding assistance through NJDOT grants. Compared to the scope of the County bypass project, repair of these areas by the County should be relatively inconsequential. Ms. Rieck stated that if the County will agree to the repairs, it will provide them with an opportunity to do something beneficial for the residents who will continue to live in this development. Township Committee unanimously agreed to allow Committee Member Clowney to pursue the request for these repairs with the County Engineer.

Township Committee unanimously agreed to allow the Rotary Club of Mullica Hill to post a temporary, 3'x 4' banner in front of the office located at 69 N. Main Street to advertise their April 17th wine tasting event. They are additionally permitted to post 20 political-size signs at certain residence locations with the permission of the property owner. The signs / banner are permitted for a period of 30 days. **AYES:** *Committee Member Clowney, Deputy Mayor Trunk, Committee Member Woods, Mayor Manzo, Committee Member Heim.* **NOES:** *None.* **ABSENT:** *None.* **ABSTAIN:** *None.*

Township Committee unanimously agreed to allow Holy Name of Jesus to post 20 political-size throughout the Township, with permission of the property owner, to advertise their upcoming Carnival. The signs are permitted for a period of 30 days. It was noted that the posting of a banner over Rt 45 is no longer permitted, as per the local utility companies. **AYES:** *Committee Member Clowney, Deputy Mayor Trunk, Committee Member Woods, Mayor Manzo, Committee Member Heim.* **NOES:** *None.* **ABSENT:** *None.* **ABSTAIN:** *None.*

Township Committee unanimously agreed to allow Richwood United Methodist Church to post 2'x 3' signs at Rt 322 and Rt 609, in advance of each of the activities described in the attachment. **AYES:** *Committee Member Clowney, Deputy Mayor Trunk, Committee Member Woods, Mayor Manzo, Committee Member Heim.* **NOES:** *None.* **ABSENT:** *None.* **ABSTAIN:** *None.*

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Zoning Board Appointment – Ron Moore, 4 Year Term. Mayor Manzo made a motion to appoint Mr. Ron Moore to the Zoning Board for a 4-year term. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Heim and passed unanimously on the following vote: **AYES:** *Committee Member Clowney, Deputy Mayor Trunk, Committee Member Woods, Mayor Manzo, Committee Member Heim.* **NOES:** *None.* **ABSENT:** *None.* **ABSTAIN:** *None.*

NEW BUSINESS: Ms. Rieck informed Township Committee that she has been working with Departments to establish what might be considered 'problematic ordinances' to potential business owners. The purpose is to determine what might be done to avoid difficulties, and

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simplify the process, in the future.

OTHER MATTERS: Nothing at this time

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

Phil Grous 312 Chickory Trail – Mr. Grous, Chairman of the Environmental Commission, indicated they are without a Township Committee Liaison for the Mullica Hill Pond, and asked that Township Committee consider appointing such a person. Ms. Rieck indicated that she will provide a list to Township Committee which should be helpful in making this appointment.

Mr. Grous inquired about the possibility of including a Solar Energy Specialist along side the Environmental Commission at the upcoming Harrison Township Day events. Township Committee agreed to Ms. Rieck suggestion of asking the Township’s Solar Specialist to participate.

Chris Knisely 72 N Main Street - Expressed concerns about the afore-mentioned ‘Coca-Cola’ sponsored scoreboard at Ella Harris Park.

Doug Zee 322 Richwood Road – Offered input on any Ordinances the Township might be considering with regard to Solar Energy. Mr. Zee also disputed what he views are excessive fees charged to farmers for permits.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-2009 OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARRISON, IN THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 10:4-13 OF THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT: MATTERS OF DISCUSSION PERTAIN TO PENDING LITIGATION, PERSONNEL MATTERS AND CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS. *Committee Member Heim made a motion to adopt, seconded by Committee Member Clowney at 9:45: p.m., motion carried,*

Mayor Manzo made a motion to return to Open Session at 10:16 p.m., which was seconded by Committee Member Heim, motion carried.

Committee Member Heim made a motion to allow the Township solicitor to negotiate on the Ginsburg Property, for farmland preservation. The motion was seconded by Mayor Manzo and carried upon call of role: **AYES:** *Committee Member Clowney, Deputy Mayor Trunk, Committee Member Woods, Mayor Manzo, Committee Member Heim.* **NOES:** *None.* **ABSENT:** *None.* **ABSTAIN:** *None.*

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Ms. Rieck requested that the position of 'Assistant to the Planning Board Secretary' be eliminated due to budgetary concerns.

Ms. Rieck requested that the position of 'Tax Assessor's Clerk' be eliminated, and to have the Construction Clerk position be amended to 'Construction / Tax Assessor Clerk', reducing the hours per week from 40 to 35, with no change in the rate of pay.

Ms. Rieck requested that the Bus Driver's hours be increased to (4) four days allowing the driver to work as 'Transportation Coordinator' (1) one day per week. The hourly wage for the fourth day would be reduced to \$15.00.

Mayor Manzo made a motion to approve Ms. Rieck's requests as noted above, seconded by Committee Member Woods. The motion passed unanimously on the following vote: **AYES:** *Committee Member Clowney, Deputy Mayor Trunk, Committee Member Woods, Mayor Manzo, Committee Member Heim.* **NOES:** *None.* **ABSENT:** *None.* **ABSTAIN:** *None.*

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING: Deputy Mayor Trunk made a motion to adjourn made at 10:16 P.M., seconded by Committee Member Heim, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane L. Malloy
Acting Municipal Clerk