

Meeting The Regular Meeting of the Harmony Township Committee was called to order by Mayor Tipton. Mr. Tipton made the following announcement: "Adequate notice of this meeting was given in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act by providing a notice of the meeting to the Star Gazette and The Express-Times, posting a copy thereof on the Township bulletin board and filing a copy thereof in the office of the Municipal Clerk." The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was led by the Mayor.

Roll Call Present Mayor Tipton, Deputy Mayor Yamrock and Committeeman Cornely.

Consent Motion by Tipton, seconded by Cornely and carried unanimously by
Agenda roll call vote to approve the following items on the consent agenda:

Municipal Attorney Report

- Ms. Campbell added to her report indicating that she now has all the documents for the sale of the property that the NJ Conservation Foundation is buying and the Township is providing Green Acres funding to. It has all been approved and she needs the Mayor's signature. There are no obligations or rights to the property.

Municipal Engineer's Reports

- Mr. Weber indicated that the Harmony Sand and Gravel Resolution that was adopted in November had conditions that needed to be met. Mr. Weber stated he corresponded with Mr. Wilhelm about a week ago regarding getting the plans due to him and under the terms of the resolution there is a bond for the haul road that is over the deadline based on the resolution.

Mayor Tipton indicated this discussion will be tabled per Attorney Debra Nicholson's email to the Mayor because it is not specifically on the agenda. Mayor Tipton stated he created the problem in the first place because he told Attorney Wilhelm that they weren't going to address the bond issue at last meeting so he wanted to give him a chance to speak, so it will have to be put on the agenda next meeting and any other incomplete items they have.

Mr. Weber said they had sent information last Friday to the NJDEP in response to comments from the NJDEP with regards to their permit.

Mr. Weber mentioned the resolution approved by SWAC on the Rotundi site with conditions. It will go before the Freeholder board for inclusion in the Solid Waste Plan. Mr. Weber thought it would be beneficial to respond with something directly to the Freeholders and/or go to the hearing to see if they will impose stronger conditions. Ms. Campbell thought some of the language was "squishy" in the resolution, i.e. the noise study and its process of being done. Mr. Weber said that the noise study should be compared to a noise "standard" not just what the worst case is. The Township had recommended that they put in the State Standard not just worse case. Ms. Campbell also commented on their inspection calculations, and she feels if anything is left open for interpretation nothing will get done. Mr. Cornely spoke with Freeholder Smith. Ms. Campbell recommends sending a letter and having representation at the

Freeholder meeting to make sure things are addressed or strengthened. Mr. Weber would like to see things be more specific in the resolution. Mr. Cornely would like to have Ms. Campbell and Mr. Weber get together and make a list of bullet points and make sure they are addressed at the meeting.

Ms. Campbell said that the Developers Agreement is a condition and hopes the Freeholders include it. She said this should have been done and now it appears Rotundi may not be so interested in making it happen based on discussions with their Attorney Dave Norris. Ms. Campbell also indicated that she is putting in the Developers Agreement that Rotundi will provide a container at the Township DPW for residents to dump leaves/small branches in for free.

Mr. Weber said he was contacted by a resident, Peggy Hausmann, regarding speeding vehicles on her road. She inquired if speed limit signs could be put on it. Mr. Weber thought it was Castner's road. Mr. Weber recommended letting the police know first. Mr. Weber will try to get more information on times of the days this happens and will let Kelley know. She will let the NJSP know.

Mrs. Yamrock stated that there are also tractor trailers speeding and a sports car speeding along Brainards and River Roads. This will also be given to the NJSP.

Mr. Cornely commented that he is checking on a D-9 bull dozer for the Road Department to use. He said he knows where there is one for \$45,000. He thinks it might be time to start cleaning up the Transmix site and potentially have some property to sell for redevelopment.

Mr. Cornely also met with the Bisco property neighbors. They thought it would be best to put a catch basin on the Bisco side of the property and run a concrete pipe down and fill in the area. It will look a lot better when it's done. Mr. Cornely stated they started to bring in the concrete pipe and the gentleman who agreed to let it go through his property got upset because he didn't think it was going to be long enough. Mr. Cornely sent Nevitt out to discuss it with him, it is all squared away, but it will not get done until the spring now.

Zoning Officer Report

Road Department Supervisor Report

Warren County Health Department

Minutes of November 4, 2014

Correspondence Mayor Tipton stated he would get involved in the Economic Development Committee for the County on behalf of the Township.

New Business Preservation of Crouse Properties
Mayor Tipton indicated that the SADC is looking for the Township's approval, or not, of 3 parcels of property owned by Richard Crouse and Dale & Pam Crouse. Mayor Tipton has spoken with Richard Crouse. His property is also known as the old Nemeth property. Mayor Tipton said it is on the Township's list of properties for preservation. Mayor Tipton said the Committee is not getting the usual approval from the Farmland Committee because of family conflicts on the Committee. It is not in the Highlands area, it is in the planning area.

Discussion took place on Merritt's Lane. Mr. Richard Crouse indicated he wasn't speaking for his father Dale Crouse, but he knows he has 2 properties in for SADC approval. He indicated that the one is off of Merritt's lane and is also known as the property on the left of the old Hydropress driveway. It was indicated that Merritt's Lane is not a Township road and that the Township does not do any improvements or maintenance to private roads. Dale and Pam Crouse have two different parcels and Richard has one parcel in for consideration at this time. Mrs. Yamrock asked if the old Hydropress building had anything in it. Richard Crouse indicated it did not, and that is a separate lot and block and they do not own that building. Ms. Campbell said they are not asking for any funding from the Township because they are County/SADC applications. They are just asking for the Township's blessing. Mr. Cornely stated he has no problem with it because they are trying to preserve farms in the Township.

Motion by Tipton, seconded by Cornely to authorize the County and SADC to continue with the preservation applications for Dale and Pam Crouse Block 44 Lot 9 and Block 44, Lot 23 and for Richard Crouse Block 44, Lot 14 in the Township of Harmony. The motion also indicates that Merritt's Lane is a private lane and is not a Township Road or subject to Township maintenance.

Roll Call: Ayes: Yamrock, Cornely, Tipton

DPW
Seasonal

Motion by Tipton, seconded by Yamrock and carried unanimously to adopt the following resolution:

Harmony Township
Warren County, New Jersey
R:14-44
Appointing Resolution

A RESOLUTION TO APPOINT A SEASONAL EMPLOYEE FOR THE ROAD DEPARTMENT

Whereas, Harmony Township has determined the need for an on-call seasonal employee for the 2014-2015 winter season;

Whereas, Andrew Flohn, has provided an application for employment indicating his qualifications and residency within Harmony Township;

Whereas, there were no other qualified applications received;

Whereas, the salary established in Resolution No.14-12 is \$16.32 per hour;

Whereas, no paid medical/vacation/sick or paid holiday benefits will be offered with this position;

Now, therefore be it resolved, that Andrew Flohn be appointed as a winter seasonal "on call" Road Department Employee established by this resolution.

I, Kelley D. Smith, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Harmony, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Harmony Township Committee at a meeting held on December 8, 2014.

Old
Business

O:14-8 Motion by Tipton, seconded by Yamrock and carried unanimously to open the public hearing on Ordinance O:14-8; Emergency Calls for Residential Nursing Homes

No public comments were heard at this time.

Motion by Tipton, seconded by Cornely and carried unanimously to close the public hearing at this time.

Motion by Yamrock, seconded by Cornely and carried unanimously by roll call vote to adopt Ordinance O:14-8.

O:14-9 Motion by Tipton, seconded by Yamrock and carried unanimously to open the public hearing on Ordinance O:14-9; An Ordinance Appropriating The Sum Of Not More Than \$78,700.00 From The Capital Improvement Fund Of The General Capital Account In Connection With The Purchase Of A New Case 580SN Backhoe For The Road Department.

The Clerk indicated that since introduction of this ordinance this amount has changed due to the change of equipment being traded in. The new amount required is \$79,445.00.

Motion by amend the ordinance to the amount of \$79,445.00 was made by Tipton, seconded by Yamrock and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Motion by Tipton, seconded by Yamrock and carried unanimously to open the public hearing for the amended ordinance #O:14-9.

No Public comments were heard at this time.

Motion by Tipton, seconded by Yamrock to close the public hearing.

Motion by Yamrock, seconded by Cornely and carried unanimously by roll call vote to adopt Ordinance #O:14-9 as amended at this time.

FEMA

The Municipal Clerk advised the Committee that she has sent a letter to FEMA indicating the Townships interest in the Community Rating System that will help save on flood insurance rates for residents.

Sustainable
Economic
Plan

Carried until further information is ready for consideration by the Committee.

Emergency
Services

It was the consensus to distribute the Emergency Services Donations equally amongst the squads based on the percentage of calls they answered.

Ordinance
Amendment

The Committee discussed a letter received from the Land Use Board requesting a change to Ordinance 110-12 which would change the time period that an applicant has to file before the date of the regular monthly meeting of the Board.

It was the consensus of the Committee to authorize Attorney Campbell to amend the ordinance according to the Land Use Board request.

Vouchers	Motion by Yamrock, seconded by Cornely to approve payment of bills submitted by the CFO at this time. Roll Call: Ayes: Cornely, Yamrock.
Public Comment	None
Reorganization	The Committee discussed the date and time of the 2015 reorganization meeting. It was the consensus of the Committee to hold the reorganization meeting on Monday, January 5, 2015 beginning at 5:00 p.m.
Adjourn	Motion by Yamrock, seconded by Cornely and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at this time.

Kelley D. Smith, Municipal Clerk