

Sandyston Township

Minutes

May 12, 2015

This meeting was opened and called to order at 9:00 am by Mayor George B. Harper, Jr. who stated this meeting was being held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, having been duly advertised.

Roll Call

The clerk was asked to call the roll. Present were: Committeeman Fred V. MacDonald, Deputy Mayor William Leppert, Mayor George B. Harper, Jr.

Also in attendance: Craig Hutcheson, Superintendent of Kittatinny Regional High School; Kathy Kane, Business Administrator, Kittatinny Regional High School; M. Glenn Sumpman, Interim Superintendent Sandyston-Walpack Consolidated School; Roy McClain; Erma Gormley; Keith Utter; Sandra Townsend; Glenn Hull; Ryan Earley; Teri Doyle; Hixon & Sharon Spangenberg; Robert Reich; Tom & Nan Horsfield; Wilbur Rath; Jackie Espinoza, JCP & L

The Deputy Mayor invited all to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes: The Committee reviewed the regular meeting minutes of **April 14, 2015**. Deputy Mayor Leppert made a motion to approve the submitted minutes, seconded by Committeeman MacDonald and unanimously carried.

Tax Collector Report: The Tax Collector's report for the month of **April 2015** was presented with total receipts Month-To-Date of \$229,922.85 and a Year-To-Date total of \$1,630,450.52. Mayor Harper made a motion to approve the Tax Collector's Report, seconded by Committeeman MacDonald and unanimously carried.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report for the month of **April 2015** was presented with a beginning balance of \$768,115.92, total receipts of \$322,020.58, and total disbursements of \$423,270.57 leaving an ending balance of \$666,865.93. Mayor Harper read the following balances: General Capital Account \$174,635.73, Animal Control Escrow \$6,527.32, Public Assist Escrow \$3,531.01, Unemployment Escrow \$23,741.45, COAH Trust \$33,220.68, Security Asst. Fund \$18,564.06 and the Small Cities Master \$4,770.45. Mayor Harper made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Deputy Mayor Leppert and unanimously carried.

Payment of Vouchers: The bills list was submitted for approval in the amount of \$765,371.18. Mayor Harper made a motion to remove the bill from Harold E. Pellow & Associates in the amount of \$867.50 and approve the bills list (thus adjusting the amount of the bills list to **\$764,503.68**), seconded by Committeeman MacDonald and unanimously carried.

Departmental Reports: The Committee reviewed the departmental reports. Deputy Mayor Leppert noted the letter from St. Thomas the Apostle Church thanking the road department for their services this winter.

Committeeman MacDonald noted the roof over the kitchen has been repaired and the gutter which is hanging at the Layton Post Office will be repaired.

Old Business:

Performance Bond/Block 1105 Lot 14: The Clerk stated the Zoning Official has sent out a Violation letter on this property and she has been in contact with Mr. Shi's secretary and they are working on the matter. Mayor Harper noted the wood has been moved from the front of the building and placed in the rear of the building.

Status: In Rem Foreclosure: The Clerk stated the pertinent documents are awaiting signature to be filed with the Courts.

CR 560 Streetscape:

- **Phase III** - The Clerk stated on bids for the project were opened on Thursday, April 30th and four bids were received. Mayor Harper stated the low bid was Tony's Concrete who also did Phase I.

New Business:

Craig Hutcheson, KRHS Budget Presentation: The Committee welcomed Mr. Hutcheson for the KRHS Budget Presentation, who in turn introduced Kathy Kane, Business Administrator for Kittatinny. Mr. Hutcheson presented a slideshow on the 2015-2016 Budget for Kittatinny Regional High School. This slideshow presentation can be viewed online by visiting the following:

<http://krhs.net/files/pdf/budget/Budget%20Presentation.pdf>

After the presentation, Mayor Harper asked if the recent Revaluation of Sandyston Township had an effect on the 2015-2016 Budget for Kittatinny because as there is a complex formula used representing both the equalized assessed values between the towns and the enrollment. Mr. Hutcheson answered the effect was the enrollment of other schools vs. the enrollment of Sandyston-Walpack School. Mayor Harper asked what the projected enrollment would be over the next five to ten years. Mr. Hutcheson answered he could see enrollment stabilizing at 150 students per class.

Mayor Harper offered the public an opportunity to ask questions of Mr. Hutcheson or Ms. Kane.

Glenn Hull, Bevans Road, asked about the staff in relationship to the students. Mr. Hutcheson explained there are approximately 170 on staff at Kittatinny, with approximately 90 certificated teachers, and approximately 1,200 students.

The Committee thanked Mr. Hutcheson for his presentation.

M. Glenn Sumpman, Sandyston-Walpack Budget Discussion: M. Glenn Sumpman, Interim Superintendent, came forward and discussed the 2015-2016 Sandyston-Walpack School Budget. Mr. Sumpman stated there are approximately 150 students enrolled at Sandyston-Walpack School. Mr. Sumpman discussed upcoming expenditures including building projects, new equipment and instructional materials and training. Mr. Sumpman also discussed testing and test scores and Impact Aid.

A copy of the 2015-2016 budget for Sandyston-Walpack School can be found on the website by visiting the following:
<http://www.sandystonwalpack.org/uploads/1/0/5/1/10513107/ufb-2015-2016.pdf>

Wilbur Rath, Ridge Road, asked about Common Core and when the results of that testing will be available. Mr. Sumpman explained the school will not have the results until October of 2016.

Glenn Hull, Bevans Road, asked about Impact Aid. Mr. Sumpman discussed Impact Aid and the Federal Budget.

Committeeman MacDonald asked for the status in the search for a new Superintendent for Sandyston-Walpack School. Mr. Sumpman stated he will be staying until June 30, 2016 as Interim Superintendent.

Mr. Sumpman thanked Roy McClain, Road Department Foreman, for the help and support that he receives from the road department. Mr. Sumpman stated he does not hesitate to call Mr. McClain at any hour and always finds him helpful. Mayor Harper discussed the history of the working relationship between Sandyston Township and Sandyston-Walpack School.

Mayor Harper thanked both Superintendents for their time and all of their efforts and the quality of our school district.

Mayor Harper noted the upcoming Pre-Construction meeting on Thursday, May 21, 2015 regarding High Risk Rural Roads. Mayor Harper stated he could not attend. Mayor Harper stated he would be available to attend. Mayor Harper explained Route 560 was designated as a federally hazardous rural road and with that the County received a grant to resurface Route 560 with a Cold Applied High Friction Surface. Mayor Harper explained from Route 206 to the Dingmans Bridge will be resurfaced.

Sale of Devita Road Properties to Green Acres: The Committee reviewed the documents submitted by Green Acres for the sale of three properties on Devita Road in the amount of \$70,000. Mayor Harper made a motion to approve the sale of three properties, seconded by Deputy Mayor Leppert and unanimously carried.

Agreement: Pitney Bowes Postage Machine: The Committee reviewed the agreement for the Pitney Bowes postage machine. Mayor Harper explained an analysis of the postage machine was performed and other services and/or online availability which are available for postage. Mayor Harper explained the procedures in place with the current postage machine and the loss of controls when switching to a different procedure with regard to postage. Mayor Harper made a motion to renew the agreement with Pitney Bowes, seconded by Deputy Mayor Leppert and unanimously carried.

Quote: Server for Computer System: The Clerk explained the programs on the computers are backed up daily on a server located in the municipal building and the current server is need of upgrading. Two quotes were received for this replacement, one from MSI in the amount of \$5,412 and one from SHI, which is a State Contract, in the amount of \$4,464.35. The Clerk explained MSI will be installing the server as they service our computer programs. Deputy Mayor Leppert made a motion to approve the purchase of the server, seconded by Mayor Harper and unanimously carried.

COAH Revised Plan: The Committee discussed the recent Supreme Court ruling on COAH. The Township has contacted Jessica Caldwell, Planner for Sandyston Township, who has advised it would cost approximately \$4,680 to compile and submit information which will just give the Township the basis, but will not guarantee the Township will be exempt, as there is no more certification. The Committee held a brief discussion on the status of COAH and current restrictions which constrain development in Sandyston Township as well as the cost to Sandyston Township. Mayor Harper made a motion to not file a housing plan with the Court by July 8, 2015, seconded Committeeman MacDonald and unanimously carried.

Application for Junior Firefighter: P. Lobban: The Committee reviewed an Application for Junior Firefighter, Parker Lobban. Mayor Harper made a motion to approve this application, seconded by Committeeman MacDonald and unanimously carried.

Application for Raffle License: NJ Forestry Association for Friday, June 5, 2015: Committeeman MacDonald made a motion to approve the Application for Raffle License for the NJ Forestry Association for an On-Premise 50/50 Raffle to be held Friday, June 5, 2015, seconded by Mayor Harper and unanimously carried.

Application for Raffle License: STVFD, On-Premise 50/50 Raffle, June 14, 2015: Committeeman MacDonald made a motion to approve the Application for Raffle License for the Sandyston Township Volunteer Fire Department for an On-Premise 50/50 Raffle to be held on Sandyston Day, Sunday, June 14, 2015, seconded by Mayor Harper and unanimously carried.

Application for Raffle License: STVFD, On-Premise 50/50 Raffle, June 28, 2015: Committeeman MacDonald made a motion to approve the Application for Raffle License for the Sandyston Township Volunteer Fire Department for an On-Premise 50/50 Raffle to be held at the Chicken Barbeque on Sunday, June 28, 2015, seconded by Mayor Harper and unanimously carried.

Application for Social Affair Permit: "Sandyston Day", Sunday, June 14, 2015: The Committee reviewed the Social Affair Permit for the Sandyston Township Volunteer Fire Department for "Sandyston Day", Sunday, June 14, 2015. Committeeman MacDonald made a motion to approve this Social Affair Permit, seconded by Mayor Harper and unanimously carried.

Application for Social Affair Permit: “Chicken BBQ”, Sunday, June 28, 2015: The Committee reviewed the Social Affair Permit for the Sandyston Township Volunteer Fire Department for “Chicken Barbeque”, Sunday, June 28, 2015. Deputy Mayor Leppert made a motion to approve this Social Affair Permit, seconded by Mayor Harper and unanimously carried.

Application for Social Affair Permit: “Tractor Parade”, Saturday, August 22, 2015: The Committee reviewed the Social Affair Permit for the Sandyston Township Volunteer Fire Department for “Tractor Parade”, Saturday, August 22, 2015 2015. Committeeman MacDonald made a motion to approve this Social Affair Permit, seconded by Mayor Harper and unanimously carried.

Resolutions:

SANDYSTON TOWNSHIP

R-36-2015

RESOLUTION TO EXECUTE CONTRACT WITH PITNEY BOWES FOR LEASE OF POSTAGE MACHINE

WHEREAS, Sandyston Township is in need of a postage machine; and

WHEREAS, Pitney Bowes will lease a postage machine to Sandyston Township for 60 months at \$41.40 per month (\$496.80 per year/\$2,484 for 60 months);

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Township Committee of the Township of Sandyston authorizes the Mayor to sign and execute the lease agreement with Pitney Bowes for the lease of a postage machine for \$41.40 per month for 60 months.

The Committee reviewed **R-36-2015**. Committeeman MacDonald made a motion to approve **R-36-2015**, seconded by Mayor Harper and unanimously carried.

SANDYSTON TOWNSHIP

R-38-2015

A RESOLUTION FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF SANDYSTON TO ACCEPT AND EXECUTE AGREEMENT FOR PURCHASE OF UNIMPROVED REAL PROPERTY (BLOCK 702 LOT 2.11, BLOCK 702 LOT 2.12, BLOCK 703 LOT 1.04) WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION GREEN ACRES PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Sandyston has reviewed the Agreement for Purchase of Unimproved Real Property offered by the State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection Green Acres Program for the purchase of Block 702 Lot 2.11, Block 702 Lot 2.12 and Block 703 Lot 1.04 in the Township of Sandyston, County of Sussex and State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection has offered \$70,000 (Seventy Thousand Dollars and no/100) for said property; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Sandyston Township Committee of the Township of Sandyston hereby agrees to accept the offer to purchase Block 702 Lot 2.11, Block 702 Lot 2.12 and Block 703 Lot 1.04 by the State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection Green Acres Program in the amount of \$70,000 (Seventy Thousand Dollars and no/100).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Sandyston hereby authorizes the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute said Agreement For Purchase of Unimproved Property on behalf of the Township Committee of the Township of Sandyston.

The Committee reviewed **R-38-2015**. Committeeman MacDonald made a motion to approve **R-38, 2015**, seconded by Mayor Harper and unanimously carried.

**SANDYSTON TOWNSHIP
R-39-2015**

RESOLUTION AMENDING THE FUNDING APPROPRIATION OF THE SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF SANDYSTON AND THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMPTON

WHEREAS, a shared service agreement exists between the Township of Sandyston and the Township of Hampton for the provision of Construction Department services in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the funding appropriation (Article VIII: Funding) be hereby amended for the year 2015 to reflect the following:

Construction Official/Building Inspector/Zoning Officer	\$35,000.00
Plumbing Sub-Code	\$ 8,442.00
Electrical Sub-Code	\$10,676.00
Administrative Costs	<u>\$10,824.00</u>
(FICA/Medicare = \$4,140 (7.65%), WC = \$233 (.43%) & Pension = \$6,451 (11.92%)	

WHEREAS, the funding appropriation (Article VIII: Funding) shall reflect a new total of \$64,942, to be paid to the Township of Sandyston as outlined in the Shared Service Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the budgets for both the Township of Sandyston and the Township of Hampton correctly state the funding appropriation as outlined above.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Sandyston that the Shared Service Agreement between the Township of Sandyston and the Township of Hampton be hereby amended to reflect the following funding appropriation (Article VIII: Funding) for 2015: Construction Official/Building Inspector/Zoning Officer \$35,000.00; Plumbing Sub-Code \$ 8,442.00; Electrical Sub-Code \$10,676.00; Administrative Costs \$10,824.00 (FICA/Medicare = \$4,140 (7.65%), WC = \$233 (.43%) & Pension = \$6,451 (11.92%) for a total of \$64,942 to be paid to the Township of Sandyston as outlined in the Shared Service Agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this Resolution shall be attached to the shared service agreement between the Township of Sandyston and the Township of Hampton.

The Committee reviewed **R-39-2015**. The Clerk explained this Resolution is correcting the amount listed in the Shared Service Agreement between Sandyston and Hampton Township. Mayor Harper made a motion to approve **R-39, 2015**, seconded by Committeeman MacDonald and unanimously carried.

**SANDYSTON TOWNSHIP
R-40-2015**

RESOLUTION TO CANCEL THE FOLLOWING UNEXPENDED IMPROVEMENT AUTHORIZATIONS AND RETURN THE FUNDS TO THE GENERAL CAPITAL - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

WHEREAS, there is currently \$20,118.83 in unexpended funds left in the following improvement authorizations:

<u>IMPROVEMENT DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
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Improvement to Municipal Building – Layton	5/13/2008	\$2,315.00
Drainage Improvements – Meyers Road	4/10/2012	\$9,226.71
Improvement to Municipal Building	5/4/2013	\$8,577.12

WHEREAS, these projects are completed and there are no bills left to be paid.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Sandyston, County of Sussex, in the State of New Jersey:

- Section 1. The sum of \$20,118.83 is hereby cancelled and shall be returned to the General Capital – Capital Improvement Fund.
- Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The Committee reviewed R-40-2015. Committeeman MacDonald made a motion to approve R-40, 2015, seconded by Mayor Harper and unanimously carried.

SANDYSTON TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION

R-41-2015

A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF MAY AS OLDER AMERICANS MONTH AND PROCLAIMING SANDYSTON TOWNSHIP SENIOR CITIZEN OF THE YEAR 2015

WHEREAS, the month of May is traditionally observed throughout the nation as Older American's Month;

WHEREAS, the month of May represents a cooperation of all levels of government, all collective groups and all private citizens in efforts to assure the inclusion of Senior Citizens in the community-at-large; and

WHEREAS, the older adults in Sandyston Township are among our most “treasured resources”, united by historical experiences, strengthened by diversity, and interpreting events through varied perspectives and backgrounds to bring wisdom and insight to our community; and

WHEREAS, the older adults in Sandyston Township deserve recognition for the contributions they have made and will continue to make to the culture, economy, and character of our community and our nation; and

WHEREAS, Sandyston Township honors the Senior Citizen of the Year at the annual Sandyston Day held this year on Sunday, June 14, 2015; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Sandyston, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, that the month of May be proclaimed as Older American's Month in the Township of Sandyston, and do call upon all citizens to join in these efforts, thus guaranteeing a true and meaningful concern for, and with, all Older Americans; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Township Committee of the Township of Sandyston, County of Sussex and State of New Jersey will announce the name of the Senior Citizen of the Year 2015 at the annual Sandyston Day to be held on Sunday, June 14, 2015.

The Committee reviewed R-41-2015. Deputy Mayor Leppert made a motion to approve R-41, 2015, seconded by Mayor Harper and unanimously carried.

SANDYSTON TOWNSHIP

R-42-2014

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT RYAN EARLEY TO THE SUSSEX COUNTY WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, Township Committee of the Township of Sandyston has been advised there is a vacancy on the Sussex County Water Quality Management Policy Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, Ryan Earley has expressed interest in serving as a representative of Sandyston Township on this Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Sandyston, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey that Ryan Earley be appointed as a representative from Sandyston Township to the Sussex County Water Quality Management Policy Advisory Committee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Sussex County Water Quality Management Policy Advisory Committee.

The Committee reviewed **R-42-2015**. Mayor Harper thanked Mr. Earley for his service. Deputy Mayor Leppert made a motion to approve **R-42-2015**, seconded by Mayor Harper and unanimously carried.

Ordinances:

**SANDYSTON TOWNSHIP
2015-06**

ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$5,850.00 CURRENTLY LOCATED WITHIN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SANDYSTON FOR THE PURCHASE OF THREE (3) SETS OF TURNOUT GEAR

WHEREAS, there is currently the sum of \$5,850.00 in the Capital Improvement Fund; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed appropriate to make use of the \$5,850.00 for the purchase of turnout gear; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by Township Committee of the Township of Sandyston, County of Sussex and State of New Jersey, that

SECTION 1: There is hereby appropriated from the Capital Improvement Fund of the Township of Sandyston the sum of \$5,850.00 for the purchase of turnout gear.

SECTION 2: All ordinances or parts of ordinances, which are inconsistent with the terms of this Ordinance, be and the same are hereby repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.

SECTION 3: This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon proper passage and publication in accordance with the law.

The Committee reviewed **Ordinance 2015-06**. Mayor Harper made a motion to approve **Ordinance 2015-06**, seconded by Committeeman MacDonald and unanimously carried. Mayor Harper noted there would be a public hearing on this ordinance on Tuesday, June 9, 2015 at 7:00 pm.

**SANDYSTON TOWNSHIP
ORDINANCE 2015-07**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE FUNDING
OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S 2013 MUNICIPAL AID PROGRAM FOR
COUNTY ROUTE 560 STREETScape IMPROVEMENTS PHASE III IN SANDYSTON TOWNSHIP,
SUSSEX COUNTY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

WHEREAS, it has been determined that additional funding is necessary, and to amend Ordinance 2013-10 originally adopted December 17, 2013, in the amount of \$50,000 to provide a total of \$250,000 for the improvement authorization; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Sandyston, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, the funding used in order to complete the New Jersey Department of

Transportation's 2013 Municipal Aid Program for County Route 560 Streetscape Improvements Phase III shall be the following:

Section 1. The total sum of the \$39,000 (thirty-nine thousand dollars) from Sandyston Township's Capital Improvement Fund and \$11,000 (eleven thousand dollars) from the 2015 Sandyston Township municipal budget appropriation entitled "Engineering Services & Costs: Other Expenses" is hereby appropriated, and may be spent for the necessary New Jersey Department of Transportation's 2013 Municipal Aid Program for County Route 560 Streetscape Improvements Phase III.

Section 2. The funds to be utilized for this purpose shall be taken from the Capital Improvement Fund and 2015 Sandyston Township municipal budget appropriation entitled "Engineering Services & Costs: Other Expenses".

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage, approval, and publication as required by law.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: MacDonald, Leppert, Harper; Nays (0); Absent (0); Abstain (0)

The Committee reviewed Ordinance 2015-07. Mayor Harper made a motion to approve Ordinance 2015-07, seconded by Committeeman MacDonald and unanimously carried. Mayor Harper made a motion to hold a Special Meeting for the public hearing of this ordinance, seconded by Committeeman MacDonald and unanimously carried. Mayor Harper made a motion to hold a special meeting on Tuesday, May 26, 2015 at 7 pm for the public hearing of Ordinance 2015-07, seconded by Committeeman MacDonald and unanimously carried.

Correspondence: The Committee reviewed the Correspondence.

Mayor Harper noted the resolution received from Frankford Township supporting Sandyston Township's resolution with regard to Vision 2030. Mayor Harper noted support was also received from Hampton and Vernon Township.

Mayor Harper noted there have been recent complaints regarding dogs within the township. Mayor Harper felt this matter should be referred to the Planning Board for review of the current ordinance.

Open Meeting To Floor: Mayor Harper made a motion to open the floor to the public, seconded by Committeeman MacDonald and unanimously carried.

Keith Utter, Route 206, came forward and commended the Township Committee on their stance with regard to COAH. Mr. Utter stated through the years, Sandyston Township has been proactive and reactive with every situation the State has thrown at a little town with meager means as far as other towns are concerned. Mr. Utter stated Sandyston Township has met the challenge of producing ordinances and complying with regulations all at great expense to the township and to receive little to nothing in return.

Tom & Nan Horsfield, Route 645, came forward and asked if there was any response to last month's meeting. Mayor Harper responded that our attorney reviewed all the paperwork again along with ADA compliance. Mayor Harper stated our attorney feels we are in compliance with the agreement and we have fulfilled the conditions of the agreement as signed with Mr. and Mrs. Horsfield. Mayor Harper explained the donation was not necessarily to Sandyston Township, the documents/donation was between and is in the control of the historical society. Mr. Horsfield read the following letter into the record:

It had never been our intent to open this situation to the general public. Referring to Resolution R-52-2009, it is stated "Upon the death or discretion of Mrs. Nan Horsfield, this entire collection will be donated to the Sandyston Township Historical Society" According to the Oxford Dictionary "discretion" is defined as "the freedom to decide what should be done in a particular situation". According to Merriam Webster Dictionary "discretion is defined as "The right to choose what should be done in a particular situation."

To simplify this matter: it is clear that Nan Horsfield has not passed away and therefore I shall exercise my "discretion", as defined above, and decide that due to the lack of public access I no longer wish to donate this collection to the Sandyston Township Historical Society. The collection should be returned to me as soon as possible. Nan S. Horsfield

Mayor Harper stated he appreciated Mr. Horsfield's interpretation of the Resolution/Contract and Sandyston Township has had an interpretation by the township attorney. Mayor Harper stated at this time, the historical society is not inclined to return the collection. Deputy Mayor Leppert asked that Mr. and Mrs. Horsfield's letter be referred to the township attorney.

A discussion took place regarding the contract and Mrs. Horsfield's disappointment on how the collection is managed and accessed. Mr. Horsfield stated he is asking the township to make a decision for the benefit of all the residents of Sandyston Township who have no access. Mayor Harper stated he does not see the benefit to all the residents to Sandyston Township and there has never been any person denied access who requested it under the rules which were published in the historical society newsletter "Sandyston Journal" of October 2011 and read the following: *"The Nan Horsfield Archives are being stored on the second floor of the Sandyston Township Municipal Building. When this collection was donated to Sandyston Township Historical Society by Nan Horsfield, she outlined specific guidelines for the care of this collection. If you are interested in doing research contact Patte Frato, there is a \$15 fee to access the library of the historical society if you are already not a member, provide the names in which you are researching and these files will be pulled from the library and we will meet with you at an appointed time in the Sandyston Township meeting hall and there is a .25 cent copy fee per page charged"*. Mayor Harper stated this was published in 2011 and outside of Mr. and Mrs. Horsfield there hasn't been any complaints on how the access to this has been handled.

Sharon Spangenberg, Heater Lane, came forward and referred to the part of the agreement stating the information cannot be added to or deleted from and asked how do you know if you aren't allowed in the room. Mrs. Spangenberg also asked about access and viewing the collection to see what is available. Mayor Harper stated there is a procedure that is in place for access to the collection.

Glenn Hull, Bevans Road, came forward questioned the recent removal of trees along Maple Lane. Mayor Harper stated he was out of town when the trees were removed. Mr. Hull asked if the town paid for the trees to be removed and if the town would be spending money to have the stumps ground, to buy trees, to plant trees and then to have them trimmed. Mayor Harper stated he has not seen a bill for the removal of the trees and stated there is nothing on the agenda regarding the trees. Mr. Hull stated he went to a meeting at the Stroudmoor and John Donahue made the statement that Sandyston Township gave Old Mine Road to the U.S. Mr. Hull asked Sandyston Township provide proof of prior ownership in writing.

Hixon Spangenberg, Heater Lane, came forward and asked the Committee if the policy regarding the grounding of stumps, planting and trimming of trees has changed. Mr. Spangenberg stated Mayor Harper should reimburse the Township for the trees at which time he made a personal attack against Mayor Harper to which Mayor Harper did not respond.

Glenn Hull, Bevans Road, returned to question the trees on Maple Lane and questioned the bills list from 2005 showing the billing for the Maple Trees. Mayor Harper explained budgets and how expenditures are made in the township. Mr. Hull stated he feels that township money was spent on private property. Committeeman MacDonald questioned Mr. Hull regarding a tree on his property removed by the County and stated tax money was spent to remove a tree on Mr. Hull's property in the same manner that Mr. Hull is accusing Mayor Harper. Mr. Hull explained it is a County right of way and feels the trees removed on Maple Lane were not in a township right of way and Sandyston Township has no business maintaining a private road.

Jackie Espinoza, JCP & L representative, came forward to provide information on a project they are working on with the Board of Public Utilities which is for transmission lines in Morris County, but this line does support 20 of the towns in Sussex County. Ms. Espinoza stated the purpose of this project is to give more stability in the electric grid. Mayor Harper commended Ms. Espinoza for her help during recent power outages and stated the communication that JCP & L has put together since the previous storms has been phenomenal and thanked Ms. Espinoza for her help. Committeeman MacDonald thanked Ms. Espinoza for her help moving the power lines from a section of Old

Dingmans Road, owned by the National Park, out to a more accessible place on Route 560. Ms. Espinoza stated JCP & L would like to make another improvement involving the National Park and asked for the Committee's help in the future.

Wilbur Rath, 87 Ridge Road, came forward to discuss a problem he is having with off-road motorcycles near his property. Mr. Rath stated he contacted the State Police and the State Police informed Mr. Rath. Mayor Harper stated this matter was never intended to be enforced by the State Police, rather the Code Enforcement Official and the Municipal Court. Mayor Harper stated Mr. Rath will have to prove the violation of the ordinance to the Code Enforcement Official and encouraged Mr. Rath to speak to Beth Brothman, Zoning Officer.

Committeeman MacDonald made a motion to close the public session, seconded by Mayor Harper and unanimously carried.

Coming up:

Township Meeting:	Tuesday, June 9, 2015 at 7:00 pm
Planning Board:	Monday, June 1, 2015 at 7:00 pm
Seniors Meeting:	Monday, June 1, 2015 at 12:00 pm
Recreation:	Thursday, May 26, 2015 at 6:30 pm

Adjournment: Deputy Mayor Leppert made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:05 am, seconded by Mayor Harper and unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Amanda F. Lobban, RMC
Municipal Clerk