

**ABERDEEN TOWNSHIP COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2006**

Present: Owen Drapkin
Vincent Vinci
Wilhelmina Gumbs

Absent: Nicholas Minutolo
Thomas Perry
Joseph Raymond
David G. Sobel

Also Present: Stuart Brown, Township Manager
Colleen Patterson, Township Attorney

Deputy Mayor Gumbs called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and stated that notice of this meeting has been posted and published in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

Proposal for Engineer Services: Proposal for Engineering Services for the 2006 Road Improvement Program was received dated August 22, 2006 by Michael McClelland of CME Associates in the amount of \$495,816.00. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to tonight's public meeting.

Negotiate for Non-Leaded Gasoline: Pursuant to Public Contract Law no bids were received on two separate occasions when bids were advertised. Permission is being requested to negotiate per the memo from Barbara Riddle, Purchasing Agent dated July 24, 2006. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to tonight's public meeting.

Contract for Grant Writing Services: John Bruno, Bruno Associates Inc. has submitted a proposal for grant writing services dated August 22, 2006 in the amount of \$75,000 per year commencing September 1, 2006 and terminating August 31, 2007. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to tonight's public meeting.

Monmouth County Open Space Program: Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders has approved Open Space Program and Trust Fund for municipalities to acquire lands for parks, recreation, conservation and farmland purposes. Aberdeen is trying to obtain funds in the amount of \$218,000 for improvements to Oak Shades Field. The total costs of the project is \$435,900.00. There will be a public hearing at the next council meeting regarding our application, this resolution authorizes our application. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to tonight's public meeting.

Duplicate Tax Sale Certificates: Two resolutions are on the agenda for the Township to authorize the issuance of a duplicate tax sale certificate which the holder had lost with a fee of \$100 per certificate. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing these resolutions to tonight's public meeting.

Award of 2005 Road Improvement Program: Bids were received by the Township Manager on August 24, 2006 for the aforementioned project. Four bids were received with Lucas Construction Group, Inc. of Old Bridge, NJ being the lowest responsible bidder. In a memo dated August 31, 2006, Bill Skorton, CME Associates recommends awarding this contract to Lucas Construction, Inc. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to tonight's public meeting.

Mr. Brown stated he had received a letter regarding Karen Ventura, Municipal Clerk from the International Institutes of Municipal Clerks awarding her the honor of CMC, Certified Municipal Clerk.

Mr. Brown stated we are negotiating with CBS Outdoor on the billboards on Route 34, there is a signed lease and will be receiving \$15,000 in back rent and \$7200 yearly.

Councilman Drapkin made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Vinci and unanimously concurred by Council.

Wilhelmina Gumbs, Deputy Mayor

Karen Ventura, Municipal Clerk